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TO: SAC'S, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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ReCETel 4-11-68

Remaining unidentified latent fingerprints in this case
are not identical with the fingerprints of RICHARD JAMES DAYHOFF,
JR., Army service [REDACTED]

No palm prints are available in Identification Division
files for DAYHOFF.

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1-SAC, MEMPHIS ✓

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RE: RICHARD JAMES DAYHOFF

The following investigation was conducted by SA
CHARLES A. McDOUGAL:

AT MURFREESBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

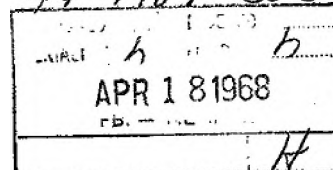
On April 11, 1968, the Murfreesboro Police Department advised that on April 10, 1968, at 2:30 P. M., as a result of a complaint, they located an individual [REDACTED] in the vicinity of Murfreesboro. This individual was identified as RICHARD JAMES DAYHOFF, Army Serial Number [REDACTED] Military Unit 564 Transportation Company (T-5), Fort Story, Virginia. He was driving a 1963 Dodge Dart, two-door sedan with 1968 New Mexico license 2060371, motor number 7137174030. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Since he received a twelve-day leave, starting March 29, 1968. He stated he had visited his family at 3509 Mary Ellen, North East (Court), Albuquerque, New Mexico.

[REDACTED]

DAYHOFF was described as a white male, age 20, 140 pounds, fair complexion, brown hair, and black eyes.

DAYHOFF was released to military authorities by the Murfreesboro Police Department later on April 10, 1968.



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Date: 4/12/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re Charlotte teletype to Bureau, Memphis and Norfolk dated 4/11/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an original and 8 copies of an insert concerning RICHARD JAMES DAYHOFF.

In referenced teletype, Norfolk was instructed to determine if DAYHOFF is rational and if so determine his whereabouts during pertinent period. The Identification Division was requested to compare fingerprints of DAYHOFF with latents obtained.

② - Memphis (Encl. 9) *yy*
1 - Charlotte

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FBI ATLANTA

6:47 PM URGENT 4/11/68 LBN

TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN..

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO ATLANTA ELEVEN FIFTYONE PM APRIL NINE
LAST.

CHECK OF GEORGIA STATE MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU REFLECTS NONE
OF VEHICLES DRIVEN BY MC MAHON, NASH, RUFFIN, OR ADAMS REFERRED
TO IN RETEL ARE MUSTANGS. REGISTRATION SET FORTH IN RETEL
FOR J.H. LOVE AS GEORGIA LICENSE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS NON-EXISTENT NUMBER ACCORDING TO GEORGIA MVB. CHECK
OF GEORGIA STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE BUREAU APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT
FAILED TO REFLECT CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR MC MAHON, LOVE,
NASH, RUFFIN, OR ADAMS. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION CONTEMPLATED.
END.

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FBI DETROIT

6:59PM URGENT 4-11-68 JRM
TO DIRECTOR, DALLAS AND MEMPHIS
FROM DETROIT (44-989) 3P

MURKIN

RE DETROIT TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL TWELVE FIFTY EIGHT PM,
APRIL TEN LAST.

INVESTIGATION DETROIT INDICATES AN UNKNOWN UNIFORMED
MARINE SGT. (E FIVE) WAS DRINKING AT CONTINENTAL BAR NUMBER TWO,
SOUTH TERMINAL, METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, DETROIT, APRIL THREE
LAST FROM APPROXIMATELY FOUR PM TO ELEVEN PM. WITNESSES STATE
MARINE ATTEMPTING TO FLY TO MEMPHIS, MILITARY STANDBY STATUS.
STATED HE HAD BEEN IN LONG BIEN, VIETNAM AND IMPLIED HOME IS
MEMPHIS. UNSUB OVERHEARD TO STATE "WHEN I GET THERE, YOU
WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE WITH NIGGERS". UNSUB ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTED
PHONE CALL TO "LET THEM KNOW I'M COMING". UNSUB MENTIONED SOME
COLORED MEN HAD RAPED A WOMAN BUT NOTHING REMEMBERED BY BARTENDER
WITNESS. UNSUB LAST OBSERVED BY TICKET AGENT, DELTA AIRLINES,
APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN PM ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN TRANSPORTATION TO
MEMPHIS. DIRECT DELTA FLIGHTS MEMPHIS CANCELLED UNTIL EIGHT
ZERO FIVE AM APRIL FOUR LAST. MANIFEST PRESENTED BY B.G.
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Reaney *[Signature]*

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PEARSALE, SUPERVISOR, DELTA AIRLINES, INDICATED FLIGHT FIVE EIGHT FIVE SLASH ZERO FOUR DEPARTED DETROIT EIGHT ZERO FIVE APRIL FOUR LAST AS SCHEDULED WITH FOLLOWING MEMPHIS BOUND PASSENGERS: CULP, GRUDEN, PETERSON, RUBIDEAU, WOJNO, CUMMINGS, MICHAEL, COLLINS, STAFFER.

PEARSALE ADVISED NOTATIONS ON MANIFEST INDICATE STAFFER SOLELY FLEW MILITARY STANDBY.

