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Date: 7/16/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

OO: ME

Re Memphis airtel to Kansas City, 7/8/68.

A review of city maps and directories for Little Rock and North Little Rock, Ark., failed to reflect an avenue by the name Knell or Krell. There are no avenues in either city with a similar name.

2 - Memphis
2 - Little Rock
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: ALL SACs

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 7/9/68.

The Bureau has requested that all divisions continue to submit monthly cost data until further notice.

In view of the above, all divisions are requested to comply with the Bureau's instructions, including offices who have negative cost data to report.

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2 - ALL OFFICES

② - Memphis

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Approved: RC Jensen

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

Director, FBI (44-38861)

7-18-68

SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

MURKIN

There are enclosed original and one copy each of
clippings from local newspapers re captioned matter.

2 Bureau (Enc. 6)
① Memphis

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44-1987-Sub-B-1223

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 7/19/68

Re Memphis airtel to Kansas City, 7/8/68, requesting Kansas City to identify occupants at 621 Appleton Drive, Joplin, Missouri.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOSEPH W. JACKSON:

AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI

On 7/12/68, a review of Polk's City Directory for Joplin, 1967 Edition, revealed there is no Appleton Drive set out in the street guide of that directory for Joplin, Missouri, nor is there any street or drive with a similar name.

On 7/12/68, BEVERLY K. JONES, dispatcher, Police Department, advised the map of the City of Joplin maintained by her office does not indicate an Appleton Drive or any street or drive with a similar name.

On 7/12/68, CLIFFORD ROE, Assistant Superintendent of Mails, Main Post Office, advised there is no Appleton Drive or any street or drive with a similar name at Joplin.

From above inquiries, it is obvious the address 621 Appleton Drive, Joplin, Missouri, is non-existent; therefore, no additional inquiry in that regard is warranted.

2 - Memphis
2 - Kansas City
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Director, FBI (44-38861)

7-23-68

SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

MURKIN

There are enclosed clippings from local news media
7/17-22/68, in captioned matter.

2 Bureau (Enc. 32)
1 Memphis

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*Person cc'd
enc. in Sub-C*

44-1987-Sub-B-1275

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 7/22/68

Re Memphis airtel to all SACs, 7/16/68.

MURKIN costs zero for June, 1968 and no costs anticipated for July, 1968. You may assume MURKIN costs for July, 1968 are zero unless advised to the contrary.

2-Memphis
2-Portland

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Date: 7-22-68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (157-61) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Reurairtel, 7-16-68.

Month of June Cost Data this Division was none.

② - Memphis
1 - San Juan

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Special Agent in Charge

July 19, 1968

Mr. Henry E. Lux
Chief of Police
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

My dear Chief:

I want to thank you and the members of your Department for the excellent cooperation you extended this Bureau today in the transfer of custody of James Earl Ray. The necessary arrangements you made concerning the movement and security of this person are deeply appreciated by me and my associates and it is indeed encouraging to know we can continue to rely on your valued assistance.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

① - Memphis

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| FBI - MEMPHIS | |

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July 19, 1968

Mr. William N. Morris, Jr.
Sheriff of Shelby County
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

My dear Sheriff:

I would like to express my appreciation, and that of my associates, for the fine cooperation you and your staff afforded this Bureau in assuming custody of James Earl Ray. We are indeed appreciative of the excellent manner in which this transfer was made without incident, and I ask that you convey our sentiments to all of your personnel who were of such great assistance.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

① - Memphis

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| FBI — MEMPHIS | |

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July 19, 1968

PERSONAL

Captain L. A. Hoke, Jr.
Commanding Officer
Naval Air Station
Memphis, Tennessee 38115

Dear Captain Hoke:

On behalf of all of us in the FBI, I want to extend our sincere appreciation to you for your excellent cooperation regarding the arrival of James Earl Ray from England. Your assistance facilitated our task and was responsible in no small measure for the overall success achieved in this matter. You have our deepest gratitude.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

① - Memphis

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July 19, 1968

PERSONAL

Captain William B. Morton
Chief of Naval Air Technical Training
Naval Air Station
Memphis, Tennessee 38115

Dear Captain Morton:

I have learned of the invaluable assistance
you rendered in connection with the arrival of James Earl
Ray from England. Your cooperation was of immense
aid to the FBI, and I did not want to let the occasion pass
without expressing my appreciation and that of my
associates.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

