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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
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Re Atlanta teletype to Director, 4/13/68, and  
Sacramento teletype to Director, 4/13/68.

Re Department of Motor Vehicles check concerning  
JOHN DOUGLAS GALT, born 6/6/40.

Enclosed herewith for Atlanta is copy of JOHN  
DOUGLAS GALT's driver's license number [redacted] with  
photograph; copy of his application for driver's license  
with right thumb print; complete driving record, including  
all abstracts of traffic violations, convictions and legal  
action taken by California State Department of Motor  
Vehicles.

Sacramento is retaining no copies.

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8:29 PM URGENT 4-13-68 NLB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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RE JOHN DOUGLAS GALT

RE SACRAMENTO AND ATLANTA TELETYPES TO DIRECTOR  
APRIL THIRTEEN INSTANT.

KEN BURGE, VICE PRESIDENT, AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING CORPORATION, ONE FIVE FIVE FIVE FIVE MINNESOTA STREET, PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA TODAY STATED RECALLED JOHN DOUGLAS GALT EMPLOYED SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS IN SIXTY-SEVEN AS PLASTER LAMINATER - PLASTIC TOOL BUILDER B. VOLUNTARILY TERMINATED. GALT WAS GOOD WORKER BUT HAD BAD ATTENDANCE RECORD. GALT SUBSEQUENTLY SOLICITED BY EMPLOYMENT AGENCY FOR EMPLOYMENT LOCKHEED-MARRIETTA, GA. MAY POSSIBLY BE WORKING FOR LOCKHEED SUBCONTRACTOR. HE COULD BE WORKING LOCKHEED PLANT BUT NOT ON LOCKHEED PAYROLL.

BURGE STATED GALT DROVE FIFTY-SEVEN STUDEBAKER HAWK WHICH HAD MANY PLASTIC BODY REFINEMENTS. HAD MARITAL PROBLEMS AND MAY BE DIVORCED.

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DESCRIBED AS TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS, SLIM BUILD, FIVE FEET  
NINE INCHES, BROWN HAIR COMBED STRAIGHT BACK, NO VSM.

NO WANTS OR BOOKINGS, LAPD, LASO, LONG BEACH PD, HUNTINGTON  
BEACH PD. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND AVAILABLE MONDAY, APRIL FIFTEEN

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4/13/68 URGENT AZL

TO: DIRECTOR (BY MAIL)  
ATLANTA (44-2386)  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
BIRMINGHAM  
FROM: SACRAMENTO (100-427)

MURKIN.

RE: ATLANTA TELETYPE APRIL THIRTEEN,  
SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION OF LOS ANGELES, ATLANTA  
TELETYPE SET OUT AS FOLLOWS:

DL BUREAU REFLECTS ONE JOHN DOUGLAS GALT,  
W/M, BORN [REDACTED] CALIF. DL NO. R DASH  
EIGHT SEVEN SIX EIGHT FIVE, ARRESTED ATLANTA POLICE  
DEPARTMENT NOV. NINETEEN AND DEC. SEVEN SIXTY, ON  
TRAFFIC CHARGES. GALT WAS CONVICTED ATLANTA TRAFFIC  
COURT. CALIF. DL WAS PICKED UP BY APD AND TURNED OVER  
TO GEORGIA STATE PATROL, WHICH AGENCY SUBSEQUENTLY  
MAILED THE DL TO CALIF. AUTHORITIES.

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INVESTIGATION REFLECTS GALT REPORTEDLY CAME TO ATLANTA NOV. SIXTY SIX FROM CALIF. TO WORK FOR AN UN IDENTIFIED SUB CONTRACTOR. THIS SUB CONTRACTOR HAD A CONTRACT WITH LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF PLASTIC TOOLS. RECORDS, LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT NEGATIVE RE JOHN DOUGLAS GALT AS CHECKED TO DATE. SACRAMENTO SECURE COPY OF CALIF. DL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND ANY BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA OBTAINED IN DL FILES RE JOHN DOUGLAS GALT. SUTEL ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS.

