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age 40 DOB [redacted] Quincy or Alton, Ill.
5'10" 163 to 174 44-1987-SUB-G-316
hair brown, possibly cut short -384
eyes blue -385
Scars & Marks: small scar on center of forehead
and small scar on palm of right hand

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) HOUSTON (44-1509) AND
SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

RE MEMPHIS TELS MAY SEVENTEEN AND TWENTY-EIGHT LAST.

NO SUCH ADDRESSES AS TWO EIGHT THREE TWO OR TWO FIVE THREE TWO
POLK OR FOUR FOUR NINE STEINER LOCATED IN KANSAS CITY AREA.

MRS. PAUL F. COLLEY, SIX THREE ZERO ONE POLK, KANSAS CITY
NORTH, MO., ADVISED SHE HAS RESIDED AT THIS ADDRESS FOR ABOUT
EIGHTEEN YEARS AND THE ONLY OTHER RESIDENCE ON THIS STREET IS
NEXT DOOR TO HER AND HAS BEEN OCCUPIED FOR YEARS BY MR. AND MRS.
CLARENCE E. JONES. MRS. COLLEY ADVISED THE NAMES, ALIASES AND
DESCRIPTIONS OF LAWRENCE RAND AND VINCENT WALKER ARE NOT
FAMILIAR TO HER.

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KANSAS CITY DIRECTORIES SHOW ONE LAWRENCE B. RAND, THREE FIVE ZERO EIGHT ST. JOHN AVE., KANSAS CITY, MO. RAND, UPON INTERVIEW, ADVISED HE IS AGE SIXTY-NINE AND RETIRED AND HAS NOT BEEN TO MEMPHIS, TENN. HE STATED HE DOES NOT KNOW ANOTHER LAWRENCE RAND OR REND AND THE NAME VINCENT WALKER IS NOT FAMILIAR TO HIM.

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FBI-HOUSTON

10:45 PM CST URGENT 5-29-68 OET
TO MEMPHIS, SAN FRANCISCO, KANSAS CITY
FROM HOUSTON 44-1509 1P
MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

ADDRESSES TWO EIGHT THREE TWO AND TWO FIVE THREE TWO
POLK ST. CHECKED AND FOUND TO BE NON EXISTANT. NO STIENER
ST. AT HOUSTON.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

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REBUAIRTEL, MAY TWENTY NINE, LAST.

RE SUSPECTS W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER
AND LAWRENCE RAND.

INVESTIGATION AT HOUSTON REINSTITUTED RE CAPTIONED
SUSPECTS. HOTELS BEING CONTACTED.

REGARDING PASSENGER LIST, DELTA FLIGHT ONE FIVE SEVEN,
NONSTOP MEMPHIS - HOUSTON, WHICH DEPARTED MEMPHIS ONE
THIRTY AM, APRIL FIVE, LAST, GLEN PARNELL, RESERVATIONS MGR.,
DELTA, ADVISED LIST MAINTAINED AT MEMPHIS AND CAN BE OBTAINED
AT DELTA DESK, MEMPHIS AIRPORT.

MEMPHIS OBTAIN PASSENGER LIST AND FURNISH TO HOUSTON.

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Date: June 4, 1968

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(Priority)To: SACs, Memphis (44-1987)
St. Louis (44-775)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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RE: Suspects, W. Davis, B. Chidlow, Vincent Walker,
and Lawrence Rand, ✓

For the information of St. Louis, Memphis investigation on 4-5-68 developed that a cab driver picked up a white male at the William Len Hotel, Memphis, around 12:05 a.m., 4-5-68, who first requested to go to West Memphis, Arkansas. Immediately after starting to that destination the suspect instructed the cab driver to take him to the Memphis Municipal Airport. On arrival at the airport suspect told the cab driver to wait for him while he checked flight departure schedule. He then returned in the same cab to the William Len Hotel. The cab waited and the suspect returned with another white male and requested they be taken back to the Memphis Municipal Airport.

Records at the William Len Hotel revealed Vincent Walker, 449 Steiner, San Francisco, California, and Lawrence Rand or Rend, 2532 Polk, Kansas City, Kansas, checked into the hotel at 2:38 p.m., 4-4-68 and checked out approximately 12:10 a.m., 4-5-68. Investigation revealed Walker and Rand identical to individuals transported by cab to Memphis Municipal Airport.

Delta Airlines advised two individuals going by names of W. Davis and B. Chidlow departed Memphis at 1:57 a.m., 4-5-68, en route to Houston, Texas.

Suspect number one described as white male, 25 to 28 years old, 5'10", 150 pounds, brown hair parted on the side and wearing a gray suit.

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Suspect number two described as 25 to 30 years, 6'2", 200 pounds, blond hair, ruddy face, dressed in white shirt and dark trousers, carrying a dark blue coat in hand.

Addresses listed at Kansas City, Kansas, and San Francisco, California, were nonexistent. Investigation to date has not identified the suspects.

Identification Division records disclose one Vincent Joseph Walker, FBI number 52651D, born [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri, and described as being 68 inches tall and having brown hair and blue eyes. His weight has varied from 116 pounds to 145 pounds. He has been arrested at least six times by the St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department, their number 78042. The last arrest was on 8-15-67 for peace disturbance. The last address shown is 5471 Oriole, apparently St. Louis, Missouri. Ident record indicates photograph is available at the police department.

St. Louis, locate, identify, and determine if individual having Ident records could possibly be identical with Vincent Walker who was in Memphis, Tennessee, on 4/4-5/68. Furnish Memphis copies of the photographs which Memphis will exhibit to witnesses.

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Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (2P)

MURKIN; CR.
SUMMARY.RE BUAIRTEL TO MEMPHIS, MAY TWENTYNINE LAST, AND HOUSTON
TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY THIRTYONE LAST.RE: SUSPECTS W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER AND
LAWRENCE RAND.

