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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
SAN FRANCISCO (173-65), AND NEW YORK (44-1609)
FROM: NEW HAVEN (157-818)

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RE: SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE, APRIL THIRTEEN LAST, AND NEW YORK
TELETYPE, SAME DATE, TO BUREAU, NEW HAVEN AND SAN FRANCISCO.

JOHN GIMBERLY, SECURITY, OTIS ELEVATOR, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
ADVISED PABLO REYES TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED OTIS MORNING OF APRIL
SIXTEEN LAST FROM NEW MEXICO AND IS ENROUTE STAMFORD VIA AUTO, DUE
TO ARRIVE APRIL TWENTY TWO NEXT. NO DETAILS AS TO CAR OR ITINERARY.

REYES EMPLOYED OTIS AND ASSIGNED SAIGON AS FIELD REPRESENTATIVE
JAMES MC KINLEY, DIVISION MANAGER, OTIS ELEVATOR, NEW YORK CITY, AND
GIMBERLY BOTH ADVISED REYES IS A PHILLIPPINE NATIONAL WITH VERY
DEFINITE ORIENTAL FEATURES AND COULD NOT BE MISTAKEN FOR CAUCASIAN.
IN VIEW OF PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS, NO INTERVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI and SACS, NEW HAVEN, and SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU FOUR THIRTEEN INSTANT.

JAMES B. MC KINLEY, DIVISION MANAGER, OTIS ELEVATOR,
ADVISED PABLO REYES IS A FIELD TECHNICIAN EMPLOYED BY OTIS.

REYES WAS ASSIGNED SAIGON AND MC KINLEY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE
THAT HE LEFT SAIGON. HOWEVER, STATES THAT IT WOULD NOT BE
UNUSUAL FOR REYES TO MOVE WITHOUT MC KINLEY'S KNOWLEDGE.

REYES EMPLOYED ABOUT EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO, ASSIGNED SAIGON
ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO. REYES DESCRIBED AS A PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
WITH DEFINITE ORIENTAL FEATURES. CANNOT BE MISTAKEN FOR
CAUCASIAN. NO KNOWN HOME ADDRESS.

MC KINLEY WILL DETERMINE REYES EXACT STATUS AND ADVISE
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Butte teletype to Memphis and New Orleans, 4/9/68,
2:16 PM.

Employee of Hill Top Motel,
Delhi, Louisiana

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies each of FD-302s (3),
re interviews with CLARENCE L. ROBINSON, Mrs. C. L. ROBINSON,
and MAX DIXON, on 4/10/68, at Delhi, La.

The following is a synopsis of the enclosed FD-302s.

CLARENCE L. ROBINSON, who resides at Hill Top Motel,
Delhi, La., could not recall making any specific remarks con-
cerning MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., but he may very well have done
so, as he has never been a big supporter of many of KING's
activities.

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MAX DIXON, Service Manager, Cutler Chevrolet Company, U. S. Highway 80 East, advised that CLARENCE L. ROBINSON was not absent from work any day during the week of April 1, 1968, through April 5, 1968.

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On 4/10/68 at Delhi, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673
by SA THOMAS J. FAY -epk APR 18 1968 Date dictated 4/11/67
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CLARENCE L. ROBINSON, also known as Bud Robinson, was interviewed at the Cutler Chevrolet Company and advised that although he could not recall making any specific remarks concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING to a motel customer, he may very well have done so as he never has been a big supporter of many of KING's activities. ROBINSON advised that he was at work every day during the week of April 1 through 5, 1968, and particularly on April 4, 1968.

The following descriptive data was obtained through interview and observation:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	40
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Height	5' 11"
Weight	170 pounds
Build	Medium
Complexion	pock marked

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Mrs. C. L. ROBINSON, Manager, Hilltop Motel, U. S. Highway 80 East, advised she resides in the office section of the motel with her husband. She advised that the only white male who would be observed coming from her living quarters section of the motel office and who may have been mistaken as an employee, would have been her husband, who is regularly employed as a mechanic at the Cutler Chevrolet Company in Delhi.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
 FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau, Memphis and
 Mobile, 4/7/68.

Retel related to a telephone call received by
 the Memphis, Tenn. PD at 4:05 P.M., 4/7/68. The call
 was determined to have been placed from telephone number
 329-9567, subscribed to by RANDALL ASKEW, 1006 Hillabee
 Highway, Alexander City, Ala.

Enclosed are 25 copies of an investigative
 insert referring to investigation relative to "telephone
 call to Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tenn., 4:05 P.M.,
 April 7, 1968 by WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW, Alexander City, Ala."

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TELEPHONECALL TO MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, 4:05 P.M., APRIL 7, 1968
BY WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW, ALEXANDER CITY, ALABAMA

The following investigation was conducted by SAS
ROY H. EVELAND and NORMAN D. JAMES:

On April 7, 1968, ROY MOORE, Chief Deputy, Tallapoosa County Sheriff's Office, Dadeville, Alabama, advised that a search of the records of that office reflect that one RONALD ASKEW, white male, was arrested on March 5, 1966 for public drunk and resisting arrest, and on March 7, 1966 he was released on bond. Chief Deputy MOORE recalled that at the time of ASKEW's arrest he kicked out the windshield of the Sheriff's Office car.

According to the records of that office, ASKEW was described as 22 years old, 5'4", 145 pounds, medium build, dark hair.

On April 7, 1968, DEWEY JONES, Patrolman, Alexander City, Alabama, Police Department, advised that on the previous night between 7:00 and 7:30 P.M. WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW was arrested for violation of prohibition law. Arrested along with ASKEW was a cousin, PERVIS ASKEW, JOHN WAYNE WINSLETT, white male, and JESSIE KNIGHT, a Negro male. All of them, with the exception of PERVIS ASKEW, were released shortly after their arrest on bond. PERVIS ASKEW was released later that evening around 9:00 P.M. on \$300 bond. These subjects were arrested by Deputy HERMAN CLAYBROOK (phonetic) and Chief Deputy STU ALFORD.