AM SENT BUREAU. P.

MARY PRICE, CALIFORNIA DMV, DDL, ADVISED APRIL THIRTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, THAT CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE NO [REDACTED] ISSUED JULY FIFTEEN, SIXTY SIX AT BELLFLOWER, CALIF. TO JOHN DOUGLAS GALT, SIX SEVEN EIGHT SEVEN GARDENIA, LONG BEACH, CALIF.

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DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE FIFTY FIVE LBS.,

BROWN HAIR AND BLUE EYES. THIS LICENSE WAS  
SURRENDERED BY GALT TO THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND  
SENT TO DMV, CALIFORNIA, AS A RESULT OF CONVICTION  
NOVEMBER TWENTY ONE, SIXTY SIX OF GALT., IN GEORGIA  
FOR IMPROPER TURN AND CHASING AT EIGHTY FIVE MPH  
IN A THIRTY FIVE MPH ZONE. LICENSE WAS SUSPENDED

LICENSE IS STILL IN THE DMV IN SACRAMENTO  
AND WAS NEVER RETURNED TO GALT.

DMV RECORDS REVEALED THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC  
VIOLATION CONVICTIONS IN CALIFORNIA:  
SEPTEMBER TEN, SIXTY FIVE, SECTION TWO ONE FOUR FIVE  
THREE DASH A, LONG BEACH.  
NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO, SIXTY FIVE, SECTION TWO FOUR SIX  
ZERO THREE, HUNTINGTON BEACH.

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MARCH FOURTEEN, SIXTY SIX, SECTION TWO TWO THREE FIVE ZERO  
(SPEED), COMPTON.

MARCH THIRTY ONE, SIXTY SIX, SECTION TWO ONE FOUR FIVE  
SEVEN (A) COMPTON.

MAY TWENTY THREE, SIXTY SIX, SECTION TWO ONE SIX FIVE  
EIGHT (A) COMPTON.

JUNE FIFTEEN, SIXTY SIX SECTION TWO TWO THREE FIVE ZERO  
HUNTINGTON BEACH.

JUNE SEVENTEEN SIXTY SIX, SECTION TWO TWO THREE FIVE  
ZERO, LONG BEACH.

GALT CALLED FOR HEARING SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN,  
SIXTY SIX, BY LONG BEACH, DMV AT WHICH TIME RECORD  
REVIEWED AND PLACED ON NEGLIGENT DRIVER PROBATION,  
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER TWENTY FIVE SIXTY SIX.

SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION WAS RECORDED  
OCTOBER THIRTEEN, SIXTY SIX, FOR SECTION TWO SEVEN  
ONE FIVE ZERO LONG BEACH, CALIF. AT WHICH TIME OF

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HEARING SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN, SIXTY SIX GALT GAVE  
OCCUPATION AS PLASTIC TOOL MAKER, AIR CRAFT  
ENGINEERING CORPORATION, ONE FIVE FIVE FIVE FIVE  
MINNESOTA STREET, PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA.

SACRAMENTO WILL SECURE COPIES OF  
DRIVER'S LICENSE WITH PHOTO AND WILL FORWARD  
TO ATLANTA.

LOS ANGELES DEVELOP BACKGROUND RE  
JOHN DOUGLAS GALT THROUGH REVIEW OF RECORDS AIRCRAFT  
ENGINEERING CORPORATION, ONE FIVE FIVE FIVE FIVE MINNESOTA  
STREET, PARAMOUNT, CALIF. AND THROUGH LOGICAL  
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND SUTEL ATLANTA  
AND MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR (MAIL), SACRAMENTO, AND MEMPHIS  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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GA. DL BUREAU REFLECTS ONE JOHN DOUGLAS GALT, W/M,  
BORN [REDACTED] CALIF. DL NO. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ARRESTED ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NOV. NINETEEN AND DEC. SEVEN SIXTY, ON TRAFFIC CHARGES.  
GALT WAS CONVICTED ATLANTA TRAFFIC COURT. CALIF. DL WAS  
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SACRAMENTO SECURE COPY OF CALIF. DL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND ANY BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
OBTAINED IN DL FILES RE JOHN DOUGLAS GALT. SUTEL ATLANTA  
AND MEMPHIS.