UNSUB IN COMPOSITE IS DESCRIBED AS: WHITE, MALE, LATE TWENTIES TO LATE THIRTIES, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TO SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., MEDIUM MUSCULAR BUILD, SHORT MEDIUM BROWN HAIR, WEATHERED COMPLEXION, POSSIBLE SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT, NEAT UNIFORM WITH SEVERAL ROWS OF RIBBONS, INCLUDING VIETNAM CAMPAIGN, MILITARY DEMEANOR, NOT NOTICED TO SMOKE, NO LUGGAGE, THIN FACE, NOSE AND CHIN, BEER DRINKER.

UNSUB BELIEVED SLIGHTLY INTOXICATED EVENING APRIL THREE LAST BUT IN CONTROL OF FACULTIES.

HOTEL REGISTRATION RECORD, DETROIT, INDICATE STEWARDESSES ON FLIGHT FIVE EIGHT FIVE, ANNE BATEMAN AND JULIE CRENSHAW, BOTH STATIONED DALLAS, TEXAS.

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DALLAS WILL CONTACT DELTA AIRLINES, DALLAS, AND INTERVIEW
BATEMAN AND CRENSHAW ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE IF ANYONE ABOARD
FLIGHT FIVE EIGHT FIVE MEETING UNSUB'S DESCRIPTION.

AM COPY FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM.

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI CHICAGO

7:06 PM URGENT 4-11-68 RFJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38891), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

MAJOR JAMES CHOPLICK, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP,
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THAT, RONALD W.
GRIFFITH, ATTACHED TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, FORT
HOLABIRD, MARYLAND, FURNISHED INFORMATION THIS DATE.
ARTIST'S SKETCH OF SUSPECT CLOSELY RESEMBLES DISTANT
RELATIVE, ONE GEORGE GRIFFITH, LAST KNOWN ADDRESS
DECATUR, ALABAMA. GEORGE GRIFFITH BORN APPROXIMATELY
NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT, HARTSELLE, ALABAMA, DESCRIBED
MALE, CAUCASIAN, SIX FEET TALL, ONE SIXTY TO ONE EIGHTY
POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD, RED HAIR, RUDDY COMPLEXION
FRECKLED, LAST KNOWN EMPLOYMENT MECHANIC, DECATUR
AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, MOULTON HIGHWAY, DECATUR,
ALABAMA. RONALD ADVISED GEORGE GRIFFITH FORMER MEMBER
KKK, AND PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED DESIRE TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER
KING. RONALD GRIFFITH'S IDENTITY TO BE PROTECTED.

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BIRMINGHAM DETERMINE LOCATION SUSPECT PERTINENT DATES.
OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH AND FINGERPRINTS FOR ELIMINATION
PURPOSES IF NECESSARY.

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FBI ATLANTA

7:28 PM URGENT 4/11/68 LBN

TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO MEMPHIS APRIL TEN, SIXTYEIGHT,
RE ANONYMOUS LETTER RECEIVED THAT OFFICE.

THE NUMBER SIX EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN TWO ONE SEVEN APPEARS
TO BE ATLANTA TELEPHONE NUMBER ASSIGNED TO ROBERT F. HANEY,
THREE ONE SEVEN MELL AVENUE, NE, ATLANTA..

GEORGIA STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE BUREAU RECORDS APRIL
ELEVEN INSTANT REFLECT ROBERT F. HANEY TO BE WHITE MALE, BORN

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FIVE FT. ZERO INCHES, TWO ONE ZERO LBS.

IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING
CONDUCTED.

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917 P.M. URGENT 4-11-68 JGB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM BALTIMORE (44-669) 1@

MURKIN; CR.

RE GEORGE GRIFFITH.

RONALD W. GRIFFITH, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED ARMY AUTHORITIES, EVANSTON, ILL., APRIL EIGHT LAST THAT ARTIST SKETCH OF ASSASSIN LOOKS LIKE HIS UNCLE, GEORGE GRIFFITH, WHO IS DESCRIBED AS WM, BORN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT HARTSELLE, ALA., SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, RED HAIR RECEEDING TO MIDDLE OF TOP OF HEAD, CREW CUT, EXTREMELY FRECKLED, DIVORCED, MILITARY SERVICE NINETEEN FIFTY-EIGHT TO SIXTY-TWO AND TOP SECRET CLEARANCE WITH ARMY SECURITY AGENCY, PRIOR EMPLOYMENT WITH DECATUR AUTO. TRANS. CO., DECATUR, ALA. RONALD LAST SAW UNCLE NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN. PRESENT ADDRESS AND EMPLOYMENT UNKNOWN. RONALD SAYS UNCLE ONCE MADE STATEMENT "I'D KILL THAT SOB MARTIN LUTHER KING IF I GOT A CHANCE". UNCLE TRIED TO GET RONALD TO JOIN THE KKK. RONALD'S FATHER EDWARD F. GRIFFITH RESIDES RT. FOUR, HARTSELLE ALA.

ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF GEORGE GRIFFITH AND
PROCESS AS SUSPECT.

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1102 PM URGENT 4/11/68 GFH

TO DIRECTOR ATLANTA CHARLOTTE BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703 4P

MURKIN

RE NEW HAVEN TELETYPE INSTANT DATE.