① - Memphis

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July 18, 1968

AIRMAIL

Major General Lawrence Lightner
Commanding General
Third Air Force
APO New York 09125

Dear General Lightner:

I want to express my deep appreciation
for the outstanding assistance you and your staff extended
the FBI in perfecting the various phases of the transpor-
tation of James Earl Ray to the United States. Your
cooperation in this matter was of immeasurable value,
and my associates join me in thanking you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

① - Memphis
1 - London

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July 19, 1968

PERSONAL

Captain Charles A. Rohrmann
Flight Medicine Clinic
Room 4A 750
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C. 20380

Dear Captain Rohrmann:

Thank you for the assistance you rendered this
Bureau during the return of James Earl Ray to the United States.
Your presence to examine him and to insure his health during
the flight were of immeasurable aid in successfully effecting
his transfer and my associates join me in expressing appreci-
ation to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

① - Memphis

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July 19, 1968

PERSONAL

Colonel Aaron C. Burleson
AFCVCB - SAM
Room 4D 956
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C. 20330

Dear Colonel Burleson:

I would like to express my appreciation,
and that of my associates, for the fine cooperation
afforded this Bureau in arranging for the transportation
of James Earl Ray to the United States. The excellent
manner in which the details of his return were worked
out aided immeasurably in the completion of this trans-
fer without incident.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

① - Memphis

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| FBI - MEMPHIS | |

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July 19, 1968

Major Frank K. Babbitt
89th Air Lift Wing
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington, D. C. 20331

Dear Major Babbitt:

The excellent cooperation afforded this Bureau by you and your flight crew aided immeasurably in the successful return of James Earl Ray to the United States. My associates and I are indeed appreciative of the arrangements which accomplished this flight without incident, and I ask that you convey our sentiments to the members of your crew.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

① - Memphis

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July 19, 1968

Honorable Harold Brown
Secretary of the Air Force
Washington, D. C. 20330

Dear Dr. Brown:

I want to express my sincere appreciation to you, Mr. John A. Lang, Jr., and Colonel Frank Simokaitis for the invaluable assistance you rendered in connection with the transportation of James Earl Ray back to the United States.

The importance of this task cannot be overstated and without your complete cooperation, it could not have been accomplished so successfully. My associates and I are indeed grateful and send our thanks to each of you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

① - Memphis

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 7/23/68

Re CE teletype to Bureau, 5/8/68; CE airtel to ME, 5/8/68; Bureau airtel to JK, 5/10/68.

On 5/21/68, JACK MAYNARD RAY was located at 1120 Madison Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida, at which time he advised that he is of no relation to JAMES EARL RAY and that he has been living in the Daytona Beach area since 1965, and has not left the state since then.

RAY advised that to the best of his recollection an individual in Durham, N.C. had approached him in 1965 with "talk" of killing MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RAY stated that he thought this person with whom he talked was named McLAMB. RAY continued that he did not know whether or not there was any group behind any of the "talk" with which he had been confronted, adding that any discussion he may have had with this individual had been very brief.

RAY said that about the only thing he does for money these days is shoplifting which provides him with enough money for his daily liquor.

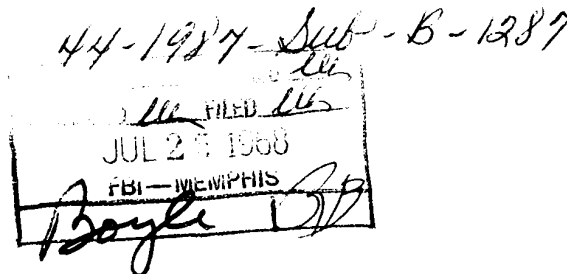
On 5/20/68, Detective C.W. WILLITS, Daytona Beach PD, advised that although he did not know the exact present location of JACK MAYNARD RAY, he was fairly well acquainted with him. WILLITS stated that RAY is an alcoholic and was prone to fabricate tales to make himself sound important.

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2 - Memphis
1 - Charlotte (44-1365) (Info)
2 - Jacksonville
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7-25-68

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P
RE: M U R K I N

REBUAIRTEL, 5-7-68, to ALL SACS AND LEGATS.

The volume of investigation being conducted in this case by the SL Division at this time does not appear to warrant submission of further reports. Therefore, in accordance with reairtel, SL will henceforth submit 15 copies of inserts to the OO in lieu of reports, UACB.