AM SENT BUREAU. P

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/13/68

FROM : SA GERARD J. WOLTEMADE

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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*Get photo  
of this guy  
for elimination*  
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On 4/10/68 SA GERARD J. WOLTEMADE, Nashville RA, received a telephone call at the RA at approximately 8:15 a.m. from an individual who identified himself as BILL WHITLEN, 4816 Murrell Lane, Nashville. Mr. WHITLEN stated that he wanted to furnish information concerning a murder that occurred this past week at Memphis, Tenn., and requested that an Agent meet him to talk this matter over at the Farmers Market off James Robertson Parkway in Nashville.

On the same date SA WOLTEMADE and SA STANLEY G. WOZNAK met Mr. WHITLEN at the Farmers Market, Nashville, at which time Mr. WHITLEN furnished the following information concerning captioned matter.

Mr. WHITLEN stated that he is in the soap manufacturing business and as such makes frequent trips to various veterinarian clinics throughout the Nashville - Davidson County Metropolitan vicinity. He stated that he frequently delivers soap to the Franklin Road Veterinarian Clinic, and as a result of the frequent deliveries made to this clinic has become quite friendly with the secretary, Mrs. SYLVIA LONG, who is the secretary and receptionist at the Franklin Road Veterinarian clinic. He stated that on Sunday night, 4/7/68, he received a phone call from Mrs. LONG at his residence requesting that he stop by her house inasmuch as she had an urgent matter which she wanted to discuss with him. Mr. WHITLEN stated that Mrs. LONG sounded quite upset on the phone, and that same evening he went to her residence which is located at 328 Delvin Drive, Nashville.

Mr. WHITLEN stated that after arriving at Mrs. LONG's residence on Sunday evening Mrs. LONG furnished the following information to him:

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Mrs. LONG stated that on Thursday night, April 4, 1968, her husband, JERRY LONG, paid her a visit at about 10:30 p.m. She stated that her husband informed her that he was the one responsible for shooting and killing Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING earlier that same evening in Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. WHITLEN stated that when Mrs. LONG furnished him this information he at first thought Mr. LONG probably was just bragging, but when advised by Mrs. LONG that she thought her husband capable of such an act, he became quite concerned over this matter. He stated that he thought this matter should be brought to the attention of the FBI in the event there is any validity to the statement made by Mrs. LONG's husband. He further stated that although he furnished this information voluntarily, he would prefer this information be kept in strict confidence.

On 4/10/68 Mrs. SYLVIA LONG was interviewed by the above Agents at her place of employment, the Franklin Road Veterinarian Clinic, and she furnished the following information:

Mrs. LONG stated that on Thursday evening, 4/4/68, she received a telephone call from her husband at about 9:00 or 9:30 pm, at which time he advised her that as a result of the shooting and killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING earlier that same evening, the school that he normally attends on Tuesday and Thursday nights was dismissed early and he stated that he was going to stop by to see her. Mrs. LONG advised that actually she had just received a divorce from her husband about six days ago although she continued to date her husband during the divorce proceedings. She stated that when her husband arrived at her residence approximately 10:30 or 11:00 p.m. that same evening, she asked him to give her the key to the house inasmuch as she did not feel they should continue seeing each other. She stated that they discussed some personal matters and then her husband told her that he needed her help. She stated that her husband then informed her that he was the individual responsible for shooting and killing Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING earlier in Memphis this same evening. She stated that she asked her husband who hired him to do this and he answered her that some high ranking police officers were also involved in the shooting.