FOR INFORMATION BIRMINGHAM ATTORNEY DAVID ALFRED PISKORSKI,
ONE FOUR FOUR WEST MAIN ST., PLAINVILLE CONN. ADVISED FOLLOWING:

IN ONE, SIXTYSIX, HE ENTERED ON ACTIVE DUTY, USMC, UNDER
THE ENLISTED RESERVE PROGRAM, SIX MONTHS ACTIVE DUTY TOUR AND
COMPLETED THIS TRAINING ON DECEMBER TWENTY, SIXTYSIX. AT TIME
OF RELEASE, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION,
SECOND MARINES, SECOND MARINE DIVISION, FMF, CAMP LEJEUNE. DURING
EARLY PART OF DECEMBER HIS OUTFIT WENT TO VIEQUE ON MANEUVERS AND
APPROXIMATELY THIRTY RESERVISTS REMAINED AT CAMP LEJEUNE PROCESSING
FOR THEIR DISCHARGE. DURING THIS PERIOD, AN M FOURTEEN RIFLE WAS
STOLEN AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY MILITARY AUTHORI-
TIES. THIEF NOT IDENTIFIED. IN CONVERSATION WITH OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE RESERVISTS, A MARINE RESERVIST FROM COLUMBIA, S. C., NAME
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NOT RECALLED, WAS MENTIONED AS POSSIBLY HAVING STOLEN THE RIFLE. THE UNSUB MARINE WAS FRIENDLY WITH ONE DAVE PARRISH, WHO PISKORSKI RECALLED AS HAVING RESIDENCE IN EITHER GEORGIA OR ALABAMA, AND THEY OFTEN WENT ON WEEKEND LEAVES TOGETHER. SHORTLY BEFORE PISKORSKI'S RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY AND WHILE TALKING WITH PARRISH, PARRISH TOLD PISKORSKI THAT HE WAS CONCERNED REGARDING THE UNSUB MARINE SINCE IN CONVERSATION WITH PARRISH, HE HAD MENTIONED HE WAS GOING TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PISKORSKI ALSO ADVISED THAT IN BULL SESSIONS DURING THEIR SIX MONTHS TRAINING, THE UNSUB MARINE HAD STATED THAT HE HAD ONCE SHOT A NEGRO AND THAT HE HAD ONCE RUN OVER A NEGRO WITH HIS AUTOMOBILE. PISKORSKI DESCRIBED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS HAVING A DEEP-SEATED PREJUDICE AGAINST THE NEGRO PEOPLE.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS UNSUB FURNISHED BY PISKORSKI AS FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES TO SIX FEET TALL, WHITE, MALE, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, SLIM, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS AND IN HIS MIDDLE TWENTIES.

PISKORSKI ADVISED THAT ALL OF THE RESERVISTS WERE RELEASED TO INACTIVE DUTY DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AND THAT IT WAS HIS RECOLLECTION THAT UNSUB AND PARRISH WERE RELEASED PRIOR TO

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HIS OWN RELEASE WHICH WAS ON DECEMBER TWENTY, SIXTYSIX.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT UNSUB MARINE HAD ATTAINED HIGH MARKS IN THE OUTFIT ON THE RIFLE RANGE AND WAS AN EXPERT MARKSMAN. PISKORSKI COULD RECALL NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND INDICATED HE WOULD REVIEW PAPERS IN ADDRESS BOOK IN ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA RE BOTH INDIVIDUALS.

REVIEW OF THE RECORDS, MARINE CORPS HEADQUARTERS, WDC THIS DATE REFLECTS DAVID CAVANAUGH PARRISH, SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA HONORABLY RELEASED DECEMBER TWENTY, SIXTYSIX AT CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C. FROM COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, SECOND MARINES, SECOND MARINE DIVISION, FMF, CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C. AND TRANSFERRED TO FOURTH BATTALION, FOURTEENTH MARINES, FOURTH MARINE DIVISION, USMC, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. PARRISH ENLISTED JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYSIX AT WHICH TIME HIS ADDRESS WAS NINE SEVEN ONE THREE RED LANE DRIVE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. HE HAS SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER [REDACTED]

AND REGISTERED WITH LOCAL BOARD NUMBER ONE TWENTY, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. HE WAS A RIFLEMAN IN THE MARINE CORPS AND HIS CIVILIAN OCCUPATION WAS LISTED AS HELPER - PROOF TECHNICIAN (FIREARMS).

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PARRISH DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, SIXTYEIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE FIFTYFIVE POUNDS, SINGLE.

BIRMINGHAM INTERVIEW PARRISH FOR IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED BY PISKORSKI AND PROCESS INDIVIDUAL AS SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER.

ATLANTA AND CHARLOTTE DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DAVID PARRISH.

PHOTO OF PARRISH BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM BY ROUTING SLIP. MAIL CC TO NEW HAVEN.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA ORVILLE V. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

JAMES H. PURDY, JR., Suite 36, Trumpet Motel, Memphis, employed by the Accredited Bonding Co., 416 Dermon Building, telephonically contacted the writer at 12:10 p.m., 4/6/68. He advised that MAXINE TATE, 149 Cedar, Memphis, telephone 526-3100, advised him that she had previously worked for a man who fits the description of the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which she had read in the Memphis newspaper. According to PURDY, TATE has just recently terminated employment with this individual but she would not give PURDY his name. PURDY advised that TATE told him that this man had tried to make a bet with her that KING would not leave Memphis alive. PURDY had no further information but stated that TATE could identify this individual and possibly furnish additional information.