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - St. Louis

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| FBI - MEMPHIS | |

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a report
from us)

7/25/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re WFO airtel to Bureau, 7/10/68.

For information of Bureau and offices listed below, CI 568-R was contacted concerning this matter on 7/17/68, and 7/24/68. At request of contacting Agent, CI 568-R verified the fact that Mrs. ELOISE WITTE currently resides at 11836 Lick Road in Cincinnati, Ohio, however, she no longer has a telephone.

Informant advised that it is highly doubtful that Mrs. WITTE would be cooperative in an interview with FBI Agents and in all probability would not allow herself to be interviewed at all. Informant explained that in the past nine months Mrs. WITTE has completely disassociated herself with the Klan and related white hate group organizations in all respects.

On 7/24/68, Mrs. WITTE was contacted and advised that she had no information to furnish the FBI at this time about anything.

Per instructions in above referenced airtel, Part 5 of activities of Ku Klux Klan Organizations is enclosed for the Memphis Office.

It should be noted that Mrs. WITTE has not in the past been interviewed by Bureau Agents.

- 3 - Bureau (RM) (3 - 44-38861)
(1 - 157-3302) (MRS. ELOISE WITTE)
1 - WFO (RM) (Info) (44-703)
② - Memphis ((RM) (44-1987) (Enc. 1)
3 - Cincinnati (1 - 157-1893)
(1 - 157-341) (ELOISE WITTE)
(1 - 170-15)

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Wm
Robert Jensen, Special Agent
c/r F.B.I.

Department of Justice
Constitution Ave.,
Washington, D.C. 20530

CHRIST CHURCH RECTORY
1 CHRIST CHURCH LANE
GROSSE POINTE FARMS 36
MICHIGAN

48236

One Christ Church Lane
Grosse Pointe, Michigan
48236

18 July 1968

Robert Jensen, Special Agent

c/o F.B.I.

Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Jensen

An article in The New York Times for
4/28/68 told of a "\$100,000 Reward Seen
Aid in Solving Murder of Dr. King". It
went on to say, "Robert Jensen, special agent
for the F.B.I. said to-day that a \$100,000
reward offered for the slayer of the Rev.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. might be the
"break" needed to break the case". You are
acquainted with those who contributed to
this fund so I will not go into that.

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I wrote The New York Times recently to ask them if there was any information available as to who has collected (or who will collect) the reward and as you see by the card enclosed they suggested I write you.

So perhaps you would be good enough to let me know about what has happened to this \$100,000 reward "for information leading to the capture and conviction of the man caught" in the assassination of Dr. King.

Yours truly
(Mrs. F.B.) Glenn Rogers Maynard ✓
1 Christ Church Lane
Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48236

841 Federal Office Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
July 26, 1968

Mrs. E. B. Maynard
1 Christ Church Lane
Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48236

Dear Mrs. Maynard:

Reference is made to your letter dated
July 18, 1968.

For your information, the "Commercial Appeal"
and Scripps-Howard newspapers (Memphis, Tennessee) have
each offered \$25,000 for information leading to the
arrest and conviction of the killer. Businessmen and
citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more,
and the City Council has underwritten the reward up to
a total of \$100,000.

This is information which appeared in the
"Commercial Appeal" on Saturday, April 27, 1968. I
suggest that if you wish additional information you
correspond with the newspapers regarding the reward in
this case. I have no knowledge as to whether or not
any claims have been made, have been honored, or will
be honored in connection with the reward offered by the
newspapers and the City Council of Memphis, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

R
Robert G. Jensen
Special Agent in Charge

1 Addressee
① Memphis (44-1987)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 7/24/68

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN - Cost Data
NORFOLK DIVISION
(6/14 - 30/68)

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Norfolk letter to Memphis, 7/3/68.

The following is a breakdown of the Norfolk cost data for instant matter for June, 14, 1968 - June 30, 1968:

1) Number of man hours spent on case:

A. Special Agents

B. Clerical Employees

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| Regular | -- | $\frac{1}{2}$ hour |
| Overtime | -- | -- |
| TOTAL | -- | $\frac{1}{2}$ hour |

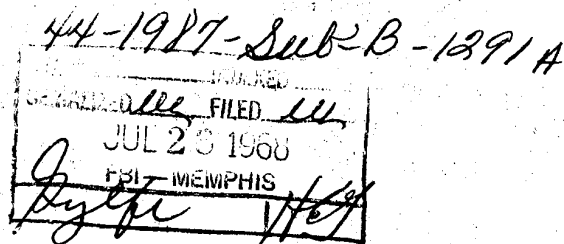
2) Total mileage traveled on case: None

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

4) Peak number of SAs working on case during time stated: 0

② - Memphis
1 - Norfolk
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, NEWARK

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO NEW YORK DATED JULY TWENTY TWO LAST.