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Mrs. LONG stated that she was not sure whether or not her husband made this statement in order to get her to pay more attention to him and act on her emotional feelings or if he actually was responsible for this shooting. Mrs. LONG advised that her husband, in her opinion, is in need of psychiatric treatment and further stated that her husband when he was about 17 years of age was involved in an automobile accident in which he received some brain damage. She stated that her husband has strong anti-Negro feelings, is proficient in the use of firearms, and is the type of individual who could do something like this and return to work the following day without ever giving this matter a second thought. She stated that her husband has been married on two prior occasions and has an arrest record with the Nashville Police Department, having been charged with rape about 7 or 8 years ago. Mrs. LONG furnished the following physical description of her husband:

Name:	JERRY BATES LONG
Age:	25
Height:	6 feet
Build:	Slender
Weight:	165 - 175 pounds
Face:	Thin with long nose
Eyes:	Blue - gray
Hair:	Sandy, thin on top, crewcut but combed straight back on sides.

Mrs. LONG advised that her husband is employed with the AAA Electric Company in Nashville, Tennessee, and further stated that on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the evening he attends an electrical school in Nashville, but advised she did not know the name of this school. She stated that normally her husband calls her at about 10:00 or 10:30 at night after this school is completed, but stated that on Thursday night, 4/4/68, he called her between 9:00 and 9:30 p.m. and she thought this was a little unusual. She further stated that when her husband came over to her residence as mentioned above on Thursday evening he requested a cup of coffee which she stated is quite unusual for her husband inasmuch as he never drinks coffee. She stated that her husband told her that he had just taken a sleeping pill and wanted a cup of coffee because he did not want to go to sleep.

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On the same date, Mr. P. SIMS, President, AAA Electric Company, Nashville, Tenn., made available the employment records of one JERRY BATES LONG, and a review of these records reflects that LONG worked until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoon, 4/4/68. Mr. SIMS further stated that he recalls from personal knowledge that SIMS did work until 4:00 p.m. on this particular date inasmuch as SIMS normally is finished work at about 1:00 p.m., but stated that he worked two or three hours overtime on Thursday, 4/4/68. Mr. SIMS further stated that on Tuesday and Thursday evenings LONG attends an electrical course at the Hume-Fogg High School night school. He stated that he knows for a fact that LONG attended class on this particular Thursday evening inasmuch as he was mainly responsible for getting LONG admitted to this school and further stated that if LONG had missed a class he would have automatically been dismissed from the school. Mr. SIMS further stated that he considered LONG to be an excellent employee, one who is trustworthy, and very competent. He stated that he knows LONG has some personal problems concerning his wife, but advised that he has never talked to LONG about this matter inasmuch as he has felt this is a matter which is none of his business unless this personal problem were to effect LONG's employment.

On the same date a review of attendance records at the Hume-Fogg High School, evening classes, reflects that JERRY BATES LONG was present at classes on Thursday evening, 4/4/68, from 6:00 p.m. to approximately 9:00 p.m. at which time class was dismissed about a half hour ahead of schedule due to the shooting and killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING earlier that same evening.

In view of the above information which verifies JERRY BATES LONG's presence in Nashville, Tenn. at the approximate time KING was shot and killed in Memphis, it is not felt that any further investigation in this matter should be conducted.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/13/68

FROM : IC JAMES W. BRADY

SUBJECT: MURKIN;  
CR

On 4/13/68 Mrs. JUANITA SHIPMAN advised that their files reflect one EVERETT E. GAULT, JR., DOB - [redacted] residing 4710 Jean Circle, Shreveport, La., and listed their files since 1959. The file reflects that GAULT is employed with Phoenix Furniture Company, a subsidiary of Lawrence Furniture Company, Memphis, Tenn. His wife was listed as NETTIE JO and while residing in Memphis lived at 4021 Millington Road.

Mrs. SHIPMAN advised that their files also reflect one EVERETT E. GAULT III, DOB - 1945, last known residence - 4021 Millington Road, and wife listed as PATRICIA. The file reflects that he was in the U. S. Marine Corps in 1966. In July and September of 1966, the Credit Bureau received three inquiries regarding his credit. The file contains no information since 1966.