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Memphis lead (E)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: ARTIS PARKER and JOHN FELTMAN

On the late afternoon of 4/9/68, Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Inspectional Bureau, Memphis PD, personally brought to SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE the original of an anonymous hand-printed note, undated, no return address, which was received in an envelope postmarked Chicago, Illinois, April 7, bearing no return address, but addressed to Miss BARBARA PARKER, 2417 Blue Road, Memphis, Tennessee. The text of the note reads: "The men you want for the death of King is Artis Parker of 3410 Renault St Memphis The gun belongs to John Feltman 790 Dolan Rd They both have white cars."

Lt. ARKIN advised that Miss PARKER had called the PD and a squad car was sent to pick up the letter on the late afternoon of April 9. Miss PARKER allegedly told the officers that she had no idea as to who may have sent the note and did not know ARTIS PARKER or FELTMAN. She pointed out that she, the children, and possibly others had handled the envelope and there was little likelihood any fingerprints of value could be obtained. The original of the note and envelope are being retained in the 1-A section of instant file.

Memphis indices negative on the above two names, PARKER and FELTMAN.

LEAD

MEMPHIS - AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will interview Miss PARKER in detail concerning the above for all possible information as to who may have sent the letter, and further for any knowledge she may have re ARTIS PARKER and JOHN FELTMAN.

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

SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

4/9/68

ASAC C. O. HALTER

MURKIN

At approximately 3:55 PM, 4/9/68, a lady who identified herself as Mrs. MABLE BLAIR SLACK, residence 3506 Tom Green St., Austin, Texas, telephonically informed as follows:

She has been employed as a PBX operator at the Sheraton-Crest Hotel, Austin, Texas. An individual named JOHN WILLARD has registered in that hotel on at least two occasions. One registration card reflects that JOHN WILLARD is from Charleston, South Carolina, and that he is a Revlon representative. He was at the hotel approximately two months ago. While at the hotel he received "strange" telephone calls.

Mrs. SLACK was apprehensive about furnishing the information about WILLARD to a local Agent and wanted to know if she could trust them. She was informed she could trust any FBI Agent. She stated that most of the people in that area are racists and that they laugh at her for taking up for President JOHNSON.

Among her comments is the fact that while WILLARD was in the hotel, Mrs. SLACK's recollection is to the effect that he received telephone calls from Memphis.

Before I could ask additional questions, she stated she could not afford a telephone call. I informed her an Agent from the San Antonio Office would get in touch with her.

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*One copy this memo
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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
MURKIN
CR.

Enclosed is one copy of a self-explanatory memorandum from ASAC C. O. HALTER to the SAC, Memphis, dated 4/9/68.

SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

AT AUSTIN, TEXAS

Will interview Mrs. MABEL BLAIR SLACK, 3506 Tom Green Street, regarding any information she may have concerning instant matter and eliminate any suspects named by her.

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Date: 4/8/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY
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ATTN: FBI LAB

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

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(OO Memphis)44-1987-197
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Re Buffalo tel, dated 4/8/68.

Transmitted herewith to Lab, Birmingham, and Memphis is one Xerox copy each of Liberty National Bank Dealer Plan-Purchaser Statement, obtained from former SA BIRL WILSON. The copies furnished were Xeroxed from a Xerox in the possession of former SA WILSON. The handwriting on the document is reportedly that of suspect Dr. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH.

For the information of the Laboratory, Dr. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH has been travelling through the Southern states, passing true name checks and obtaining rental cars through the use of credit cards, some of which have been cancelled. He has a poor financial history with a number of Buffalo area financial institutions.

Dr. FRENCH reportedly served for several years in Africa as a Missionary, during which time he contracted brain fever. He has been under treatment as a mental patient

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Special Agent in Charge

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at Gowanda State Hospital, Gowanda, New York, and most recently at Rochester State Hospital, Rochester, New York, leaving the latter institution in 9/67.

On 4/3/68, Dr. FRENCH was staying at a Holiday Inn in Williston, Florida. On 4/5/68, he called a girl friend at a Rochester, New York banking institution from Memphis, Tennessee, at which time he said he was going to Atlanta, Georgia, where he would stay at a Holiday Inn. At Atlanta, he said he planned to confer with some of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's successors.

Former SA WILSON had verified Dr. FRENCH's presence in Atlanta on 4/8/68, at which time Dr. FRENCH indicated he planned to stay in Atlanta until 4/10/68.

Buffalo does not know whether any handwriting of unsub in captioned case available. If available, it should be compared with Dr. FRENCH's handwriting.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4/12/68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Buffalo (44-374) - Enc. (7)
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Birmingham (44-1740) - Enc. (6)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Buffalo airtel 4/9/68, submitting fingerprint card *44-1987-Sub E-184*
with photograph of Dr. Alvin Eugene French. *44-1987-197*
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Latent fingerprints and palm prints this case not identical fingerprints and palm prints of French.

Fingerprint card and two copies of photograph thereon enclosed, along with two copies of two other photographs of French for Buffalo. Two copies of the three photographs are being furnished Memphis and Birmingham as requested.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 10, 1968

GLORIA GEIGER, Desk Clerk, Holiday Inn Motel, Williston, Florida, advised that she had known **ALVIN FRENCH** only due to the fact that she was the desk clerk at that motel. She stated that she had actually only talked to him three or four times and that this was strictly during the course of business. She stated that she was aware that **FRENCH** had a liking for her but that there was no connection between them.