RETEL REQUESTED NEW YORK TO OBTAIN TWO COPIES OF THE APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT ISSUE OF THE "NATIONAL ENQUIRER", PUBLISHED BY THE "NEW YORK EVENING INQUIRY, INC.", EDITED BY MATT CHRZAN, AND FORWARD TO MEMPHIS. IF FEASIBLE, IDENTIFY JAMES TAGUE WHO WROTE AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THIS ISSUE OF THE "ENQUIRER".

"NEW YORK EVENING INQUIRY, INC.", ^{has} MOVED TO TWO ONE ZERO SILVAN AVENUE, ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, ENGLEWOOD, NJ, TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE SIX NINE DASH FIVE SIX ZERO ZERO.

NEWARK HANDLE.

1- New York
1- Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
1- Supv. #23

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Date: 7/29/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

Re Memphis teletype to New York, 7/22/68.
New York teletype to Newark, 7/25/68, no
copy Memphis.

Enclosed for Memphis are two copies of the April 7,
1968, issue of "National Enquirer."

On 7/26/68, JOSEPH SAETTA, Treasurer, Best Medium
Publishing Company, Inc., 210 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs,
NJ, advised that his company publishes the National Enquirer
newspaper. He furnished to the FBI two copies of the 4/7/68
issue. He stated that JAMES THOMAS TAGUE, the author of an
article in that issue, is a real person and was paid by his
company to write this article. He stated that TAGUE's address
is Post Office Box 171, Euless, Texas 76039. Mr. SAETTA could
furnish no other information concerning TAGUE.

② - Memphis (Encs. 2)
2 - Newark
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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 7/25/68

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

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

Re Memphis airtel, dated 4/19/68; San Francisco airtel to Memphis, dated 7/8/68; and Memphis airtel, dated 7/16/68.

Cost data for the San Francisco Office for the month of July, 1968, is zero.

Case considered RUCd.

2 - Memphis (RM)
1 - San Francisco
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Special Agent in Charge

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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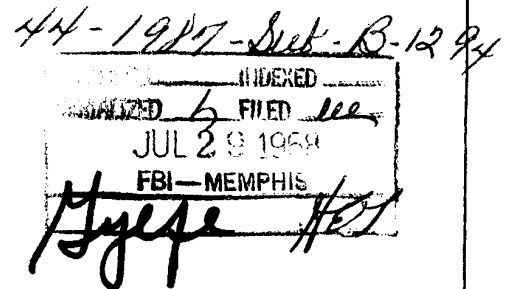
TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)
SUBJ: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReMEairtel to Albany, 4/19/68, and JK airtel
to Memphis, 6/28/68.

Following are cumulative totals (totals shown in
re Jacksonville airtel plus totals for July, 1968) requested
in re Memphis airtel:

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| 1. | Man Hours Spent on Case: | Regular Hours | Overtime Hours | Total |
| | A. Special Agent | 1026 | 216 | 1242 |
| | B. Clerical | 635 | | 635 |
| 2. | BuCar Mileage Estimated | | | 8023 |
| 3. | Unusual Expenses | | | 0 |
| 4. | Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case | | | 2 |

② - Memphis
2 - Jacksonville
TJW:jep
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date: 7/29/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtels to all offices,
4/19/68 and 7/16/68.

COST DATA

Set out below are the cumulative totals
through the end of July, 1968:

1. Number of man hours (April through July, 1968)

A. Special Agents - 478 Regular Hours
72 Overtime Hours
550 Total Hours

B. Clerical Employees - 92 Regular Hours
0 Overtime Hours
92 Total Hours

2. Total Mileage (April through July, 1968)

3, 392 Miles

3. Unusual or out-of-the-ordinary costs (April through July, 1968)

0

4. Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month: April-26, May-15, June-3, July-0.

② Memphis
1- El Paso
DJR:amc

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

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[Signature]

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: CB (Citizens Band) Radio Transmission
Memphis, Tennessee, during evening of
April 4, 1968, concerning chase of
white Mustang alleged to have been
involved in the shooting of MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR., on that date.