The 1967 Alexander City Directory listed WILLIAM R. ASKEW (wife, PATSY) as living at 905 E. 5th. His occupation was shown as textile worker, Russell Mill.

According to Officer JONES, he did not believe that ASKEW lived at this address at this time, but was living at 1006 Hillabee Road.

On April 7, 1968, STU ALFORD, Special Deputy, Tallapoosa County Sheriff's Department, advised that last night, April 6, 1968, he and Deputy HERMAN CLAYBROOK got a call from the Newsite, Alabama, police. They traveled to h

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Newsite and picked up the police officer, and then subsequently arrested a Negro male by the name of JESSIE KNIGHT for public drunk. After taking the police officer back to the station in Newsite, they headed for Alexander City, Alabama. On their way they came up on a car full of persons who were driving back and forth on the highway. They arrested PERVIS ASKEW, a white male who was driving for driving without a license. The two passengers in the car, WILLIAM ASKEW and JOHN WAYNE WINSLETT, were drinking beer; therefore, they arrested them for violation of prohibition law.

A review of the police records at the Alexander City, Alabama, Police Department, reflected that WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW, 905 5th Street, a white male, born [redacted] had the following arrests: May 8, 1965, violation of prohibition law; May 15, 1965, violation of prohibition law; November 29, 1965, public drunk; April 7, 1967, violation of prohibition law.

An address for ASKEW in 1965 was listed as 606 13th Avenue, Alexander City.

On April 7, 1968, WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW was located at the residence of his father-in-law, FRANKLIN "SONNY" RICH, 905 5th Street, Alexander City, Alabama. ASKEW was intoxicated and had to be aroused before an attempt was made to interview him. He stated that he had been drinking most of the day and realized that he was in an intoxicated condition. He admitted making a telephone call to the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, that afternoon from his home phone at 1006 Hillabee Road in Alexander City. He gave his phone number as 329-9567. He advised that his cousin, PERVIS ASKEW, and a friend, DOUG COOLEY, were at his house when he made the telephone call. He stated that he placed the call to Memphis and told the long distance operator that he wanted the Police Department. The operator told him the line was busy and asked for his telephone number, however he gave her some other number that he just made up. About 30 minutes later DOUG COOLEY placed a call to the Memphis Police Department, and the operator told COOLEY that the line was busy, and that she would call him back and asked for the phone number, which COOLEY gave her. The operator called back in about 10 minutes and told COOLEY, who answered the phone, that she had the Memphis Police Department on the line. He then asked

for the phone and asked who was at the other end. A man answered that he was the U. S. Marshal or some other official-sounding name. He then told this person, "Tell the fellow who killed KING that Alabama said Congratulations." He then hung up. ASKEW said this telephone call was strictly "liquor talk," and that he could not give any particular reason for making it, only that he was too drunk to know what he was really doing. He stated that he knows nothing as to who might have killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and knows only what he has read in the newspapers or heard over the T.V. or radio. He said that his cousin, PERVIS, and DOUG COOLEY also had been drinking and were slightly intoxicated. ASKEW stated that he was working at Number 1 Mill, Russell Manufacturing Company, Alexander City on Thursday, April 4, 1968, from 6:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

ASKEW is described as a white male, age 21, born [redacted], Tallapoosa County, Alabama, 5'9", 148 pounds, light brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. He is married to PATSY VIRGINIA CAMPBELL ASKEW, and they have a small child.

On April 7, 1968, ASKEW's wife, PATSY, advised that she was not at home this afternoon at the time a long distance telephone call was placed to the Memphis, Tennessee Police Department. She indicated that she and her husband had been having troubles, and that she was staying at her parents' house, 905 5th Street in Alexander City. She recalled that last Thursday after her husband, RANDALL, came home from work, between 2:15 and 2:30 in the afternoon that he remained at home for the rest of the evening until the following morning when he again went to work.

On April 7, 1968, PERVIS ADISON ASKEW, Route 2, Alexander City, Alabama, was contacted at Number 3 Mill, Russell Manufacturing Company, Alexander City, Alabama, where he is employed. He advised that he and DOUG COOLEY visited his cousin, WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW, that day some time after 3:00 P.M. and remained at RANDALL's house for around 45 minutes. When they first arrived at RANDALL's house, RANDALL was on the telephone and then hung up. He did not know who RANDALL was talking to, and RANDALL did not mention anything about the telephone call. After they had been there for about five to ten minutes, the telephone rang, and RANDALL answered and said something to the effect

that he had not made any call. RANDALL then hung up and did not make any comments about any telephone call. No further calls were received or made by any of them at the time that he and COOLEY were at RANDALL's house. He admits that the three of them had been drinking, but that he and DOUG were not drunk. He said that RANDALL was intoxicated.

He denied knowing anything about the killing of Dr. KING or having anything to do with it, and the only thing he knew about it was through the news media. He claimed further that he was at the home of his cousin, JOHN WAYNE WINSLETT, Fish Pond Road, Alexander City, Alabama, during the afternoon of last Thursday, April 4, 1968.

PERVIS ASKEW is described as a white male, age 31, born [redacted] Tallapoosa County, Alabama, 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 150 pounds, light brown hair, hazel eyes; military, served in the U. S. Army, November, 1955 to October, 1957, received honorable discharge, unable to recall serial number; his father is L. B. ASKEW. He admitted having been arrested the previous evening for violating the prohibition law in Alexander City. He also claimed that he had been arrested a few times previously in Alexander City.

On April 7, 1968, a review of the arrest records at the Alexander City Police Department reflected that PERVIS ADISON ASKEW, white male, born [redacted] had numerous arrests for offenses such as public drunk, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, a fray, violation of prohibition law and destroying private property since November of 1961 through April 6, 1968.