GEIGER stated that she could offer no information other than that furnished by Mrs. **STELL** with regards to the present whereabouts of **FRENCH**.

On 4/8/68 at Williston, Florida File # JK 44-769

by SA JOSEPH J. STUMPF, JR. /vlp Date dictated 4/10/68

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.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 10, 1968

Mr. ROSALIE STELL, Innkeeper, Holiday Inn Motel, Williston, Florida, advised that her records reflect that ALVIN FRENCH, first checked in at that motel on February 29, 1968, and left on March 5, 1968. She stated that FRENCH's present whereabouts are believed to be Memphis, Tennessee, where he was staying at the Holiday Inn, Southeast Memphis, Tennessee, U. S. Highway 78. She stated that she has in her possession a Holidex (a teletype used by the Holiday Inns) from the Holiday Inn, Southeast Memphis, advising that they had a DICK T. FRENCH registered there at this time and that FRENCH had registered there on March 30, 1968. She further stated that this Holidex indicated that it was the only FRENCH at that motel in either the months, March or April.

She further stated that FRENCH appeared to have a liking for her desk clerk, GLORIA GEIGER, but that they were absolutely not romantically connected. She stated that Miss GEIGER had never given FRENCH any indication of any affection for him but that FRENCH appeared to have an attraction for her.

STELL further stated that FRENCH unexpectedly appeared on March 30th, asking for GEIGER, but due to the fact that GEIGER was not working, left and that he has not been seen since.

On 4/8/68 at Williston, Florida File # JK 44-769

by SA JOSEPH J. STUMPF, JR. /vlp

Date dictated 4/10/68

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: ME)

Reference Buffalo teletype to the Bureau and Jacksonville and Jacksonville teletype to the Bureau and Memphis both dated 4/8/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory is one registration card from the Holiday Inn, Williston, Florida, and one postcard from the Holiday Inn, Southeast, Memphis, Tennessee.

Enclosed for Memphis are eight copies each of FD-302s reflecting interviews with Mrs. ROSEALIE STELL, Innkeeper and GLORIA GEIGER, desk clerk, Holiday Inn, Williston, Florida.

For the information of the FBI Laboratory, Mrs. STELL advised that ALVIN FRENCH filled in the following items in her presence: Name, street, city, state, make of car and license number, on the above document. She stated that she herself filled in all other items.

She further stated that she received the enclosed postal card on 4/8/68.

Mrs. STELL advised that she would if at all possible like to have the registration card returned to her.

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The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct appropriate handwriting and latent fingerprint examinations.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

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Re Buffalo teletype to Bureau, dated 4/8/68
and Atlanta teletype to Bureau, dated 4/8/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two palm prints
and one fingerprint card of Dr. ALVIN E. FRENCH,
obtained 4/8/68 at Atlanta, Georgia, and two photographs
of FRENCH.

Enclosed for Memphis are four photographs
of Dr. ALVIN E. FRENCH, taken 4/8/68 at Atlanta, Georgia.

Memphis will consider displaying photos of
Dr. ALVIN E. FRENCH to pertinent witnesses.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Hester *OK*

P. O. Box 18576
Boston, Mass. 02118
April 6, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigations
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

This is the third letter to you giving possible clues to the Martin Luther King slaying.

Since Charles G. Adams took Martin Luther King's pulpit in Atlanta, Georgia for the whole week before King was slain, it seems he, Adams, should be questioned as to who appointed him to run the revival and under what conditions; he should also be questioned as to any confidences he may have entered into with the officers of Dr. King's church (many times the deacons and trustees do confide in a visiting minister against the pastor); (Adams had a way of trying to root greater men than himself out of their positions).

It would be very wise to question the tenor of things during his schedule with Martin Luther King's church in Atlanta last week, to determine if Adams did any secret deals with King's membership. Adams likes to place his friends in big churches, especially from Harvard and who knows if they are not paying him large sums of money for such pastoral placements?

Adams actually wants rulership, and sponsors more racism than Christian doctrine. He staged a march against the Police Dept. in Dorchester, Mass about two years ago.

Now he is presently fooling his illiterate congregation with the idea of building a Concord Towers for \$30,000. He keeps them raising money, but with no results. When this \$30,000 is raised he will in all probability give them a reason why he cannot go through with it.

He may keep his monies deposited in Detroit, Mich. his home town, where he spends the summer every year. He has found that his Harvard Masters Degree helps him to fool and fleece the unlearned Negro people, so he keeps them jumping.

He knew he was against Dr. King, and yet took his pulpit last week.

He has invited Martin Luther King's father here to speak in his church next month, just as a drawing card for money purposes.

Just as he posted the title Truman Capote's IN COLD BLOOD on his church bulletin to attract big money collections. 44-1987-Sub E-185

Charles G. Adams should be very cautiously and questioned regarding the death of Martin Luther King. At least he was not King's friend, although he posed as such. S. - MEMPHIS

Respectfully submitted,

Note: Without letting them know it, you should find out how close Ralph Abernathy, head of SCC, and Charles G. Adams were as friends. The smattering of education from Harvard made Adams a very shrewd confidence preacher. He will try his technique of speech with any man.

Sara F. Jones ✓

Hester *gus*

Note: For four weeks, Charles Adams has kept the title IN COLD BLOOD on his church bulletin, and being a religious hypnotist and psychologist, he may have kept it there to offset any rebound to his own conscience. His church is located at 194 Warren Avenue, Boston. Adams is one of the most crafty men who ever handled the word of God. He deserves a questioning.