This information was obtained upon checking the name, ERNEST GALT.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/13/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH M. BREWI

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

At approximately 1:00 a.m., 4/13/68, a Mrs. W. T. (FRANCES) MATTOX, telephonically contacted the office and advised that she is a desk clerk at the Holiday Inn Midtown on Union Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, and added that she works the 3:00 to 11:00 p.m. shift.

She further advised that on 4/10/68 an individual came to the motel and registered in as BILLY MANN and listed his address as 425689 Bay Street, Riverside, California, and indicated on his registration card that he was driving a Chevrolet with California license 2FW425.

She further advised that on 4/12/68 the same individual came in and again registered into the motel but this time he gave his name as GEORGE SMITH and listed his address as 2510 Bay Street, Nashville, Tennessee, and indicated on his registration card that he was driving a Chevrolet with Tennessee license 2FW425.

She added that she sent two reporters out to check the car at different times. One of them reported that the car was a Thunderbird with Tennessee license and the other reported the car to be a Cadillac with Florida license.

She further advised that one of the porters also mentioned to her that he observed a girl in the car when SMITH arrived, so therefore she suspects the man is a local and using the motel, Room 454, to entertain a woman. However, he registered as a single.

She added that CHUCK CROUCH, a trainee in the dining room, advised he recognized the man as a hair dresser from a men's beauty salon out east where he (CROUCH) has his hair done.

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She added that she was reporting this matter because she believes this guest resembles the unknown subject in the KING murder case. She added, however, that she is not the least bit concerned whether the murderer of MARTIN LUTHER KING is ever found or not, but was reporting it because \$100,000 is a lot of money.

841 Federal Office Building  
167 North Main Street  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103  
April 13, 1968

**Mrs. Johnnie Miller**  
**Route 3, Box 215**  
**Gulfport, Mississippi 39501**

Dear Mrs. Miller:

**This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter postmarked April 11, 1968. Your cooperation in furnishing your opinion concerning suspects in the shooting of Martin Luther King is very much appreciated.**

Very truly yours,

**ROBERT G. JENSEN**  
**Special Agent in Charge**

## 1-Addressee

**1-Memphis (44-1987)**

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*[Handwritten signature]*



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Memphis Division  
Memphis Tennessee

Attn: Robert Jensen

In regard to the murder of Martin Luther King.

I have reason to believe one or more  
of these people are closely involved,  
either of these people could have very well  
commit this crime.

They are well known criminals and  
members of the Ku Klux Klan.

They have gone untouched because  
people fear for their lives.

Your composite drawing in last week's  
paper bears the likeness of one of these  
men Charles Cozart Phone 772-9332

Leonard J. Turner

Preston Adair 772-1627

Wayman Coon Sheriff 772-2412

Sullivan The Sheriff's Chief Deputy  
Ellington

J. A. G. Coon Sheriff of Crick  
County Close friend of Cozart

could name others and incidence.

But this should be sufficient.

Miss Johanna Miller ✓

Route 3 Box 215

Shelbyville, Miss., 39501

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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS.

RUSSELL ELLISON, ABILENE, TEXAS, ADVISED APRIL ELEVEN, LAST, HE IS FORMERLY FROM SELMA, ALABAMA, AND GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL THERE, IN NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE. WHILE IN SELMA, HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH LEONARD WILSON WHO GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL, SELMA, FIFTY-FOUR. ELLISON HAS NOT SEEN WILSON FOR ABOUT TWELVE YEARS BUT HAS SEEN HIS PHOTOGRAPHS IN LIFE MAGAZINE AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS AS VIOLENT OPPOSER TO INTERGRATION, PARTICULARLY AT UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA WHERE WILSON WAS FORMER STUDENT. ELLISON AND HIS MOTHER SAW COMPOSITE DRAWING OF SUSPECT IN NEWSPAPER AND BELIEVE IT CLOSELY RESEMBLES WILSON. WILSON WAS SEEN BY ELLISON'S MOTHER ABOUT YEAR AGO AT WHICH TIME HE WAS RESIDING IN JASPER, ALABAMA, AND WAS EMPLOYED BY CITY OF JASPER. WILSON DESCRIBED AS ABOUT THIRTY-ONE YEARS, SIX FEET, ONE SIXTY TO ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, SLENDER BUILD.