The arrest records at the Alexander City Police Department reflected that DOUGLAS COOLEY, white male, born [redacted] residence, 31 Oak Street, Alexander City, Alabama, had one arrest on April 6, 1966, for destroying private property (one mailbox), disposition, fined \$25.00.

On April 7, 1968, ERNEST B. LACEY, Supervisor, Number 1 Mill, Russell Manufacturing Company, Alexander City, advised that WILLIAM RANDALL ASKEW worked under his supervision Tuesday through Friday, April 2-5, 1968, from 6:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

On April 8, 1968, DOUGLAS DURELL COOLEY, 31 Oak Street, Alexander City, Alabama, advised that it was around 4:00 P.M., Sunday, April 7, 1968 when he and PERVIS ASKEW went over to RANDALL ASKEW's house on Hillabee Road in Alexander City. He and PERVIS had been drinking most of the day, and they were slightly intoxicated. RANDALL had also been drinking and was drunk. RANDALL's wife had left him that day, and RANDALL seemed upset and had been drinking heavily. He recalls that RANDALL made two or three calls on the telephone to his wife who was at her parents' place in Alexander City. Without any prompting on their part, RANDALL started talking about the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. RANDALL mentioned something about KING being buried, but that the Negro people thought that he would rise and come to life again. RANDALL then said that he was going to call Memphis and congratulate them for Dr. KING's assassination. RANDALL then placed a telephone call and shortly thereafter, hung up. About 30 minutes later the phone rang, and RANDALL talked to the operator and then rung up. He (COOLEY) did not have anything to do with this telephone call and knows nothing concerning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., other than what he has read in the newspapers and seen and heard on T.V. He believes that the only reason that RANDALL placed the telephone call was because of his intoxicated condition, and that in this condition he was brave enough and foolish enough to have made the call.

As far as he can recall, he was at the VFW Club in Alexander City on Thursday, April 4, 1968, from around 11:30 A.M. to around 10:00 to 10:30 P.M. He believes that MORRIS WHATLEY, who formerly managed the club, was in and out of the club during that period of time.

He claims to have never been in Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that he has been arrested three times in his lifetime, once last Saturday a week ago for violation of prohibition law; several years ago for driving while intoxicated and in April, 1966, for destroying a mailbox.

The following is a description of COOLEY: white male, age 24, born [redacted] Tallapoosa County, Alabama, 6', 220 pounds, brown hair, crewcut, eyes, brown, heavy eyebrows,

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military service, none; Selective Service Number [REDACTED]
Local Board 62, Dadeville, Alabama, classified 1-Y (kidney trouble); education, ninth grade.

On April 8, 1968, efforts were made to locate MORRIS WHATLEY; however, it was determined that he was out of town on business. Word was left with his wife to have her husband contact the FBI upon his return.

On April 9, 1968, RUBY ASKEW, Robinson Road, Route 2, Alexander City, Alabama, mother of PERVIS ASKEW, advised that she definitely recalls that her son was at home Thursday night, April 4, 1968, as they were together in the living room and heard the broadcast over the television announcing that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had just been shot.

On April 10, 1968, MORRIS WHATLEY, Alexander City, Alabama, telephonically contacted the Opelika, Alabama, Resident Agency and informed that as best he can recall he saw DOUG COOLEY at the VFW Club in Alexander City during the afternoon and early evening hours on either Wednesday April 3, 1968, or Thursday, April 4, 1968. He advised that he would try to definitely establish which of these two dates it was that he saw COOLEY at the Club and would notify the local FBI Resident Agency.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN
(OO: JACKSON)

Re Jackson teletype dated 4/5/68 and Jackson letter dated 4/8/68.

Enclosed for the Memphis Office are appropriate copies of 302s and inserts. The 302s are as follows:
Mrs. JOHN (BARBARA) WILLARD, M. C. HEMBREE, and Mrs. BARBARA WILLARD, J. L. COLLUMS, Mrs. W. J. BAKER, Mrs. JOAN EDWARDS.2 - Memphis (Enc. 169)
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Mrs. ETTA STRAIN, Driver's License Division, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, advised SA PETER J. RYAN on April 9, 1968, their records show that JOHN MILBURN WILLARD, Mississippi operator's license number 1607080, had a Mississippi license to expire in March, 1965, and there has been no renewal. He is a white male, born [redacted] blue eyes, brown hair, five feet six inches, 132 pounds, address 204 Nanney Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi.

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J. L. COLLUMS, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, advised SA JOHN S. CASTLES and SA FRANCIS G. HONAN on April 5, 1968, he is a neighbor of JOHN H. WILLARD. He and WILLARD both live in a rural area of Pontotoc County and WILLARD is his closest neighbor. He said that on April 4, 1968, he observed WILLARD around 5:30 or 6:00 mowing his lawn. He could furnish no additional pertinent information.

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FRED STRANGE, Owner, Strange Motor Company, Tupelo, Mississippi, advised SA JOHN S. CASTLES and SA FRANCIS G. HONAN that JOHN MILBURN WILLARD was employed by him as a mechanic in 1963 and left his employment on March 5, 1964. He is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Height	Five feet four inches
Weight	110 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown.

He previously worked at Sowers Motors, Incorporated, Rolla, Missouri, Druitt Motors, Sedalia, Missouri, and Kinden Motor Company, Poplar Bluff, Missouri. STRANGE stated that WILLARD had returned to Sedalia, Missouri, in 1964 and he believes he is working for J. W. SHEPHERD at a Volkswagen dealership in Kansas City.

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DEWEY WEEMS, Investigator, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD on April 5, 1968, their records show the following information regarding JOHN H. WILLARD.