KEITH B. HAGSTETTE, ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR, DELTA AIRLINES, MEMPHIS, ADVISED ON MAY THIRTYONE LAST HE IS UNABLE TO LOCATE MANIFEST OF PASSENGERS ON DELTA FLIGHT ONE FIVE SEVEN, NONSTOP MEMPHIS TO HOUSTON, LEAVING MEMPHIS AT ONE THIRTY AM, APRIL FIVE LAST. HE REQUESTED DELTA AT ATLANTA TO FURNISH HIM WITH A NEW MANIFEST. HAGSTETTE ADVISED TODAY DELTA AT ATLANTA SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT THE ATLANTA FBI OFFICE CONTACT DELTA AT ATLANTA FOR THE MANIFEST. HE SAID HE WAS ADVISED IT IS DELTA'S POLICY TO HAVE THEIR LEGAL DEPARTMENT APPROVE THE

Airtel FURNISHING OF RECORDS AND THEREFORE THE REQUEST SHOULD BETeletype MADE THROUGH THE ATLANTA DIVISION OF THE FBI. HAGSTETTEA.M. POINTED OUT THE NAMES W. DAVIS AND B. CHIDLOW WILL NOT APPEARA.M.S.D. ON THE MANIFEST, AS PRINTED BY THE DELTA-COMPUTORS, SINCE1 - Houston (44-1509) (AM) SERIALIZEDSpec. Del. HEG:mjh

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THEY WERE "WALK UP" PASSENGERS WITHOUT RESERVATIONS.

ATLANTA REQUESTED TO CONTACT DELTA AIRLINES, OBTAIN
MANIFEST OF PASSENGERS ON FLIGHT ONE FIVE SEVEN, MENTIONED
ABOVE, AND FORWARD SAME TO HOUSTON.

HOUSTON AFTER RECEIPT OF MANIFEST, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
PASSENGERS AS INSTRUCTED IN REFBUAIRTEL. HOUSTON ADVISED
BY AIR MAIL. P. END.

IN VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE, IT IS
SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU ADVISE ALL OFFICES TO HOLD IN
ABEYANCE RECORD CHECK TYPE INVESTIGATION UTILIZING EXTENSIVE
MANPOWER AND TO BE CIRCUMSPECT IN CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION
WHERE THERE IS NO POSITIVE INDICATION OF THE SUBJECT'S
PRESENCE OR INVOLVEMENT. P. END.

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615PM URGENT 6-7-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR 44-33861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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REXTEL TO BUREAU JUNE SIX SIXTYEIGHT, MIAMI TEL TO
DIRECTOR, JUNE FIVE SIXTYEIGHT.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED JUNE SEVEN INSTANT.

DELTA AIRLINES, ATLANTA, HAS LOCATED ADDITIONAL TWO
TICKETS REFERRED TO IN MIAMI TELETYPE. A MRS. S. A. MOROWITZ
TRAVELED ROUND TRIP ATLANTA TO TORONTO APRIL THIRTEEN RETURNING
APRIL EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT. TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SIX DASH
TWO ZERO ONE DASH THREE ONE THREE DASH SIX ONE NINE, IDEA TWO,
APPARENTLY INCORRECTED NUMBER. THIS TICKET SOLD JANUARY FIFTEEN
SIXTYEIGHT, A ONE WAY TICKET FROM CHICAGO TO PALM BEACH, FLORIDA.

LAWSON ROLLINS, DELTA AIRLINES, ADVISED TICKETS LOCATED
FOR PASSENGER W. DAVIS AND B. CHIDLA ON DELTA FLIGHT ONE FIVE
SEVEN NONSTOP MEMPHIS TO HOUSTON APRIL FIVE SIXTYEIGHT.

THESE PASSENGERS TRAVELED TOGETHER AS TICKET CONTAINED BOTH
NAMES. TICKET WAS ONE WAY: NO RETURN RESERVATIONS MADE.
MANIFEST OF ENTIRE PASSENGER LIST BEING OBTAINED.

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UACB, ATLANTA IS DISCONTINUING DAILY TELETYPES IN THIS
CASE.

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AIRMAIL COPY TO MIAMI AND HOUSTON.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

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ReBuairtel to Memphis and St. Louis 6/4/68. Remy-
airtel 6/12/68.

RE: Suspects, W. Davis, B. Chidlow, Vincent Walker
and Lawrence Rand.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
THOMAS L. BUCKLEY at St. Louis, Missouri:

On 6/12/68 VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER, 5471 Oriole, advised that he was in St. Louis, Missouri, on April 4 and 5, 1968, and that, in fact, he has seldom been out of the State of Missouri during his entire lifetime. He recalled that he did take one trip to Mississippi when he was about 18 years old and on this occasion he hitchhiked. He stated he has never been to Texas and has never flown on a commercial airline. Neither does he own a gray suit, or for that matter, any suit at all. He lives at 5471 Oriole with his father, VINCENT WALKER, and a brother, THOMAS WALKER. He is separated from his wife and a daughter by their marriage, KIMBERLY ANN, age 2, lives with him. WALKER advised that he is currently unemployed and was also unemployed in April, 1968, and that probably no one aside from his father and brother could likely verify his presence in St. Louis on April 4 and 5, 1968.

The following description of WALKER was obtained
by observation and interview:

② - Memphis
1 - St. Louis
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St. Louis

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Name	VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'8"
Weight	150
Build	Medium
Hair	Medium brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Scars and marks	Tattoos:

Upper outer left arm,
eagle's head;
Outer left forearm,
letter V enclosed in a circle,
under which is the number 13;
Inner left forearm,
letters KKK;

Webbing of left thumb,
pachuco mark;
Knuckles of left hand,
letters HATE;

Upper outer right arm,
name Vince;

Outer right forearm,
numbers [redacted] (his social
security number)

The above social security number
was partially obscured by a large
burn scar which covers most of
the inner right forearm from the
wrist to the elbow;

Letters LOVE on right knuckles.

Upper right front tooth missing.

Teeth

For the information of Memphis, it was noted that the subject's face appeared to be a little thinner than depicted in photographs forwarded in referenced airtel dated 6/12/68. In view of WALKER's comments, St. Louis is holding further investigation in abeyance pending exhibiting of WALKER's photograph to appropriate witnesses by the Memphis Division.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P
RE: MURKIN

REBUAIRTEL, 6-4-68, re suspects W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW,
VINCENT WALKER and LAWRENCE RAND

Enclosed herewith, pursuant to reairtel, are two
photos of VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER, FBI # 52 651 D, as obtained from
SLPD.