BIRMINGHAM, AT JASPER, ALABAMA, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS WILSON DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS. - P -

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM J. BILLEAUD

SUBJECT: MURKING  
CR

At 8:02 AM, 4/12/68, Mr. AUGUSTUS BRYAN PIERCE, 1334 Cardinal Drive, Nashville, Tenn., telephonically contacted the Nashville RA requesting that he be interviewed personally by Buagents concerning the above matter.

On 4/12/68, Mr. PIERCE was interviewed ~~XXXX~~ by SAs WILLIAM J. BILLEAUD and FRANK J. HABERSHAW and furnished the following information:

He stated that at approximately 6:30 PM on Saturday, 4/6/68, an unknown white male came into his barber shop off Old Hickory Rd., wanting to use a coin phone. He stated that he sent this man to the Texaco service station around the corner. Mr. PIERCE noted at this time that the man was in a 1957 or 1958 black and white Ford with Alabama licence plates (number unknown). He was accompanied by ~~XXXX~~ an attractive white female who was neatly dressed and remained in the car.

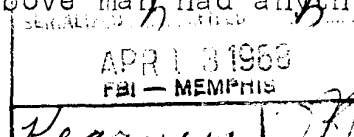
After this man made his telephone call, he came back into the barber shop and inquired as to where he might be able to purchase a man's wig. Mr. PIERCE told him that he might try the Sears-Roebuck store on Gallitan Rd. where he might find a cheaper type wig, but the man indicated that he wanted a more expensive wig. Mr. PIERCE then suggested that he might try a women's beauty shop, but pointed that probably all such shops would be closed because of the 7:00 PM curfew which was imposed in Nashville on 4/6 and 7/68. The man then indicated that he would attempt to find such a wig on Monday, 4/8/68. He then departed from Mr. PIERCE's barber shop at about 6:50 PM. Mr. PIERCE pointed out that the reason that he thought that this was unusual was because the man definitely had a full head of hair (although he did have thinning hair) and would not need such a wig. He also stated that the man was neatly dressed but looked as though he had not had any sleep for quite some time.

Mr. PIERCE stated that he was furnishing this information to the FBI in the event that the above man had anything



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to do with the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated that he definitely had no information to indicate that this man was so involved and got the impression that the man would not be staying around Nashville very long. Mr. PIERCE stated that the reason that he had not reported the above information sooner is because he was afraid that the man might come back and try to kill him if he (the unidentified man) were involved in a crime.

Mr. PIERCE described the man as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Late 20's (about 29)
Height:	5' 7" or 5' 8"
Weight:	125 to 130 lbs.
Build:	Medium to thin
Hair:	Light brown and parted; had about a 2 weeks growth of hair; had a full head of hair, but was thinning slightly
Dress:	Tan waist length jacket, tan shirt and pants
Remarks:	Clean shaven; spoke with slight southern or western accent

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Airtel

To: SAC's Atlanta (44-2386)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta telephone call on 4-12-68.

Latent fingerprints this case not identical fingerprints  
Charles Burnie Kaiser, FBI #10092D. No palm prints Kaiser  
in Bufiles.

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Date: **4-12-68**Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **airtel** **air mail special delivery**  
(Priority)**TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)****FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)****RE: MURKIN**

Reurairtel 4-9-68.

Submitted major case prints of suspect RICHARD KIRBY RAGAN  
not identical latent fingerprints and palm prints this case.

Submitted major case prints retained.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director (44-38861)

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*157-916*

No fingerprints located Bufiles for Scotty Larry Sartain,  
James Allen Helton or Carl Alfred McBroom.

Latent fingerprints this case not identical fingerprints of  
 remaining twenty named individuals referenced airtel. No palm prints  
 Bufiles for any of these individuals.

Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints James Richard  
Hendricks, FBI [REDACTED] No palm prints Hendricks Bufiles.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND PORTLAND 157-380 MEMPHIS  
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703 P 1P.