He is a white male, born [redacted] and as of March 4, 1967, he resided at Route 1, Ecu, Pontotoc County, Mississippi. He has Mississippi driver's license number [redacted]. His records reflect that in 1963 he was involved in two automobile accidents. In 1964 he was involved in an automobile accident and license was suspended. On October 13, 1965, he was charged with speeding and paid a \$10.00 fine. On October 13, 1965, he was driving a 1963 Chevrolet truck. On December 26, 1966, he was charged with speeding and fined \$15.00. On March 4, 1967, he was charged with reckless driving and fined \$15.00. All of the above occurred in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol records reflect he was arrested for the crime of arson committed on June 25, 1958, and sentenced to three years probation. This was handled by the Pontotoc County Sheriff's Office. He is not presently wanted by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. On April 5, 1968, records of the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, were reviewed by SA JAMES W. SAMMON and revealed no record for JOHN H. WILLARD or JOHN WILLARD.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA PETER J. RYAN at Jackson, Mississippi:

On April 5, 1968, Mrs. KATHERINE EASTERLING,
Secretary, Mississippi State Probation and Parole Board,
State Capitol Building, furnished the following information
from Parole Board file number 6920 concerning JOHN H.
WILLARD:

The following information is reflected in Parole
Board memorandum dated June 30, 1958:

JOHN H. WILLARD was sentenced June 25, 1958, with
HERMAN DANIEL to three years probation for the offense of
arson, which resulted from the subject's burning an automobile
in Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

WILLARD was born in Pontotoc County, Mississippi,
but his family has resided in Memphis, Tennessee, or vicinity
for a number of years and has resided also in Pleasant Hill,
Mississippi. Subject's father is ENIS, age 54, and his mother is
MAMIE, age 48. Subject's father is a farm foreman for the
Dudley Bridgforth Farm in Pleasant Hill, Mississippi.

The following individuals were listed as members
of his family:

LYNDER WILLARD, age 26, 1553 Fairfax Street,
Memphis, Tennessee (upholsterer),

[REDACTED] age 15, Pleasant Hill, Mississippi
(school),

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██████████, age 12, Pleasant Hill,
Mississippi (school),

JUNE BLACK, age 24, 121 Hopewell, Memphis,
Tennessee, (Sears Roebuck and Company),

JEAN BULLIGHTON, age 24, Hernando, Mississippi,
(housewife),

KENNETH WILLARD, age 18, Peach Street, Memphis,
Tennessee,

BETTY JOYCE WILLIAMS, age 22, Peach Street,
Memphis Tennessee, (housewife).

BETTY JOYCE WILLIAMS's husband is also an
upholsterer, and all the above listed individuals, including
JOHN H. WILLARD, are employed by the Gaines Manufacturing
Company (a furniture manufacturer) in Memphis, Tennessee.

WILLARD has been married one time to the former
BARBARA NELLE DYE, Ecu, Mississippi, and they have one
son, ██████████, eight months old. They currently
reside at 1850 Jefferson Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

The following description is reflected in the
above mentioned memorandum:

Name	JOHN H. WILLARD
Residence	1850 Jefferson Street, Memphis, Tennessee
Date of Birth	██████████
Place of Birth	Pontotoc County, Mississippi
Complexion	Ruddy

File number 6920 reflects subject's probation term was ended May 1, 1961. The following addresses and employments were noted for WILLARD in the monthly probation reports contained in this file:

December 22, 1958, employed by Gaines Manufacturing Company,

August, 1959 to March, 1961, employed by Southern Industries (furniture manufacturer), Pontotoc, Mississippi,

May 3, 1961, employed by Maynard Manufacturing Company, Pontotoc, Mississippi as machine operator.

WILLARD resided at Route 1, Ecrú, Mississippi as of May 3, 1961, the last date that was noted in this file.

While WILLARD was in Memphis, Tennessee, on probation from Mississippi, he was under the supervision of Memphis Parole Officer JOSEPH C. MITCHELL, from approximately July 28, 1958 to December 22, 1958.

WILLARD was arrested with one HERMAN DANIEL for the above offense of arson in June, 1958. DANIEL is described as a white male; born [redacted] in Lafayette County, Mississippi; hair brown; eyes brown; height five feet nine inches; 170 pounds; and complexion is ruddy. DANIEL's residence as of June, 1958, was 1765 Fairmont, Memphis. His mother is listed as MAUDE LEE DANIEL, residing at Route 2, Pontotoc, Mississippi. DANIEL was released from probation on June 25, 1962.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/9/681

Mrs. BARBARA WILLARD, who is employed at the Credit Bureau of Oxford, Oxford, Mississippi, advised that her husband, JOHN H. WILLARD is employed at Day Bright Corporation, Tupelo, Mississippi.

Mrs. WILLARD stated that her husband is the son of ENOS and MAMIE WILLARD who reside in the Thaxton Community in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. Mrs. WILLARD could not recall ENOS and MAMIE ever living in Nesbit, Mississippi.

She continued that on Thursday, April 4, 1968, her husband was at the family home, Highway 6, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, at approximately 5:30 p.m., when she arrived following the completion of her day's work in Oxford, Mississippi. She recalled that her young son was there with her husband at that time.

Mrs. WILLARD stated that her husband remained at the house the remainder of the day and the night of April 4, 1968. He mowed the lawn for a short period of time.

Normally, Mr. WILLARD completes work in Tupelo, Mississippi, at 3:30 p.m., and returns home where he awaits the return of Mrs. WILLARD. Mrs. WILLARD advised she could not say for certain where her husband was from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., April 4, 1968, but repeated that she is absolutely certain that he was at home at 5:30 p.m., and remained there the rest of the day.

She concluded by stating that to the best of her knowledge, no one has ever used her husband's name.

On 4/5/68 at Oxford, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JOHN DENNIS MILLER:yv/ccs Date dictated 4/8/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/9/68

J. L. COLLUMS, Route 5, Pontotoc, Mississippi, a teacher at Thaxton School, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, and a near neighbor of JOHN H. WILLARD, advised that on April 4, 1968, he observed WILLARD mowing the lawn at his residence, probably sometime around 6:00 PM, exact time not recalled.