SL endeavoring to locate.

2 - Memphis (Encl. 2)
1 - St. Louis
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AIRTEL

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

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 5/27/68, regarding latent fingerprints of value developed on Q349 and Q350 that were submitted by the Memphis Division.

The FBI Identification Division is requested to compare the latent fingerprints developed on Q349 and Q350 with the fingerprints of VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER, FBI #52 851 D.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Latent fingerprints previously reported of value on
Q349 and Q350 are not identical with fingerprints of named suspect
Vincent Joseph Walker, FBI #52651D.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re William Lee Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., phase of investigation.

Enclosed herewith is one Xerox copy each of an investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted by SA MARION E. GILFE at Memphis, Tenn., and an FD-302 dated 4/7/68 reflecting interview of Miss EDITH MEYER, Clerk, William Lee Hotel.

VINCENT WALKER, 440 Steiner, San Francisco, California, and LAWRENCE RAND or REND, 2823 or 2825 Folk, Kansas City, checked into the William Lee Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., at 9:58 p.m. on 4/4/68 and checked out at approximately 12:18 a.m. on 4/5/68. WALKER and RAND were immediately transported to the Memphis Metropolitan Airport via Yellow Cab.

Two individuals believed to be identical with WALKER and RAND, based on the Memphis PD investigation and time element concerning flights leaving Metropolitan Airport, furnished Delta Airlines personnel at Metropolitan Airport names of W. DAVIS and B. CHIRLOV, an addressman, departed Memphis via Delta Airlines flight # 157 nonstop to Houston, Texas, at 1:57 a.m., 4/5/68 with a scheduled arrival time, Houston, at 2:50 a.m. same date. Tickets for the flight were purchased just prior to departure time and since no reservations

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were made, these names were merely added to the passenger manifest and no addresses were obtained. Efforts to locate this manifest to date have been negative.

Investigation conducted by Kansas City and San Francisco Divisions determined that the addresses furnished by WALKER and RAND at the William Len Hotel were nonexistent. These Divisions as well as Houston and Memphis have been unable to identify WALKER, RAND, DAVIS, or CHIDLOW through contact with airline personnel, transportation drivers, motel and hotel clerks, credit and criminal checks, and through a review of street and telephone directories in the pertinent cities involved.

The FBI Laboratory developed six latent fingerprints of value on Q349 which was the William Len Hotel registration card of WALKER and five latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q350 which was the registration card for RAND.

The FBI Identification Division developed VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER, FBI # 52651D, as a suspect possibly identical with VINCENT WALKER, who registered at the William Len Hotel. The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI, Identification Division, has advised that the latent prints developed on Q349 and Q350 are not identical with the fingerprints of VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER, FBI # 52651D. The FBI Laboratory has also advised that the handwriting appearing on Q349 and Q350 is not identical with the handwriting of WALKER, FBI # 52651D.

The William Len Hotel personnel advised that this WALKER is not identical with WALKER or RAND who registered at the hotel on 4/4/68. WALKER, FBI # 52651D, was interviewed by a BuAgent on 6/12/68 at St. Louis, Mo., and denied being in Memphis or ever flying via commercial airlines. Driver for the Yellow Cab Company transporting WALKER and RAND to Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, advised that a photograph of WALKER, FBI # 52651D, is definitely not identical with either of the two individuals that he transported to the Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, in the early a.m. of 4/5/68.

The Yellow Cab Company driver, William Len Hotel employees, and Delta Airlines employees advise that JAMES EARL RAY is definitely not identical with the two individuals that they had dealings with in Memphis on 4/4-5/68.

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Although it is agreed that WALKER and RAND departed the Memphis area in a somewhat suspicious manner on 4/5/68, many visitors and residents immediately after KING was killed departed the Memphis area by any means of transportation available due to the real existence of fear of the riot as a result of KING's killing. The Memphis Division conducted investigation regarding numerous persons who left the area after KING's killing and WALKER and RAND were merely two individuals of the large number of individuals who were under investigation as suspects prior to the identification of ERIC STARVO GALT at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, and subsequent identification of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

Due to the manner in which WALKER and RAND departed the Memphis area and the lack of luggage at the time of their arrival and departure, it is believed that WALKER and RAND were "running from something," possibly law enforcement and/or were in the city of Memphis for some type of illegal activity.

Since WALKER and RAND furnished nonexistent addresses in San Francisco and Kansas City, Kansas, and it is believed that they actually changed names while in Memphis, it is not believed that any of the names used in Memphis by these individuals would be their true identities.

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted or directed by the Memphis Division concerning the William Len Hotel phase in this matter.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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The Bureau is contemplating comparing the latent fingerprints developed on the William Len Hotel registration cards concerning Vincent Walker and Lawrence Rand in an effort to identify these individuals. You should, therefore, obtain elimination prints from hotel employees, law enforcement officers who may have handled these registration cards and any other individuals from your determination who may have handled these cards.

Submit these prints to the Bureau promptly.

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Date 4/7/68

Miss EDITH BRUNER, Clerk, William Len Hotel, advised she noticed two individuals in the lobby of her hotel during the early evening of April 4, 1968. She stated that she did not know the names of these individuals, but knew that they were registered at the hotel as VINCENT WALKER and LAWRENCE RAND; however, she did not know which of the individuals was WALKER and which was RAND. She said she first saw them in the lobby at approximately 7:30 p.m. They, according to Miss BRUNER, at that time just seemed to be killing time, and asked general questions about Memphis and the racial conditions which had existed and were existing in Memphis. Miss BRUNER stated that the taller of the two men advised her that they were from California, but they gave her no information as to why they were in Memphis or what they intended to do in Memphis.