Kearney *JK*

P. O. Box 18576
Boston, Mass. 02118
April 5, 1968

Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

If you will study very carefully this list of Baptist Officers who were closely associated with Martin Luther King you will find the names of two who should be questioned very carefully.

These are preachers who pulled out from the regular National Baptist Convention and organized a convention of their own, but could not rule Martin Luther King when it came to staging marches. After this convention about two or three years ago, Charles G. Adams, historian, on the list of officers came back to Concord Baptist Church here in Boston and started to poison the minds of his members against Martin Luther King and the way he staged his marches. This list also includes a very close friend of Adams who is a judge in the courts of Memphis, Tennessee, namely, Judge B. Hooks (you will see his name also on the enclosed list of officers) who did not agree with King and his marches. They wanted to help control the marches, but it seems King would not accept their arguments.

This same Charles G. Adams of Concord Baptist of Boston has just finished a week's revival in Martin Luther King's church in Atlanta, but he was not King's friend. There was also some strife over King's manner of doing things. They contended that King was staging marches against the hands that fed them, etc.

I really do not think you could make a mistake by questioning both this Judge B. Hooks of the Memphis Courts and this Charles G. Adams of Boston who preached in King's church the week before he was killed. They did much to knock King's manner of staging marches.

These officers not only pulled out from the regular convention but pulled out from the publishing company and started publishing their own literature. There has always been the most bitter strife in these National Baptists Conventions.

Prayerfully submitted,

Sara F. Jones
Sara F. Jones

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SAC, Boston

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Director, FBI

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Enclosed are three letters received at the Bureau from Sara F. Jones, P. O. Box 18576, Boston, Massachusetts 02118 in which she attempts to furnish "clues" in the above captioned matter. There is no pertinent information in Bureau files identifiable with Jones.

Upon receipt, check your files and if no information appears to the contrary, contact Jones, acknowledge her letter and obtain any information of value she may have pertinent to this matter. Insure that you pin her down for specifics of any "clues" she may have and her basis for them so that they may be intelligently evaluated. Any background information from your files or developed in the interview which would bear on the validity of her information should also be obtained. Advise Jones that if she has additional information to furnish, she may find it more convenient to furnish it directly to your office in Boston.

Submit results within two days receipt furnishing appropriate copies to the office of origin, Memphis.

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1 - Memphis (Info) (Enclosures 3) *mg*

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

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Re Bureau letter 4/10/68, which enclosed copies of three letters to the Bureau from SARA F. JONES, one dated 4/5/68 and two dated 4/6/68.

During unsuccessful attempts to locate Mrs. JONES at her current address, 123 Pembroke St., Boston, Mass., on 4/11/68, Mr. and Mrs. BRUNO SALVATORE, who operate a small grocery store at 202 Warren Ave., Boston, volunteered information that they have been acquainted with Mrs. JONES for many years. They described Mrs. JONES as a chronic complainer and a religious fanatic. According to Mr. and Mrs. SALVATORE, Mrs. JONES has been seen walking barefoot in the winter snow and has claimed to have had conversations with God on several occasions. Mr. SALVATORE stated that on one occasion, Mrs. JONES deliberately plugged up her own drain and then made a nuisance of herself complaining to the Boston Sewer Department and various other city officials.

On 4/12/68, after telephonic contact was made with Mrs. JONES, she was interviewed at the Boston Office of the FBI. Her letters were acknowledged and it was suggested to her that in the interests of convenience and expedience, she may wish to contact the Boston Office directly in the event

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she has any additional information to furnish. She stated that she directed a fourth letter recently to the Bureau, dealing with the same subject matter as the previous three letters.

During the interview with Mrs. JONES, she made the same allegations as were contained in her letters concerning CHARLES G. ADAMS of the Concord Baptist Church of Boston and Judge E. HOOKS of Memphis, Tenn. Repeated attempts were made during the interview to pin her down for specifics and for any concrete bases for her allegations but without success. When pressed for specifics, she continually reverted to the same information contained in her letters and could furnish no additional information. Her answers to questions were rambling, incoherent and not responsive. She frequently changed the subject to dwell upon her employment experience during World War II when she was connected with the Office of Price Administration and the Veterans Affairs Office in Chicago, Ill.

After it became evident that no pertinent information of value could be obtained from Mrs. JONES, the interview was terminated.

Boston files reflect that Mrs. JONES was a victim-complainant in a civil rights-election laws matter in 1964, the details of which are contained in Boston airtel and letterhead memorandum to the Bureau dated 11/18/64, captioned, "UNSUB; SARAH F. JONES - VICTIM; CR - ELECTION LAWS," Bureau file unknown.

In that matter, Mrs. JONES directed a letter to the Bureau in which she alleged police brutality at the time she was voting on election day, stating that police knocked her out of the polling place, that the election commissioner stood behind this brutality and that her vote was not counted. When Mrs. JONES was interviewed in connection with that matter, she appeared to be extremely irrational and it was evident that her difficulty stemmed from her failure to comply with election law regulations. It appeared that the alleged force used by the police was only used to remove her from the voting area where she was apparently creating a scene.