Mr. COLLUMS said that WILLARD has not resided in the neighborhood too long, but he believes him to be a person of good character and reputation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 9, 1968

Mrs. JOHN (BARBARA) WILLARD, an employee of the Credit Bureau of Oxford, Mississippi, advised that, since speaking with the Federal Bureau of Investigation earlier in the day, she recalled that while employed by the Tupelo, Mississippi, Credit Bureau (specific year unrecalled, but perhaps 1966) she was made aware of another JOHN WILLARD in the Tupelo, Mississippi, area through credit files.

She could furnish no information about this individual other than the fact that he moved to Tupelo, Mississippi, from some other city. Mrs. WILLARD could furnish no additional information.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/9/68

M. C. HEMBREE, Ecrú, Mississippi, former sheriff of Pontotoc County, Mississippi, advised that JOHN H. WILLARD was arrested in 1958 in Memphis, Tennessee, as a fugitive from Pontotoc County. He said the warrant was for arson and that when WILLARD was arrested in Memphis he was returned to Pontotoc County, where he pleaded guilty on the arson charge and received three years probation.

He said that part of the time while on probation WILLARD resided in Memphis, Tennessee, and the other part resided in Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

Mr. HEMBREE advised that WILLARD formerly resided in the Ecrú community of Pontotoc County but now resides west of Pontotoc, Mississippi, on Highway 6 in a new home. He said WILLARD works in a factory either in Pontotoc or in a surrounding city, but he does not know the name of the factory. He said he considers WILLARD to be a person of good character and reputation and does not know of any criminal offenses for which he might have been charged since 1958.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/10/68

Mrs. W. J. BAKER, Circuit Clerk, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, advised that the Circuit Court records reveal that one JOHN H. WILLARD of Pontotoc County, Mississippi, was indicted by the Circuit Court Grand Jury during the June term of 1958 for arson. When WILLARD appeared in court he entered a plea of guilty and was placed on probation for three years, which probation terminated May 3, 1961.

Mrs. BAKER advised that she is not personally acquainted with WILLARD but stated that in 1958 Mr. M. C. HEMBREE, who currently resides in the Ecrú community of Pontotoc County, Mississippi, was sheriff.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/10/68

Mrs. JOAN EDWARDS, manager, Credit Bureau of Tupelo, Mississippi, stated that she has no file identifiable with JOHN H. WILLARD; however, she stated she knows WILLARD personally through his wife, BARBARA WILLARD, who formerly worked for Mrs. EDWARDS at the Tupelo Credit Bureau and is presently the manager of the Credit Bureau at Oxford, Mississippi.

Mrs. EDWARDS stated that she has personal knowledge that JOHN H. WILLARD is presently employed at the Day Brite Lighting Company, Incorporated, Tupelo, Mississippi. She stated that as far as she knows, JOHN WILLARD is an honest, trustworthy individual, who does not normally get involved in any type of trouble. She stated that to the best of her knowledge WILLARD presently owns a pickup truck and his wife drives a new 1968 white Volkswagen. Mrs. EDWARDS stated that she has never known WILLARD to be a radical individual; nor has she ever known him to carry any firearms.

Mrs. EDWARDS stated that she could not furnish any additional information concerning JOHN H. WILLARD, since she and Mrs. WILLARD are not in daily contact since BARBARA WILLARD is no longer employed at the Tupelo Credit Bureau.

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by SA DONALD H. GREENE:mif Date dictated 4/8/68

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4-12-68

airtel

regular mail

To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReNY telephone call 4-12-68.

Latent fingerprints this case not identical fingerprints
~~ROBERT MARION BURNETT~~ born [redacted] Leno, Arkansas, AP [redacted]
No palm prints showing in Bureau.

✓ 2 - Memphis (44-1987)

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the night of 4/6/68, an unknown female telephonically advised that she had observed the artist's conception of Unsub on television and thought that it resembled JAMES BRIDGES who used to hang out at Radcliff's Restaurant, Gulf Shores, Ala. She said BRIDGES was about 35 years of age, 5'7½" tall, weighed 185 pounds and known to Officer CHARLIE REED of the Gulf Shores PD. Caller would not identify herself or furnish any other information.

CHARLIE REED, Foley, Ala., on 4/8/68, advised that he is regularly employed at the Post Office in Foley and works nights as a policeman in Gulf Shores. He said he has known JIMMY HOWARD BRIDGES when BRIDGES was employed in Foley and Gulf Shores, Ala.

It is noted that JIMMY HOWARD BRIDGES is the subject of MOfile 88-6323, in which Denver is OO and which is entitled, "JIMMY HOWARD BRIDGES, aka - FUGITIVE; UFAP - Causing Injury While under Influence of Intoxicating Liquor." BRIDGES, according to Mobile investigation, has not been in South Alabama since about 2/1/68. He is described as a W/M, born [redacted] Robstown, Texas, 5'8", 205 pounds, reddish-brown hair, brown eyes, heavy build; occupation, bakery equipment technician, fingerprint classification, 14 M 9 U IOO 4
S 2 U OOI

② - Memphis (Enc. 1) *msm*
 2 - Birmingham (44-1740)(Enc. 1)
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Enclosed herewith for Birmingham and Memphis is photo of subject BRIDGES taken 12/2/66, Colorado Springs, Colorado PD.

Houston airtel dated 4/8/68, Houston file 88-5463, set forth that Subject BRIDGES had been apprehended 4/8/68 and was in custody USM.

In the event Birmingham or Memphis determine that BRIDGES might possibly be a suspect in this case, he may be located through the Houston Office or other information may be obtained from the Denver Office, which is OO.

4/12/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

MURKIN - CR

Mr. HERBERT BRADFORD, 2722 Stanton Road, S. E., Washington, D. C., on 4/11/68, advised that he had been to Atlanta, Georgia, to attend the funeral of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He arrived at about 3:00 p.m., on 4/8/68, and he stayed at the Holiday Inn, at the airport in Atlanta. Between 10:00 p.m., and midnight on 4/8/68, he saw an individual on the road who was wearing a red beard (not heavy) and his hair partially covered his forehead. He said this man was driving a foreign-make car, light blue, and it did not bear Georgia license plates. He thought the car might be a SAAB but he could not be sure. Subsequently, he saw a picture in the newspapers of the man being sought, and he recalled the man he had seen in Atlanta strongly resembled the suspect.