Miss BRUNER advised that she could not furnish any details concerning the activities of these two individuals on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, nor could she furnish any details regarding their activities after 7:30 on April 4, 1968. She could not state whether or not either or both of them had left the hotel during the time they were staying at the hotel for any period of time. She said during the evening of April 4, 1968, she did not pay any particular attention to them, but just merely noted that they were around the lobby of the hotel on various occasions. Miss BRUNER furnished the following description of the two men:

A. Shorter Man

Race:	White
Age:	25 to 26
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	150 pounds
Hair:	Ash brown, parted on the side
Dress:	Grey suit and tie

She could furnish no further descriptive data on this individual.

On 4/5/68 at Memphis, Tennessee INDEXED 44-1987-Sub-E-79AA
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B. Taller Man

Race:	White
Height:	6'2"
Weight:	200 pounds
Hair:	Blonde, short cut
Eyes:	Color unknown
Complexion:	Ruddy face
Dress:	White shirt, dark trousers, and carrying a coat in his arm, blue in color, which appeared to be too small for him.

Miss BRUNER could furnish no further descriptive data on this individual.

Miss EDITH BRUNER continued by advising that the two above-mentioned individuals checked out of the William Len Hotel at approximately 12:30 p.m., April 5, 1968. She said when they checked out, they seemed to be in an extreme hurry. She pointed out that they had put a deposit on their key when they checked in inasmuch as they did not have any baggage, but they checked out in such a hurry that they almost forgot to collect the money which they had put on the deposit. She said she had to remind them to collect their deposit on the key, but they seemed to be more interested in checking out and getting out of the hotel than they did collecting the money which they had on deposit. Miss BRUNER said she did not particularly note what the two men did after they left the hotel, and, therefore, could furnish no further information regarding their activities after this time.

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Date 4/7/681

Mr. KIRK BOWMAN, Night Manager, William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that Folio Number 42754, which is a part of his official hotel records, dated April 4, 1968, reflects that VINCENT WALKER, 449 Steiner, San Francisco, California, registered in at his hotel at approximately 2:38 p.m., April 4, 1968. WALKER was assigned Room 205.

Mr. BOWMAN also advised that Folio Number 42761, dated April 4, 1968, reflects that LAWRENCE RAND or READ or REND, 2532 Polk, Kansas City, Kansas, checked into his hotel at approximately 2:38 p.m., April 4, 1968. Mr. BOWMAN advised that this individual was assigned Room 207.

Mr. BOWMAN advised that VINCENT WALKER and LAWRENCE RAND, READ, or REND checked out of the William Len Hotel at approximately 12:30 a.m., April 5, 1968. He said they had no baggage when they checked out, and departed from the hotel in a taxicab.

On 4/5/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # 44-1987-Sub E-79BB
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1Date May 23, 1968

Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Homicide Division, Memphis Police Department, made available the following described hotel registration cards that he obtained from a clerk of the William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, on the early morning of April 5, 1968:

Identified by William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, Folio Number 42754, dated April 4, 1968, in the name of VINCENT WALKER, 449 Steiner, San Francisco, in Room 205, being charged at a rate of \$4.68.

Identified by William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, Folio Number 42761, dated April 4, 1968, in the name of LAWRENCE RAND or REND, 2832 Polk, Kansas City, Kansas, in Room 207, being charged at a rate of \$4.68.

These registration cards have been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory requesting appropriate examination.

On 5/20/68 at Memphis, Tennessee Memphis 44-1987-Sub E-79cc
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RE: SUSPECTS W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT
WALKER, AND LAWRENCE RAND

The following investigation was conducted by
SA HARLEY E. GYLFE at Memphis, Tennessee, on the dates
indicated:

Miss RUBY WIGGINS, Desk Clerk, William Len Hotel,
110 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on May 22,
1968, she registered VINCENT WALKER of 449 Steiner Street,
San Francisco, California, into Room 205 and LAWRENCE
RAND or REND, 2832 Polk, Kansas City, Missouri, into Room
207 at approximately 2:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968. She said
neither individual had a roomer's reservation at the time
they arrived at the hotel and each paid in cash \$4.68 for
the room plus a \$1.00 deposit on the key for the room. Miss
WIGGINS advised she does not recall the denomination of the
bill either individual gave to her to pay for the charges
but recalls it was in cash and not paid by check or credit
cards. She said neither individual furnished any form of
identification when they registered into the room. Miss
WIGGINS stated when they arrived at the hotel, they requested
the cheapest room she had for rent.

Miss WIGGINS advised she does not know how either
individual arrived at the hotel but is pretty certain that
they did not have a car.

Miss WIGGINS was shown several photographs of JAMES
EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. Miss WIGGINS said neither of the
individuals was anywhere near as old as the photograph of JAMES
EARL RAY and added that neither one of the individuals looked
like the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. Miss WIGGINS commented
that the smaller of the two individuals who registered at the
hotel could possibly in a faint sort of way resemble the 1960
photograph of JAMES EARL RAY that appears on the identification
order. She stated, however, that neither one of the individuals
was old enough to be JAMES EARL RAY and, in her opinion, neither
one looked anything at all like JAMES EARL RAY.

Miss MARTHA BRANNAN, Desk Clerk, William Len Hotel,
advised on May 21, 1968, she was working at the desk when
Miss RUBY WIGGINS, Desk Clerk, registered in VINCENT WALKER

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and LAWRENCE RAND, mentioned above. She said she recalls that neither individual had a reservation when they arrived at the hotel and both individuals paid cash for the room after asking for the cheapest room in the hotel. Miss BRANNAN advised that she does not recall the denomination of the bill either individual gave to pay the charges but recalls it was cash and not paid by credit cards. She said, as she recalls, neither individual furnished any type of identification.

Miss BRANNAN was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. Miss BRANNAN said neither of the individuals was anywhere near as old as JAMES EARL RAY and neither of them looked anything like the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

Miss ROSE FRATINI, Switchboard Operator, William Len Hotel, advised she was on the switchboard at the hotel during the afternoon, evening, and night of April 4, 1968. Miss FRATINI advised she recalls when VINCENT WALKER of San Francisco, California, and LAWRENCE RAND of Kansas City, Missouri, checked into the hotel. She stated she believes it was approximately 2:05 P.M. on April 4, 1968, when these two individuals checked in without a reservation. She stated that they appeared nervous and did not do a great deal of talking. Miss FRATINI stated neither individual made any phone calls through the switchboard and no one made any phone calls to either of these individuals. She further advised she does not recall that either of these individuals used the pay telephone in the lobby of the hotel.