Enclosed herewith is one copy each of the following
which relate to referenced matter:

- 1) Investigative report of the Memphis PD
- 2) Investigative insert by SA FRANKLIN L. JOHNSON
- 3) FD 302 of interview of Inspector N. E.
ZACHARY, Memphis PD, 5/17/68
- 4) FD 302 of interview of W. EUGENE SMITH,
4/10/68, Memphis
- 5) FD 302 of interview of EDWARD L. MONTEDONICO,
SR., 7/15-17/68, Memphis
- 6) FD 302 of interview of EDWARD L. MONTEDONICO,
JR., 7/11/68, Memphis

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The enclosures refer to investigation conducted relative to referenced matter as it appeared to refer to captioned matter.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact the FCC does not have an office in the Memphis area; however, an official of the Memphis PD did contact a representative of the FCC at Atlanta, Ga., to report this incident. No inquiry has been received by the Memphis PD or this office from FCC relative to this referenced incident and therefore it appears FCC is not interested in a CB radio transmission of this type.

Concerning the possibility of interviewing other individuals contacted by the Memphis PD during its investigation of this matter, it is pointed out no attempt was made to interview these individuals due to the investigation conducted by the Memphis PD and due to the lack of evidence indicating anyone other than EDWARD LE MASTER MONTEDONICO, JR., was responsible for this radio transmission.

EDWARD LE MASTER MONTEDONICO, JR., was interviewed as indicated on the enclosed FD 302. He indicated during the interview that he had a great deal of experience in CB radio transmissions and in the operation of these units. He commented several times that anyone with a knowledge of CB radios could disguise their voice and transmission so as to go on broadcasting without being identified. He also said that there is no way for anyone, including FCC, to identify the sender of a transmission such as the one mentioned above unless the guilty individual made the admission that he or she was the individual that made the broadcast.

It is also noted that others during this investigation expressed the same opinion that it is impossible to identify the individual making a broadcast of this type unless the guilty person admitted doing same.

It was determined also that there are numerous individuals in the Memphis area operating CB radios illegally and/or without being properly licensed. It was further determined that numerous individuals broadcast using "skip" identification, which is illegal, but which is known only to the sender and

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receiver. There are also numerous licensed CB radio operators in the Memphis area and it was suggested that there are possibly an equal number that are not licensed and, therefore, it would be virtually impossible to interview each and every individual either having a CB unit or having access to one.

Various individuals commented during this investigation that no one gets too excited about illegal broadcasts since the FCC generally levies a fine of up to \$50 and possibly lifting the license for 3 to 6 months if a person is guilty according to the FCC of making a broadcast of this type. Therefore, no one does much about these illegal transmissions since the punishment is this light. It was expressed that the greatest fear of CB operators is the bad name they receive when incidents of this nature are made public.

In light of the above, UACB no further investigation is being conducted concerning referenced matter.

Director, FBI (44-38861)

7-29-68

SAC, Memphis (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Re Memphis teletype 6:04 p.m. this date, and Memphis telephone call to Bureau.

There are enclosed original and one copy of clipping from 7-29-68 issue "Memphis Press Scimitar" captioned "Defense Attorney Was Armed - Hanes Carried Pistol to Shelby Jail on Visit to Ray."

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To: SAC, Charlotte
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)
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ReCETel dated 7/24/68 and METel dated 7/24/68.

Charlotte, if possible, should make effort to obtain the tape containing the recording of the anonymous caller to the "Greensboro Record" and submit to the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory may be able to use this tape in a voice comparison matter at a later date.

This tape recording should be obtained with no commitments whatsoever with the "Greensboro Record."

No active investigation should be conducted in this matter.

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (for info)

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AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

MURKIN
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On 7/28/68, at 7:15 p.m., WILLIE JAMES McGUIRE, who gave his residence as 2747 Central Parkway, Los Angeles, California, telephonically contacted Birmingham Office and claimed he had been standing on balcony of Lorraine Motel close of victim MARTIN LUTHER KING at time "shots" fired, and claimed the "shots" were not fired from rooming house on Main Street, as claimed, but from another building located "behind Goldstein Clothing Store." McGUIRE said he was calling the FBI after being convinced by some friends that he should make his information known to the FBI. These friends had directed him to Mr. ERNEST POOLE, operator of a Negro funeral home in Birmingham who, on behalf of McGUIRE, put McGUIRE in telephonic contact with Birmingham Office. McGUIRE said he was a lease truck driver for Transcon Co., Los Angeles, and was leaving Birmingham at 9:00 p.m.