On 4/12/68, BRADFORD again called WFO and advised that he wished to correct information furnished on 4/11/68. He stated the correct make of the car he had observed in Atlanta was a 1960-61 blue or Alcapulco blue SAAB or similar form of car. The license plates were blue numbers on a white background, state unknown. He felt the individual he had seen strongly resembled the composite drawing of the suspected killer.

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② - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Atlanta (44-2386)
1 - WFO
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WFO 44-703

It is to be noted that the description furnished by BRADFORD is at variance with description obtained by investigation.

Above is being furnished for information of offices for any action they may determine appropriate.

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Date: 4/12/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN
CR

Re Indianapolis teletype to Memphis, Atlanta
and Knoxville 4/10/68.

Referenced teletype furnished telephone number
at Huntsville, Tennessee, sent anonymously to Indianapolis.

Telephone 663-2163 at Huntsville, Tennessee,
is registered to R. H. WEST. REECE H. WEST is a man of
65 to 70 years of age, who is retired and was formerly
Chief of Police at Oneida, Tennessee.

It is noted conversation with WEST, not revealing
purpose of interview, reveals there is no BOB residing
at his home, nor does WEST know who BOB might be.

UAC, no additional investigation being conducted
by Knoxville.

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1 - Indianapolis (44-563)
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CR
 (OO: MEMPHIS)

Sub E-334

JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Re WFO teletype to Bureau, 8:34 p.m., 4/11/68,
 suggesting JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT, Montgomery, Ala., as a
 possible suspect.

Enclosed for Memphis are twenty-five (25)
 copies of an insert reflecting investigation at Montgomery,
 including identification of JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, 608
Blevedere St., Montgomery, an Alabama State Trooper, who
was determined to have been on duty at Montgomery, 3/29/68
and 4/4/68.

Accordingly no further investigation is being
 made concerning PRITCHETT.

②-Memphis (Encs 25) *ncp*
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MO 157-2627

DOS: kws

1.

RE: JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT

On April 11, 1968, GILMER P. STAFFORD, United States Coast Guard, Alexandria, Virginia, advised that he had served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Alan M. Sumner with JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT who was described as 26-27 years of age at present, blond sandy hair, receding hairline, blue or green eyes, 5'9", 160 pounds, oval face and prominent ears. He reportedly is from Montgomery, Alabama. STAFFORD said that he feels that PRITCHETT resembles the artist's conception of the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On the date of April 13, 1968, the files of the Navy Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, reflected that JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, Navy Serial Number [REDACTED] served on active duty with the United States Navy from November 17, 1959, to August 27, 1963, when honorably discharged. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH A. PRITCHETT, 261 South Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama.

It is noted that JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, 261 South Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama, was interviewed in connection with another matter on August 24, 1964. At that time it was determined that he was employed as a policeman with the Montgomery Police Department. In addition, the following descriptive and background data was obtained on him:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5'9"
Weight	165 pounds
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Blond
Marital Status	Single
Military Service	United States Navy November, 1959, to August 27, 1963

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent DAN O. STEPHENS:

The Montgomery City Directories for the years 1964 to 1968 list only one JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT. The 1964 directory lists JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT, 261 South Boulevard, Montgomery, as being a police officer with the Montgomery Police Department. The 1968 directory lists JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT, 608 Belvedere Street, Montgomery, as being a Trooper, Alabama Highway Patrol.

Major JOHN CLOUD (National Academy), Chief, Alabama Highway Patrol, advised on April 12, 1968, that JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, 608 Belvedere Street, Montgomery, is still assigned to the Montgomery Station, Alabama Highway Patrol. He further advised that Trooper PRITCHETT was formerly employed by the Montgomery Police Department.

CLOUD stated that his records reflect that PRITCHETT was on duty March 29, 1968, from 3:00 p.m., to 11:00 p.m. and was not on duty March 30, 1968. He was on duty April 4, 1968, from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.

4-12-68

Airtel

TO: SAC, WFO (44-703)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

RE: MURKIN

Re WFO tel 4-11-68.

Remaining unidentified latent fingerprints this case are not identical with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, born [redacted] in Montgomery, Alabama, Navy SERVICE NUMBER, who may or may not be the same as the JAMES E. RAY described in referenced teletype. No palm prints are available in Identification Division files for the above described individual.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MOBILE
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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MURKIN - CR

JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, ~~NEW FIVE FOUR ZERO EIGHT FOUR-
FOUR ZERO~~ SUSPECT,
RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MOBILE, AND
ST. LOUIS, APRIL TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT.

JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, ~~NEW~~ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ENLISTED USN NOV. SEVENTEEN, FIFTYNINE, BIRMINGHAM,
ALA., AND SERVED ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL AUG. TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY
THREE, WHEN HONORABLY RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY AS RADICMAN
THIRD CLASS, KEYWEST, FLA., AND TRANSFERRED USNR AND SERVED
INACTIVELY UNTIL NOV. SIXTEEN, SIXTY FIVE, WHEN HONORABLY
DISCHARGED.

NO RECORD OF MENTAL OR NERVOUS DISORDERS OR SPECIALIZED
TRAINING IN DEMOLITION OR EXPLOSIVES.

GIVEN THREE DAYS CONFINEMENT ON BREAD AND WATER ON JULY
TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY ONE, FOR BEING DISRESPECTFUL TOWARDS HIS

1 - ST. LOUIS

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1 - BIRMINGHAM
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SUPERIOR PETTY OFFICER.