Miss FRATINI was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, and said neither of the individuals known as WALKER and RAND was anywhere as old as JAMES EARL RAY and neither of these individuals looked anything like the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

Mrs. BEE ALBRIGHT, Operator, Cigar Stand, lobby of William Len Hotel mentioned above, advised on May 22, 1968, that she recalls 2 individuals in the lobby of the hotel during the afternoon and evening as well as night of April 4, 1968, as being nervous and asking minor questions about the Memphis area. Mrs. ALBRIGHT advised she could not recall the names off-hand but said they were 2 individuals who came in on the afternoon, registered at the hotel, and left shortly

after midnight. Mrs. ALBRIGHT was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. Mrs. ALBRIGHT stated that neither of the individuals looked anywhere near like any of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She said the main reason that they did not look like RAY is because both of these individuals were very young and not near as old as photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

Miss EDITH BREWER, Apartment 10, 1935 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that she is a desk clerk at the William Len Hotel, Memphis, and generally works from 11:00 P.M. to approximately 8:00 A.M. Miss BREWER advised she recalls that she came on duty early on April 4, 1968, and recalls that 2 individuals who were registered in the hotel were pacing back and forth in the lobby of the hotel asking questions about the Memphis area. Miss BREWER said they seemed to be nervous. Miss BREWER stated she was on duty when they checked out of the hotel at approximately 12:30 A.M., April 5, 1968, and recalls that they were in a hurry to catch a cab and were hesitant about waiting for their refund of \$1.00 deposit on their key.

Miss BREWER was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. Miss BREWER stated that the side view photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in 1960 as appears on the identification order somewhat vaguely resembles one of the individuals but added that the individuals in the hotel were much younger than the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She said neither of these individuals, in her opinion, was JAMES EARL RAY.

Mr. KIRK BOWMAN, 30 Alicia Drive South, Memphis, advised he is currently employed by the Travelodge Motel but stated that during the early part of April 1968 he was employed as a desk clerk, night manager, and auditor for the William Len Hotel mentioned above. Mr. BOWMAN advised he recalls coming to work late, approximately 11:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, and worked on through the morning, April 5, 1968. He recalls that 2 individuals by the names of WALKER and RAND checked out of the hotel at approximately 12:30 A.M. He said these individuals had prepaid for their room. Therefore, his only duty was to refund \$1.00 deposit to each of them on the keys that they had for their rooms.

Mr. BOWMAN was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. Mr. BOWMAN advised none of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY appeared to resemble either

of the individuals who checked out of the hotel. He did comment that the 1960 front view photograph of RAY as shown on the identification order does bear a slight resemblance in facial features; however, both of the individuals registering at the hotel were much younger than the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

Mr. JOYNER W. FARRIS, 216 North Worthington, West Memphis, Arkansas, advised on May 22, 1968, that he is employed by the Yellow Cab Company, 581 South Second Street, Memphis, Tennessee, and was working during the evening of April 4, 1968, and the early morning hours of April 5, 1968.

Mr. FARRIS advised he recalls picking up 2 fares at the William Len Hotel at approximately 12:30 A.M. on April 5, 1968. Mr. FARRIS said that he waited for 2 individuals to check out of the hotel and he drove them to the airport in Memphis to catch a plane out of the city. Mr. FARRIS commented that early in the evening of April 4, 1968, he picked up a fare at the William Len Hotel and this individual requested that he drive him to West Memphis, Arkansas. Mr. FARRIS stated as they approached the bridge, this individual changed his mind and told him to drive him to the airport. Mr. FARRIS advised after they arrived at the airport, this individual whose name he did not know requested that he wait while he went in to check on reservations. Mr. FARRIS stated he waited and shortly thereafter this individual returned to his cab and requested to be driven back to the William Len Hotel. Mr. FARRIS advised that when they arrived at the William Len Hotel, this individual again requested that he wait while he checked out of the hotel. When this individual returned to the cab he had another individual with him and it was at that time that both requested to be driven to the Memphis Metropolitan Airport.

Mr. FARRIS stated he did not strike up a conversation with these individuals and does not recall discussing much of anything with them. He said he does not recall that they had any luggage whatsoever when they checked out of the hotel or into the cab. He said when they reached their destination at the airport, they paid the taxi cab fare in cash but he does not remember the amount and does not remember the denomination of the bill that was given him for payment of the fare.

Mr. FARRIS was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. After viewing the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, Mr. FARRIS stated that neither of the individuals bore any resemblance whatsoever to any of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated the main reason he feels this way is that these 2 individuals are much younger than the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

Mr. KEITH B. HAGSTETTE, Assistant Supervisor, Delta Airlines, Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on May 23, 1968, he would attempt to locate the manifest for flight #157 leaving Memphis on the early morning of April 5, 1968. He said he recalls previously checking this flight and determined that 2 individuals did not have reservations but caught this flight which was non-stop to Houston, Texas.

Mr. HAGSTETTE advised on June 3, 1968, that he is unable to locate the manifest for flight #157 on April 5, 1968. He said this flight was due to leave Memphis at 12:25 A.M. on April 5, 1968, and was non-stop to Houston. He said the flight left at 1:30 A.M. on April 5, 1968. Mr. HAGSTETTE advised he would request the Atlanta office to furnish a new manifest to his office so that he could determine who the passengers were on this flight.

On June 6, 1968, Mr. HAGSTETTE advised his Atlanta office advised him their work was way behind and requested that their office in Atlanta be contacted by the Atlanta Division of the FBI for a copy of this manifest. He pointed out that he recalls from previous inquiry it was determined that the names W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLOW were passengers' names that were added to the list of passengers for flight #157 and would not appear on the manifest as printed by the computer.