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During the course of that investigation, Superintendent EWING A. FLU, Station A, U. S. Post Office, Boston, Mass., advised that Mrs. JONES was well known to him because she had submitted numerous complaints to his office, both in person and by mail. He stated that her complaints generally consisted of charges of other people having opened her mail or were stealing her mail. According to FLU, Mrs. JONES had also complained about hearing obscene language spoken by the men who work behind the P. O. boxes and that her most recent complaint was that she had written a letter to the Mayor of Boston with a return receipt requested and had not received the return receipt. She also accused someone in the Post Office of having stolen her letter. Superintendent FLU described Mrs. JONES as a very eccentric person who is continually issuing complaints about every subject possible.

It is noted that Boston files contain no pertinent information concerning CHARLES G. ADAMS or Judge B. HOOKS.

In view of the above information, no further investigation is being conducted concerning the information furnished by Mrs. JONES, UACB.

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FBI NEW YORK

1112AM URGENT 4-10-68 JLW

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 1P

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MURKIN, CR (OO - MEMPHIA)

ARTHUR D. VAN SANT (PROTECT IDENTITY), BROTHER IN LAW OF SA PETER E. O'NEILL, ADVISED HE IS EMPLOYED BY POOR CO. RAILWAY PRODUCTS, CHICAGO, ILL. VAN SANT TRAVELS FOR THE COMPANY AND HAS MET GLENN P. PATRICK, PLANT MANAGER OF POOR CO. RAILWAY PRODUCTS, TWENTY THREE HUNDRED PIER STREET, MEMPHIS, TENN.

VAN SANT HAS READ PUBLISHED DESCRIPTIONS OF UNSUB, INSTANT MATTER, AND RECALLS PATRICK TO BE STRIKINGLY SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE. ALSO RECALLS PATRICK TO BE A GUN BUFF. HE BELIEVES PATRICK LIVES NORTH OF MILLINGTON NAVAL AIR BASE, TENNESSEE.

MEMPHIS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY GLENN P. PATRICK AS UNSUB INSTANT CASE. DO NOT REVEAL VAN SANT'S IDENTITY.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO 159

CLAUDE CHESTER MC LAREN, JR. INFORMATION CONCERNING (CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION.)

SUBJECT WHITE MALE AMERICAN, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TEXAS, BEARER OF US PASSPORT [REDACTED]

ARRIVED MEXICO CITY FROM TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS, ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, ENROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS. POLICE AT AIRPORT NOTED CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO SKETCHES PREPARED BY LOCAL POLICE ARTIST OF UNSUB IN SLAYING OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, APRIL FOUR LAST. POLICE QUESTIONED SUBJECT AND PHOTOGRAPHED HIM AFTER WHICH HE DEPARTED ON PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT FIVE ZERO TWO FOR HOUSTON WITH ARRIVAL SCHEDULED SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT, APRIL EIGHT LAST.

PLANE PILOT, CAPTAIN WHITE, ADVISED HOUSTON AGENTS HE BELIEVED SUBJECT WAS PREVENTED FROM BOARDING FLIGHT BY MEXICAN POLICE. WHITE STATED APRIL NINE INSTANT, HOWEVER, THIS WAS ASSUMPTION ON HIS PART SINCE FLIGHT NOT DELAYED BY QUESTIONING OF SUBJECT.

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AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES ONLY BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION AS SUSPECT BY MEXICAN POLICE IS LIKENESS TO POLICE SKETCH AND "VERY NERVOUS MANNER" DESCRIBED BY POLICE DURING SUBJECT'S WAIT AT AIRPORT.

FURNISHED FOR COMPLETION OF BUREAU FILES SINCE HOUSTON WAS ALERTED DIRECTLY AND IN EVENT SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES MAY BE OF INTEREST IN CURRENT INVESTIGATION CONCERNING KING ASSASSINATION. NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN AT MEXICO CITY, UACB.

RECEIVED: 9:21PM RNK

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Date 4/10/68

RE:

MURKIN

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed is copy of wire from Mexico City dated April 9, 1968, together with Bureau cablegram to Mexico City.

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO: LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

RE: CLAUDE CHESTER MC LAREN, JR. ✓

REURTEL APRIL NINE LAST.

YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS AS TAKEN
BY POLICE OF SUBJECT MC LAREN AND FURNISH BIRMINGHAM
AND MEMPHIS TO DISPLAY TO APPROPRIATE PERSONS. COPIES OF
YOUR WIRE APRIL NINE LAST FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM AND
MEMPHIS BY AIR MAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO 159

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RECEIVED: 9:21PM RNK

April 12, 1968

AIRTEL

TO: SAC's, Dallas (Enclosures - 2)
Houston (Enclosures - 2)

FROM: Director, FBI

MURKIN

RE: CLAUDE CHESTER MC LAREN, JR.

Attached for Dallas and Houston are two copies each of cablegram from Legat, Mexico City dated 4/8/68. One copy enclosed for Memphis.

Legat, Mexico City had been instructed to obtain photographs of McLaren which Memphis and Birmingham will exhibit to witnesses.

If not already done, Houston, or Dallas if McLaren is now in Dallas territory, should conduct investigation to establish his identity and whereabouts during pertinent period March 29 to April 4, 1968.

Under no circumstances should anyone be told this investigation is in connection with captioned matter.