CONVICTED BY SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL AUG. TWENTY THREE, SIXTY ONE, FOR BEING DISRESPECTFUL TOWARDS HIS SUPERIOR PETTY OFFICER. SENTENCED TO PERFORM HARD LABOR WITHOUT CONFINEMENT FOR THIRTY DAYS; RESTRICTED TO DUTY STATION FOR THIRTY DAYS AND TO FORFEIT TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS OF HIS PAY.

RECORDS DISCLOSED PRITCHETT ARRESTED JUNE, FIFTY EIGHT FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT, MONTGOMERY, ALA. NO FURTHER DETAILS SHOWN.

FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFO CONTAINED IN RECORDS: DATE OF BIRTH, [REDACTED] MONTGOMERY, ALA.; FIVE FEET TEN INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS, CAUCASIAN HAIR BLOND, EYES BLUE, MARKS, MOLE, LEFT CHECK AND TATTOO OF EAGLE AND FLAG, "USN" LEFT FOREARM; EDUCATION TWO YRS. HIGH SCHOOL; MILITARY OCCUPATION, RADICMAN; CIVILIAN OCCUPATION, EMPLOYED HOWARD JOHNSON RESTAURANT, SOUTH BLVD., MONTGOMERY, ALA., SUPERVISOR MR. SULLIVAN, JUNE TO AUG. SIXTYEEN

EL 44-773

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FIFTY NINE, ADDRESS ONE FIVE SEVEN MOBILE ST., SEPT. FORTY TWO, TO AUG. FORTY EIGHT; TWO FIVE TWO WAYNE ST., AUG. FORTY EIGHT TO JUNE, FIFTY NINE, AND TWO SIX ONE SOUTH BLVD., JUNE FIFTY FIVE TO NOV. SIXTY FIVE, ALL MONTGOMERY, ALA.; RELATIVES, FATHER JOSEPH A. PRETCHETT AND MOTHER MARTHA MALLORY BOTH OF TWO SIX ONE SOUTH BLVD., NOV. FIFTY NINE; REFERENCES, MR. W. T. BENIGN, ONE SEVEN FIVE SIX SOUTH COURT ST.; W. E. GLAZIER, IN CARE OF SIDNEY LANIER HIGH SCHOOL; AND C. W. CODINS, ONE FOUR ZERO COLLINWOOD DR., ALL OF MONTGOMERY, ALA., NOV. FIFTY NINE; SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PHOTO, NONE AVAILABLE.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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Date: 4/12/68

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TO WFO 44-703
FROM MOBILE 157-2627

MURKIN, CR. OO ME.

RE

RE WFO TEL APR. ELEVEN INSTANT, CONCERNING JOSEPH M.
PRITCHETT, MONTGOMERY, ALA.

MO FILES REVEAL INTERVIEW AUG. TWENTY-EIGHT, SIXTY-FOUR
WITH JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, PATROLMAN, MONTGOMERY, ALA. PD
ON ALLEGED CR VIOLATION. PRITCHETT, W/M, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MONTGOMERY, FIVE FOOT NINE, ONE SIXTY-FIVE,
HAZEL EYES, BLOND HAIR, MARITAL STATUS SINGLE, SERVED IN USN
NOV. SIXTEEN, FIFTY-NINE TO AUG. TWENTY-SEVEN, SIXTY-THREE,
HONORABLE DISCHARGE AT KEY WEST, FLA., PARENTS JOSEPH ALLEN
AND MARTHA PRITCHETT, TWO SIX ONE SOUTH BLVD. MONTGOMERY,
HAS SERVED IN MONTGOMERY PD SINCE OCT. SIXTY-THREE.

IT APPEARS LIKELY THIS INDIVIDUAL IS THE PRITCHETT
REFERRED TO IN RE TEL AND HIS NAVY RECORD SHOULD BE REVIEWED

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**TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH THE PERSON REFERRED TO BY
GILMER P. STAFFORD. CHECK BEING MADE MONTGOMERY.**

**AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS, FORTY-FOUR - ONE NINE EIGHT SEVEN,
AND BIRMINGHAM, FORTY-FOUR - ONE SEVEN FOUR ZERO.**

END.

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

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MOBILE AND SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-702)

MURKIN - CR

RE WFO TELETYPE APRIL ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, RE JOSEPH M. FRITCHET, NO COPY TO ST. LOUIS.

FRITCHET SUGGESTED AS SUSPECT INSTANT CASE. NAVY RECORDS, WDC, REFLECT JOSEPH M. FRITCHET, NAVY SERIAL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ENLISTED NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, FIFTYNINE.

FILE NOW LOCATED NAVAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER, ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS REVIEW FILE AND FURNISH RESULTS TO MOBILE WITH COPIES FOR BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: ^{SAC} DIRECTOR, ~~MOBILE~~ ^{MOBILE}
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN, CR.

TODAY GILMER P. STAFFORD, U. S. COAST GUARD, SECOND
CLASS RADISTAN, 6648 TOWER DRIVE, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA,
APARTMENT 103, ADVISED HE SERVED IN U. S. NAVY WITH JOSEPH
M. FRITCHETT ^{M.} ABOARD THE USS ALAN BURNER, STATIONED MAYPORT,
FLORIDA. FRITCHETT DESCRIBED AS 26-27 YEARS NOW, BLONDE,
SANDY HAIR, RECEDING HAIRLINE, BLUE OR GREEN EYES, 5'9",
160 POUNDS, OVAL FACE, PROMINENT EARS. FRITCHETT ALLEGEDLY
FROM MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, RESIDED NEAR THE HOME OF MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR. IN ABOUT 1978 OR 1979. IS ALLEGED TO HAVE
THROWN ROCKS AT KING'S HOME AND IN OTHER WAYS HARASSED KING.

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STAFFORD STATED FRITCHETT IS ANTI-NEURO AND HE BELIEVES
FRITCHETT RESEMBLES ARTIST'S CONCEPTION ON TELEVISION.

MOBILE CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF FRITCHETT
IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB.

WFO WILL HAVE SEARCH MADE OF NAVY RECORDS TO FURTHER
IDENTIFY FRITCHETT.