Mr. JIM WEDDLE, Ticket Agent, Delta Airlines, advised he resides at 4582 Applestone, Memphis, Tennessee. He said that he worked on the 6:00 P.M. to 3:00 A.M. shift on April 4, 1968, and April 5, 1968. He stated as he recalls he left work at approximately 3:30 A.M. on April 5, 1968.

Mr. WEDDLE stated he recalled that at approximately 10:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. on April 4, 1968, an individual came up to the ticket counter and inquired concerning a flight to Houston, Texas. He said this individual requested passage

on this flight for 2 individuals but stated he did not have money with him to pay for the tickets. He said this individual informed him that he would return to the ticket counter later to pay for the tickets prior to boarding on the plane. Mr. WEDDLE stated he only saw one individual that was shabbily dressed. As he recalls, this individual wore a long-sleeve dirty white shirt, gray trousers, and possibly had a 2 day growth of beard. Mr. WEDDLE stated he did not know the name of this individual but assumed that it was either W. DAVIS or B. CHIDLOW. He said he made reservations for this individual and sometime after midnight this individual came to the counter and paid for the 2 tickets which amounted between \$50 and \$60 with \$5 and \$1 bills. Mr. WEDDLE stated he does not recall checking any baggage for this individual either time he appeared at the ticket counter. Mr. WEDDLE advised that he recalls the name DAVIS as it is a common name and recalls the name CHIDLOW because he and other ticket agents were commenting that the name probably should be CHIDLAW.

Mr. WEDDLE stated he has seen numerous photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. Mr. WEDDLE stated that this individual who purchased these 2 tickets did not resemble any of the photographs of RAY in any way. He pointed out he did not see the other individual for whom the ticket was purchased. This man did not give him any address here in Memphis.

Mr. JIMMY D. SULLINGER, 6080 Baldwyn Cove, Southaven, Mississippi, advised on June 3, 1968, he was working as a ticket agent for Delta Airlines at the Memphis Metropolitan Airport from approximately 11:30 P.M. to approximately 8:00 A.M., April 4-5, 1968. Mr. SULLINGER advised he recalls that JIMMY WEDDLE sold 2 tickets to an individual prior to midnight of April 4, 1968, in the names of W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLOW. Mr. SULLINGER advised he recalls the name CHIDLOW specifically as the various ticket agents were pronouncing the name CHIDLAW. Mr. SULLINGER advised he did not see the individual who purchased the tickets in the names of DAVIS and CHIDLOW and can furnish no information whatsoever concerning these 2 individuals. Mr. SULLINGER stated he may have been the individual who checked passengers onto the flight at the ticket gate and he has no way of knowing whether or not he was the individual who checked them onto the plane. He said he does not recall any of the passengers who boarded that flight and he definitely does not recall seeing or meeting W. DAVIS or B. CHIDLOW who were on flight #157 leaving Memphis non-stop for Houston on April 5, 1968.

Mr. HAROLD BYRD, Ticket Agent, Delta Airlines, Memphis Metropolitan Airport, advised on June 3, 1968, that he was employed as a ticket agent at the Delta Airlines ticket counter from approximately 3:30 P.M. on April 4, 1968, to approximately 2:00 A.M. on April 5, 1968. Mr. BYRD advised he does not recall seeing passengers W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLOW who purchased tickets at this Delta Airlines ticket counter and caught flight #157 that left at 1:30 A.M., April 5, 1968, for Houston, Texas. Mr. BYRD advised he recalls the incident only because the name CHIDLOW was pronounced by the various employees of Delta as CHIDLAW. Mr. BYRD advised he could furnish no information whatsoever concerning the individual who purchased 2 tickets in the names of W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLOW.

Mr. JERRY DOOLIN, 3229 Goodlett, Memphis, Tennessee, advised he is a ticket agent for the Delta Airlines at the Memphis Metropolitan Airport and on April 4, 1968, was working the 4:00 P.M. to 2:30 A.M., April 5, 1968, shift. Mr. DOOLIN advised he recalls reviewing the manifest for flight #157 that left Memphis at 1:30 A.M. on April 5, 1968, non-stop for Houston, Texas. He stated he recalls that 2 individuals by the names of W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLOW were walk-up passengers to the ticket counter and did not have reservations prior to the early evening of April 4, 1968. According to Mr. DOOLIN, he did not see the individual who purchased the 2 tickets in the names of W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLOW. Mr. DOOLIN further commented that he may have "closed out" the flight, but he does not recall seeing the 2 passengers DAVIS and CHIDLOW. He said by "closing out" the flight he meant that he may have checked all the passengers onto flight #157 just prior to its departure from Memphis. Mr. DOOLIN advised he could furnish no information whatsoever concerning the 2 passengers W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLOW.

Mr. FRANK GUY, 2371 Pratt Street, Memphis, advised he is a porter for Delta Airlines at the Memphis Metropolitan Airport. He stated he was working as a porter during the evening of April 4, 1968, and the morning of April 5, 1968. He stated he recalls that he was working this particular shift because that was the night that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed and there was a curfew on. He stated he was very busy the entire evening and night because of the curfew and does not recall that anyone else was working with him that night. Mr. GUY stated he does not recall any passenger coming out to

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the airport in a Yellow cab asking the Yellow cab to wait for him while he went in to purchase a ticket and then return to the cab. Mr. GUY advised he cannot furnish any information concerning any of the passengers who boarded any of the Delta flights during the evening of April 4 and the morning of April 5, 1968.