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

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April 11, 1968

TO: Mr. Joseph H. Gamble
Mr. Robert G. Jensen


RE: MURKIN

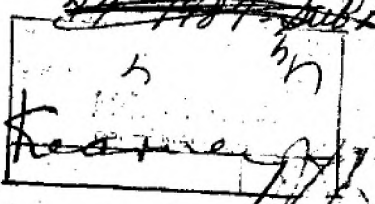
Dear Sir:

Enclosed for each recipient are six copies each of two photographs of CLAUDE CHESTER McLAREN, JR. taken at Mexico City International Airport on 4/8/68 and copies of a sketch prepared by a local police artist based on press accounts of the description of UNSUB. These being forwarded to show to witnesses as instructed in Bucab 4/10/68.

Very truly yours,

Nathan L. Ferris
NATHAN L. FERRIS
Legal Attache

JS 

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4/16/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Re Bureau airtel to Dallas and Houston dated 4/12/68.

RE: CLAUDE CHESTER MC LAREN, JR.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
ARNOLD J. BROWN:

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

On 4/15/68, Operator 10, Retail Merchant's Credit Association, advised they had no record of MC LAREN in their files.

On 4/15/68, DAVID MALONE, Identification Officer, Fort Worth Police Department, advised he could locate no record of MC LAREN in his files.

On 4/15/68, Miss PATE RAY, Deputy U. S. District Clerk, advised she had no record of MC LAREN's passport.

On 4/15/68, Mrs. N. E. PRESTON, 8405 Wichita Street, advised that CLAUDE CHESTER MC LAREN, JR., is her brother, and he had returned to Houston, Texas, on 4/10/68. She said that CLAUDE is with his brother, CARL MC LAREN, who operates a construction business out of Houston, Texas, and she believed he is presently working on a job in Freeport, Texas. She

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stated that CARL can be reached through telephone number 23-3-6579, Houston, Texas.

PRESTON said that CLAUDE had been to Honduras on a business trip for CARL, but she did not know what dates CLAUDE was in Honduras.

PRESTON advised that CLAUDE has been residing in Houston, Texas, for the past two months, and has only been in Fort Worth on visits.

PRESTON further stated that there has been a death in the family, and she has been in the hospital, and because of the strain, she was unable to say what period or dates that CLAUDE was in Honduras; Houston, Texas; or Fort Worth, Texas.

LEADS

HOUSTON

Will conduct investigation to establish the whereabouts of MC LAREN during pertinent period, 3/29/68 - 4/4/68, as requested in referenced airtel.

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FBI-HOUSTON

239PM 4-20-68 DEC

TO MEMPHIS

FROM HOUSTON (1509)

Sub E-187

MURKIN; CR.

RE DALLAS AIRTEL, APRIL SIXTEEN, LAST.

RE SUSPECT CLAUDE CHESTER MC LAREN, JR.

MC LAREN LOCATED APRIL NINETEEN, LAST, FREEPORT,
TEX., INTERVIEWED AND ELIMINATED AS SUSPECT.

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4/10/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, JACKSON
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

On this date ETHEL SCOTT, 61 Willow Avenue, Hempstead, NY, telephonically contacted Hempstead, NY, Police Department and advised that she had seen artist's conception of unknown subject and she felt quite certain that unknown subject was identical with an individual for whom she had previously worked in Marks, Mississippi.

SCOTT, upon interview, advised that between 1962 and 1965 she was employed as a maid for one JOE BARYS (PH), address unknown, Marks, Mississippi. She stated that 4/18/68 edition of Jet Magazine contained photograph of artist's conception of unknown subject, and she believes that photograph closely resembles BARYS mentioned above.

Miss SCOTT stated that BARYS during period 1962-65 was employed as a Mississippi highway patrolman and worked out of courthouse, Marks, Mississippi. She described BARYS as follows:

Age	Approximately 52 (in 1965)
Height	6'2"
Weight	200 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Gray
Complexion	Medium

2 - Jackson
① - Memphis (Info)
1 - New York

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Marital Status	Married
Wife	MARY (age approximately 30)
Daughter	ROSEMARY (age approximately 5 years)
Son	RAYMOND (age approximately 10 years)

Miss SCOTT could furnish no additional pertinent information, but merely stated that artist's conception appearing in aforementioned magazine closely resembles her recollection of BARYS mentioned above.

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JACKSON

At Marks, Mississippi

Will conduct appropriate investigation to eliminate or identify BARYS as unknown subject in instant case.

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TO: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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JOHN W. DOLLAR, JR., NINE ZERO TWO COMMONWEALTH AVENUE,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONE FIVE FOUR EIGHT TWO NINE
SEVEN TWO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE TELEVISION
PICTURE AND DESCRIPTION OF ASSASSIN VIVIDLY FIT ^{FORMER} HUSBAND OF
FRIEND ARTIE MC MINN, MOTEL MANAGER IN RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO,
WORK PHONE THREE SEVEN EIGHT FIVE FIVE ONE ONE. HUSBAND,
HENRY MC MINN, FORMERLY EMPLOYED AS SALESMAN MANAGER NATIONAL
FOUNDATION LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA,
WHO SHOULD HAVE PICTURES OF HIM, MIXED IN NEGRO CROWD IN

- 1 - Teletype Unit
- 1 - Richmond (By Mail)
- ① - Memphis (By Mail)
- 1 - Little Rock (By Mail)
- 1 - ~~Phoenix (By Mail)~~ BUREAU
- 1 - Oklahoma City (By Mail)
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