McGUIRE was contacted at Poole Funeral Home, 7/28/68, by Buagent, and furnished the following:

McGUIRE said he lived at 627 Alameda St., Los Angeles, telephone 827-3581, with his wife and children. He is employed as lease truck driver by Transcon Co., and presently en route to Los Angeles. On "the day KING got shot in Memphis" (exact date unrecalled by McGUIRE), McGUIRE arrived in Memphis with a load about 2:30 p.m. in his

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- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(Info)(AM-RM)
- ② - Memphis (44-1987)(AM-RM)
- 2 - Birmingham

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tractor-trailer, en route to Los Angeles. He was accompanied by a helper, JAMES THOMPSON, 1237 Abilene St., Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He parked the tractor-trailer near "3rd and Vance," near the Goodyear Tire Company and also near the "Queen Anne" Motel. He had to wait in Memphis to pick up some freight bills. Between 2:30 p.m. and about 5:45 p.m. he and THOMPSON, in the trailer, drank at least a pint of Seagram V.O. Whiskey, with at least three or four beers. (McGUIRE also advised that prior to contacting the FBI on 7/28/68, he had drunk a "couple of pints of whiskey. I drink a couple of pints every day.") At 5:45 p.m., McGUIRE checked into Room 337 or 347, "on the second floor" of the Lorraine Motel, where he was supposed to meet his "ex-wife," EVELYN JOHNSON, who lives in the 400 block of South Arlene St., Memphis. JOHNSON never kept the date.

About 6:00 p.m., McGUIRE observed MARTIN LUTHER KING arrive at the motel in a black Cadillac driven by a chauffeur and accompanied by a couple of other associates. KING walked up the stairs from the parking lot to the second floor balcony, where McGUIRE said "Hello." At the time McGUIRE was standing on the balcony looking out towards the parking lot, "just standing, looking, like Negroes do." KING said "Hello" to McGUIRE, as he recognized McGUIRE. McGUIRE said, "I seen him all over the world - he knew me." KING entered the room next door to the room occupied by McGUIRE and stayed in there for at least an hour, perhaps 90 minutes. At that time, KING came out of this room and McGUIRE was just leaving his room to go eat dinner. The chauffeur called up to KING to get a topcoat, as it was getting cool. KING walked back into his room and came out carrying a "brown beige topcoat over his left arm. I'll never forget that topcoat." McGUIRE was looking towards KING when he heard "two shots" come from his left. McGUIRE immediately looked to his left and saw the "flash" come from the second floor of a building located next to the Goodyear store building, a distance of not more than 75 feet. McGUIRE did not see who fired the shots. He then looked back and saw KING lying on the floor. About then, a white man came up and put a sheet over KING.

McGUIRE then immediately left the motel and walked over to Main Street, near the "Goldstein store," where he

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observed a pistol on the street. About then, a white policeman picked up the pistol and put it in his squad car.

From there, McGUIRE went to the Queen Anne and drank until 3:00 a.m., when he went to his tractor-trailer parked nearby and went to sleep. At 8:00 a.m. the next day, he and THOMPSON left and drove back to Los Angeles. He stated he never returned to the Lorraine Motel, and had not taken any personal effects with him when he went there originally to meet his "ex-wife." McGUIRE said he was told several times after this by friends (whom he would not identify) that he would be in danger if he told what he knew, and that he had not told anyone what he knew and what he saw until his interview 7/28/68 by the FBI. After telling some Birmingham friends, they told him to contact Mr. ERNEST POOLE, who could give him the proper advice and put him in contact with the proper authorities.

FD-302 follows.

Any leads based on the information furnished by McGUIRE being left to discretion of origin in view of the many and obvious discrepancies.

Information copy being furnished Los Angeles in view of McGUIRE's residence and employment there.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

There are enclosed original and one copy of four newspaper clippings re captioned matter from local newspapers dated July 25, 28, 29, and 30, 1968.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Enclosed are original and one copy of clipping from
7/31/68 issue of "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee,
captioned "Battle Issues 5-Point 'Fair Trial' Order."

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, 7/25/68.