The following is a composite description of the 2 individuals who registered in the hotel as RAND and WALKER as furnished by employees of the William Len Hotel mentioned above:

Number 1

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	25 to 28
Height	5'10"
Weight	150
Hair	Brown, parted on the side
Dress	Wearing gray suit

Number 2

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	25 to 30
Height	6'2"
Weight	200
Hair	Blond
Face	Ruddy
Dress	White shirt, dark trousers, carrying dark blue coat on his arm

The following individuals were contacted at their respective places of employment on June 3, 1968, to determine if any cars had been brought in on April 4, 1968, prior to 2:00 P.M. and if any cars were rented from 2:00 P.M. to midnight on April 4, 1968, to an individual by the name of W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER, or LAWRENCE RAND. These firms are the only places that rent cars that are in a close proximity to the William Len Hotel mentioned above:

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Mr. GENE YORK, Assistant Manager, Avis
Rent-A-Car, 57 South Third Street, Memphis

Miss JEAN STARNES, Clerk, Budget Rent-A-Car,
106 South Second Street, Memphis

Mr. BOBBY LIPIN, Manager, Hertz Rent-A-Car,
Downtown Office, 110 South Second Street,
Memphis

Mr. TED O. BAUCAUM, Manager, Downtown Office,
National Car Rental Systems, Inc., 22 North
Third Street, Memphis

The above individuals on June 3, 1968, advised that a review of their records failed to indicate that any cars were turned in prior to 2:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, that had been rented by an individual in the name of W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER, or LAWRENCE RAND. These individuals also advised that a complete review of their records fails to indicate that any cars were rented between the period 2:00 P.M. and midnight of April 4, 1968, to any individual registering the name W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER, or LAWRENCE RAND.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Memphis 8/8/68, and Memphis
airtel to Bureau 5/20/68.

RE: SUSPECTS W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW,
VINCENT WALKER, AND LAWRENCE RAND

Enclosed herewith for the Identification Division
are three fingerprint cards bearing prints of Mrs. RUBY
WIGGINS, and two fingerprint cards bearing prints of Miss
ROSE FRATINI, both employees of the William Len Hotel,
110 Monroe, Memphis, Tennessee.

Captain R. L. WILLIAMS, Homicide Bureau, Memphis
Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, advised SA HARLEY E.
GYLFE on 8/12/68 that according to records of the Memphis
Police Department, the registration cards of the William
Len Hotel, 110 Monroe Street, Memphis, for VINCENT WALKER
and LAWRENCE RAND on 4/4/68 were obtained by officers of
the Memphis Police Department. He advised he has no way of
knowing who touched or handled these registration cards.
He explained these registration cards were not picked up
by the Memphis Police Department until several days after
these individuals came to their attention. Consequently
the registration cards themselves were not treated as
evidence and therefore no limitations were made by the

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Memphis Police Department for protection of these cards from being handled. He pointed out further the Memphis Police Department has no way of knowing if any other law enforcement agency personnel has handled these registration cards.

Inasmuch as it cannot be determined with any certainty the identity of the individuals at the Memphis Police Department that may have or likely handled these registration cards, no elimination prints will be obtained from personnel of the Memphis Police Department.

With regard to personnel of the William Len Hotel, mentioned above, who likely handled these cards, Mr. KENNETH W. NEWMAN, Manager of the William Len Hotel, advised SA GYLFE on 8/16/68 the only logical persons who would normally handle the above-described registration cards are Mrs. RUBY WIGGINS, who registered captioned individuals into the hotel, and Miss ROSE FRATINI, telephone operator, whose duty it is to file the registration cards for the hotel. He pointed out, however, all personnel of the hotel do have access to the registration cards should the need arise. He also commented other individuals such as the various law enforcement officers at times have access to and do handle the registration cards.

Bearing the above comments in mind as related by Mr. NEWMAN, elimination prints of Mrs. WIGGINS and Miss FRATINI were obtained. It is obvious the enclosed prints are not of good quality or clarity; however, the Bureau is requested to bear in mind the age of both of these women and the fact both commented while being printed that they are suffering from arthritis and therefore were not able to cooperate as well as they would have liked to, so as to furnish clear prints. Additional prints are enclosed of these two individuals so as to be of assistance, if possible, in the examination.

The FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to examine the enclosed fingerprint cards with the unidentified latent prints developed on the William Len Hotel registration cards concerning VINCENT WALKER and LAWRENCE RAND.

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Date: 4/10/68

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

TO: CHICAGO

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL APRIL NINE LAST REQUESTING INVESTIGATION
RE JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN.RECORDS, MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY, MEMPHIS, TENN.,
REVEAL CANDRIAN'S FATHER AS BEING WILLIAM J. CANDRIAN WITH
RESIDENCE ADDRESS ONE THREE THREE NINE COURTLAND, PARK RIDGE,
ILL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END.

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent 4:21 P M

Per *Kearney* *JMK*

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) P

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

MSU Be [unclear] into Memphis

Re Phoenix telephone call to Memphis, 4/10/68.

SUSPECT - JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN 44-1987-282
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ALEX ELIAS, OIC, USINS, Nogales, Arizona, advised 4/10/68 that the Wednesday, 4/10/68, issue of "El Imparcial" newspaper, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, carried an article, dateline Memphis, Tennessee, (UPI), 4/9/68, quoting interview with ROLANDO VELEZ DELOZ, Mexican Consul at Memphis, who stated suspect and unidentified young Negro male appeared at Consulate in Memphis 4/3/68 and CANDRIAN obtained tourist permit to visit Mexico. According to VELEZ, CANDRIAN gave Chicago, Illinois, address and telephone number. VELEZ gave this information to the Memphis police subsequent to assassination, and stated police advised him Chicago address and telephone number were fictitious. VELEZ stated unknown Negro male did not obtain permit.

Upon arrival of 4/10/68 issue of "El Imparcial" newspaper in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, Inspector JULIO MORENO, Mexican Immigration, contacted ELIAS and stated he personally checked CANDRIAN into Mexico at Nogales, Sonora, about 9:45 a.m., 4/9/68. MORENO recalled that tourist permit had been issued by Mexican Consulate, Memphis, 4/3/68. MORENO stated CANDRIAN indicated his destination as Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico. Also believed to be traveling by automobile, and search being conducted of Mexican Customs records for automobile permit. MORENO not positive of automobile and suspect could have taken train or bus to Mazatlan.

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Special Agent in Charge

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
 ✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reurtel 4-19-68, and urairtel 4-17-68, submitting major case prints of John Scott Candrian.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Frank Taylor Broughton, aka Frank Leon Miller, FBI #779936D. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Broughton.

The remaining unidentified latent prints in this case are not identical with the finger or palm prints of Candrian.

The major case prints of Candrian are being temporarily retained in the Identification Division Latent Fingerprint Section.