STAFFORD HAS REQUESTED THAT HIS IDENTITY NOT BE DISCLOSED
OUTSIDE OF BUREAU.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. (P)

ONE COPY WILL BE SENT TO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS BY
MAIL.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, (44-38861)

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

MURKIN

44-1987-210

RE LOUISVILLE TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, CLEVELAND, TODAY.

CLEVELAND REQUESTS COMPARISON OF FINGERPRINTS OF POSSIBLE SUSPECT HAROLD WILLARD WILSON, FBI NUMBER SIX ZERO TWO EIGHT SIX THREE C, WITH SUSPECT IN ABOVE CAPTIONED CASE. CLEVELAND WILL HOLD IN ABEYANCE LEAD TO LOCATE WILSON PENDING RESULTS OF FINGERPRINT CHECK.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (172-62)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Portland teletype to the Bureau, dated 4/12/68, concerning information furnished by KENSAL E. VAN HOLDE, Professor, Biophysics, Oregon State University, who advised that while a passenger on a commuter bus en route from Palo Alto, California, to San Francisco, California, on April 18, 1968, he noticed another passenger who appeared similar to the detailed drawing of the Unknown Subject which appeared in the newspapers.

CLARENCE HUTCHINSON, 177 St. Charles Avenue, San Francisco, California, telephone number WY 2-3478, advised that he was the driver of the Greyhound bus departing Palo Alto, California, at 3:45 a.m., April 18, 1968, which is the only transportation company furnishing commuter service between Palo Alto and San Francisco. HUTCHINSON stated that he, too, had observed a detailed drawing of the Unknown Subject in this case appearing in the newspapers, but that none of the passengers on this trip that he noted in any way resembled the drawing of the Unknown Subject which appeared in the newspapers. He stated that he did not know the identity of any passengers on this trip.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)(MAIL)
SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: PORTLAND (157-380)(P)

MURKIN.

ON APRIL TWELVE INSTANT KENSAL E. VAN HOLDE, PROFESSOR, BIOPHYSICS, OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY, TWO TWO NINE NORTH THIRTY-SECOND ST., CORVALLIS, ORE., ADVISED THAT AT NINE FORTYFIVE AM APRIL TEN LAST HE LEFT PALO ALTO, CALIF., ON COMMUTER BUS, COMPANY UNKNOWN, ARRIVING SEVENTH STREET STATION, SAN FRANCISCO, ELEVEN AM. AS HE WAS STANDING IN AISLE TO LEAVE BUS HE OBSERVED MAN WHO APPEARED SIMILAR TO PENCIL DRAWING OF UNSUB WHICH APPEARED IN NEWS-PAPERS. UNMAN OCCUPIED WINDOW SEAT ABOUT THREE SEATS IN FRONT OF THE LONG LATERAL SEAT ON LEFT SIDE OF BUS. BUS STOPPED SEVERAL TIMES BETWEEN PALO ALTO AND SAN FRANCISCO AND UNKNOWN WHETHER UNMAN BOARDED AT PALO ALTO OR LATER. MAN GOT OFF AT SEVENTH STREET STATION, SAN FRANCISCO, APPARENTLY WITHOUT LUGGAGE OR PACKAGES AND NOT SEEN THERE-AFTER. VAN HOLDE KNEW NO ONE ON BUS. VAN HOLDE, WHO IS FIVE FEET ELEVEN, ONE HUNDRED FORTYFIVE, DESCRIBED UNMAN AS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, AGE MIDDLE OR LATE TWENTIES, FIVE FEET EIGHT TO FIVE FEET TEN, MOST PROBABLY FIVE FEET NINE, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TO ONE HUNDRED

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FORTY, FRAIL BUILD AND APPEARANCE. HAIR LIGHTISH BROWN BUT SOME STRANDS DARKER. SLIGHTLY WAVY ON TOP, BRUSHED STRAIGHT BACK, RECEDING MODERATELY TO GIVE WIDOWS PEAK APPEARANCE. NOT NEWLY CUT, BUT NOT LONG. NO SIDE BURNS. EYE COLOR UNKNOWN. COMPLEXION PINKISH. TRACE OF SMALL REDDISH MUSTACHE. NOSE LONG, SLIM, AND SLIGHTLY TURNED UP. FACE THIN AND DELICATE LOOKING. CHIN FAIRLY LONG AND POINTED BUT NOT PROMINENT. MOUTH SMALL, PETULANT, WITH SLIGHTLY PUFFY LOWER LIP. TATTOO ON BACK OF RIGHT HAND, PROBABLY DIAGONALLY, "KU KLUX KLAN" IN SQUARED BLOCK CAPITALS ONE FOURTH TO THREE EIGHTHS INCH HIGH. USUAL BLUE TATTOO COLOR. ANOTHER COMPLEX DESIGN TATTOO, NATURE UNKNOWN, ON RIGHT FOREARM. WORE LIGHT-WEIGHT, LIGHT COLORED SPORTS SHIRT, NOT HIGHLY PATTERNED. LIGHT-WEIGHT, LIGHT TAN SLACKS. LIGHT-WEIGHT LIGHT COLORED CLOTH JACKET.

SAN FRANCISCO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW BUS DRIVER AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY UNMAN.

AIR MAIL ~~COPIES TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.~~

4/12/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) - P -
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Re WFO tel to the Director, 4/10/68.

Re communication furnished information regarding unknown individual who matched description of UNSUB. Investigation by Richmond Division determined the individual to be FREMOND SYLVESTER BURRIS, JR., white male, DOB - 8/20/37, 5'5", 170 lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, address - 7515 Carroll Ave., Takoma, Md. BURRIS was fired by Cherrydale Sheet Metal Co., 2809 Dorr Ave., Merrifield, Va., on 4/10/68 for being tardy and drunk on the job. It was determined he was employed and worked on pertinent dates involved in this matter.

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted re BURRIS.

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