The Bureau's attention is directed to Savannah airtel to Bureau dated 6/25/68 captioned "National States Rights Party: NN (Organization), Bufile 106-66233", setting out information that Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, NSRP Director, had announced that the Patriotic Legal Aid Fund of Savannah had offered to defend JAMES EARL RAY, accused slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Copies of this airtel and letterhead memorandum were furnished to Birmingham and Memphis at that time.

Savannah will alert its sources to advise this office promptly of any information concerning future contacts with RAY.

- 3 - Bureau
- ① - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Savannah

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Date: **7/30/68**Transmit the following in _____
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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, NEWARK (44-854)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re: Memphis air-tel to Albany, 4/19/68

The following reflects cost data from the Newark Division during July, 1968:

1. Man Hours

Special Agents

Regular hours 10
Overtime hours 0

Total 10 hours

Clerical Employees

Regular hours 2
Overtime hours 0

Total 2 hours

2. Total Mileage (estimated)

50 miles

3. Unusual Costs

None

4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case

4 Special Agents

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2-Newark
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Date: 7/30/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Las Vegas airtel to Memphis, 6/26/68.

COST DATA - LAS VEGAS DIVISION
MONTH OF JULY, 1968

1. Number of man-hours:

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| (a) | SA - regular | 0 |
| | SA - overtime | 0 |
| | Total | 0 |
| (b) | Clerical - regular | 0 |
| | Clerical - overtime | 0 |
| | Total | 0 |

2. Total mileage traveled by Bucars used on case - none.

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

4. Peak number of SA's working on this case during July - 0.

2 - Memphis
 1 - Las Vegas

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

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Reurairtel dated 4/19/68 and myairtel dated 7/1/68.

| | <u>Regular Hours</u> | <u>Overtime Hours</u> | <u>Total Hours</u> |
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| 1. A. Special Agents | 7 | 10 | 17 |
| B. Clerical | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| | <u>7</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>17</u> |
| 2. Total Mileage Traveled | None | | |
| 3. Unusual or Out of Ordinary Costs | None | | |
| 4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case During July, 1968 | 2 | | |

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)
MURKIN

Re Buairtel 7/25/68, and SVairtel to Director, 7/29/68, in captioned matter; and SVairtel to Director, 6/28/68, captioned "NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY, RM (ORGANIZATION)".

On 7/29/68, SV 524-R (FROM), (PROTECT IDENTITY), advised that with regard to the previously reported statements made by Dr. EDWARD E. FIELDS, NERP, that he was a personal friend of ART HANES, Attorney for JAMES EARL RAY, alleged murderer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., JESSE B. STONER recently mentioned that HANES had called them, apparently at the NERP Office, acted mad, and pointed out to them that he did not even recall ever meeting them and that he was not "their friend". According to this source, FIELDS and STONER were miffed that HANES was so unfriendly, but acknowledged at the time that they had met HANES on only one occasion for a brief moment. This informant said he has heard nothing further about any correspondence from JAMES EARL RAY or of any efforts by FIELDS or STONER to intercede for him. This source stated that the financial status of the NERP is such that they could not afford to contribute any money to RAY's defense, although they had made the offer in the name of the Patriotic Legal Aid Fund of Savannah.

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- ② - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (RM)
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This informant was of the opinion that STONER and FIKLES had made the initial offer to aid JAMES EARL RAY for the publicity and for the purpose of attempting to increase their own prestige.

The Savannah Office has instructed this informant to be alert for any future contacts between the NRP officials and JAMES EARL RAY or his attorney or representatives.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989) (P)
MURKIN - COST DATA

Reurairtel to all SACs, 7/16/68.

Detroit has no cost data to report for the period
7/1 - 31/68, inasmuch as no investigation was conducted in
this matter by the Detroit Division.

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1 - Detroit

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel 4/19 and Bureau airtel to all
SACS, 7/16/68.COST DATA - MIAMI DIVISIONI. Man Hours - Regular and OvertimeA. Special Agents

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| Regular | 8 hrs. |
| Overtime | None |

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| Total Agent | |
| Man Hours | 8 |

B. Clerical Employees

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| Regular | 2 |
| Overtime | None |

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| Total Clerical | |
| Man Hours | 2 |

II. Total Mileage Traveled

50 miles

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1 - Miami
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Special Agent in Charge

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III. Unusual or Out of Ordinary Cost

None

IV. Peak Number of Special Agents Working

Three