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432PM URGENT 4/10/68 LCC

TO ATLANTA 44-2386 MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE FOUR NINE.

NO FINGERPRINTS LOCATED BUFILES FOR ARTHUR C

FEATHERSTON, U. S. NAVY SERVICE NUMBER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL
FINGERPRINTS ARTHUR CLIFTON FEATHERSTON, BORN JUNE TWELVE,
NINETEEN HUNDRED, IN BROWNSBORO, TEXAS, WHO MAY OR MAY
NOT BE THE INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED RETEL. NO PALM PRINTS
FEATHERSTON BUFILES.

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Misc Suspect

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Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. CR.

VAN M. SLEDD, GUARD, TENN. STATE PRISON, NASHVILLE,
HAS ADVISED SKETCH OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT APPEARING ON NASHVILLE
TV STATIONS CLOSELY RESEMBLES EDWARD JEROME LUNIS, TSP NO.
FIVE EIGHT ONE EIGHT FIVE WHO ESCAPED FROM TSP JULY SEVEN,
NINETEEN SIXTYSIX. MEMPHIS FILES REFLECT LUNIS, FBI NO.
FIVE FIVE ZERO FIVE SEVEN SEVEN A APPARENTLY STILL A FUGITIVE
FROM CLEVELAND DIVISION.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF LUNIS
WITH LATENTS SUBMITTED PREVIOUSLY IN THIS CASE.

A & D. -P- END.

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Approved: RG Jensen
Special Agent in Charge

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

✓ Reurtel 4/10/68, 4:34 P.M.

✓ Latent fingerprints this case not identical fingerprints
of Edward Jerome Lunis, FBI #550577A. No palm prints for Lunis in
Bufiles.

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450PM URGENT 4-10-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN, RM.

MRS. BARBARA MAXWELL, THREE TWO ZERO NINE CHIPCO STREET,
THIS CITY, ADVISED THAT ON THIS DATE, SHE OBSERVED WM
PARKED NEAR WEST TAMPA RESTAURANT, WHO RESEMBLED INDIVIDUAL
PORTRAYED IN ARTIST CONCEPTION PHOTO OF DR. KING'S ASSASSIN,
WHICH EARLIER APPEARED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER, TAMPA TRIBUNE.
WM DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY
FIVE TO FIFTY POUNDS, RED HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD, FAIR COMPLEXION,
APPROXIMATELY FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY YEARS OF AGE.

WM DRIVING WHAT APPEARED TO BE SIXTY FIVE OR SIXTY
SIX PLYMOUTH, BEIGE IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTY EIGHT
TENNESSEE TAG CF SIX ONE EIGHT SEVEN. CURRENT LOCATION
OF VEHICLE NOT KNOWN.

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE, WILL DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER
OF ABOVE CAR AND SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS TO LOCATE
AND OTHER NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS.
ON PERTINENT PERIODS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987 Sub E) DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : IC ROBERT M. CALK

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

OO: MEMPHIS

Sub E-83
Re Tampa teletype 4/10/68.

On 4/12/68, Mr. THOMAS MC REDMOND, Chief, Title and Registration Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, Nashville, advised IC CALK that 1967 Tennessee license CF-6187 was registered on 3/15/67 to C. G. CARTER, Route 10, Dick Ford Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee, for a 1966 Plymouth, VIN PH23E6229343.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365) 4P

MURKIN

RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE APRIL NINE LAST AND CHARLOTTE
TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

✓ FREDRICK DUNSTON, WHITEVILLE, NC. ARRESTED SEVEN THIRTY
PM, APRIL NINE LAST BY WHITEVILLE PD CHARGED WITH POSSESSION
NONTAX PAID WHISKEY AND PUBLIC DRUNK. ARRESTING OFFICER RALPH
SPAULDING ADVISED DUNSTON ARRESTED BY HIM NUMEROUS OCCASIONS
FOR PUBLIC DRUNK AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND DUNSTON HAS
REPUTATION AS BEING A DRUNK. HE DOUBTFUL ANY INFORMATION
FURNISHED BY DUNSTON WOULD BE RELIABLE.

DUNSTON INTERVIEWED BY SA TODAY, COLUMBUS COUNTY JAIL,
WHITEVILLE, NC, AND ADVISED ABOUT SEVEN PM APRIL NINE LAST HE
AGAIN OBSERVED UNKNOWN WHITE MALE WHO ADMITTED KILLING KING

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RIDING IN WHITEVILLE IN NINETEEN SIXTYTWO FORD GALAXIE, BEIGE COLOR, OCCUPIED BY TWO OTHER PERSONS. DUNSTON ADVISED HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HENRY BENNETT AT THE TIME. DUNSTON ATTEMPTED TO CALL ATTORNEY GENERAL, WASHINGTON, DC, TO FURNISH THIS INFORMATION AT THE TIME HE WAS ARRESTED BUT DID NOT COMPLETE CALL. DUNSTON VIEWED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF KING'S ASSASSIN AND ADVISED PHOTOGRAPH APPEARS SIMILAR BUT WOULD BE UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE MAN FROM SKETCH.

DENNIS WILLIAMS, JAILER, COLUMBUS COUNTY JAIL, ADVISED DUNSTON, FOLLOWING ARREST, ATTEMPTED TO MAKE TELEPHONE CALL TO ATTORNEY GENERAL AND TELEPHONE CALL TO RALEIGH, NC; HOWEVER, HE WAS IN DRUNKEN CONDITION AND WAS UNABLE TO COMPLETE CALLS.

SARAH MOORE, ROUTE FIVE BOX ONE FIVE ZERO, WHITEVILLE, ADVISED TODAY THAT DUNSTON RESIDES AT HER HOUSE WITH HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN. SHE STATED DUNSTON HAS REPUTATION FOR DRINKING AND HAS BEEN ARRESTED AS PUBLIC DRUNK. SHE WAS AT HER RESIDENCE APRIL EIGHT LAST WHEN DUNSTON ALLEGEDLY CONTACTED BY UNKNOWN WHITE MALE. SHE STATED SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANYONE BEING AT RESIDENCE AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANYONE WAS THERE AS
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