MURKIN

RE WFO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND PORTLAND, APRIL TWELVE LAST.  
RECORDS HOWARD JOHNSON MOTOR MOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C. REFLECT  
DONALD CHURCHILL, RESIDENT MARCH TWENTY-FOUR TO APRIL ONE, NINE-  
TEEN SIXTY-EIGHT; EBBIT HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C. APRIL THREE,  
NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT; HOLIDAY INN, WASHINGTON, D.C, APRIL FOUR  
AND APRIL FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT. WFO CONDUCTING NO FURTHER  
INVESTIGATION ON CHURCHILL. P.

END.

MCP

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: WFO AND BUREAU (44-38861)

FROM: PORTLAND (157-380)

MURKIN

DONALD CHURCHILL RESIDING ROUTE ONE, BOX ONE SIX FIVE, NEHALEM, OREGON, APPEARED THERE NIGHT OF APRIL NINE FROM PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN ISLANDS. CHURCHILL REPORTED TO BE SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO SKETCH OF UNSUB, AND TALKED OF INSTANT MURDER.

ON INTERVIEW, CHURCHILL STATES HE WAS IN W.D.C., APRIL FOUR TO CONFER WITH HIS ATTORNEY, FRED C. SACKS, TEN THIRTY FIFTEENTH STREET, NW, W.D.C, CONCERNING DIVORCE. HE RESIDED IN A MOTEL IN NE W.D.C., ADDRESS SHOULD BE KNOWN TO SACKS. HE HEARD OF INSTANT MURDER ON RADIO AND DECIDED TO GO SOMEPLACE WHERE THERE IS PEACE. HE TOOK A PAN AM. PLANE ON APRIL FIVE TO PUERTO RICO FROM DULLES AIRPORT LEAVING HIS VOLKSWAGEN, NEW YORK LICENSE TE FIVE THREE FIVE SIX, AT UNION SERVICE STATION ACROSS STREET FROM MOTEL. NOTE ON CHECK STUB CONFIRMS PAYMENT TO PAN AM. APRIL FIFTEEN. HAS TICKET STUB DATED APRIL EIGHT FOR PAN AM. FLIGHT FROM ST. THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS

① - Memphis (AM) (RM)  
1 - Portland  
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TO PORTLAND, OREGON. CHURCHILL HAS WIFE, FAITH, AND CHILDREN WHO RESIDE, TWO SIX ONE HENRY, BROOKLYN, N.Y. HE IS AGE THIRTY SIX, SIX FEET, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, PAST EMPLOYMENTS, PILOT, PAN AM., STOCKBROKER, N.Y., NOW UNEMPLOYED AND MENTALLY DISTURBED.

WFO. CONTACT FRED C. SACKS, TEN THIRTY NW FIFTEENTH, W.D.C., TO CONFIRM CHURCHILL'S PRESENCE THERE ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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**AIRTEL**

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

**FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-3854) (P)**

**SUBJECT: MURKIN**  
**(OO:MEMPHIS)**

*1. Hugh  
there was  
additional  
writing  
on back side  
of paper  
of value -  
7 ring  
sub report*

Enclosed for the Bureau, Birmingham, and Memphis is one more copy of Garber shipping slip #52360. Also enclosed for the Cleveland Division are two copies of Garber shipping slip #52360.

KATHLEEN HEDSON, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, 17851 N.W. Miami Ct., Miami, Fla., advised she had ordered some stationery supplies from the A. L. Garber Company, printers, Ashland, Ohio, through the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., and it arrived at Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Miami, Fla., 4/10/68.

Mrs. HEDSON advised she opened the outer package and removed one inner package and started to remove a second inner package when she noticed a 3 inch by 4 inch piece of paper which had been ripped from the package copy of the shipping bill. Written on this slip of paper was, "Dr. Rev. MARTIN L. KING will be dead by 4/4/68." This slip of paper together with the shipping bill was taped with cellophane

- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 4) (RM)
- (1 - Package Copy)
- 2 - Cleveland (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 1) *llh*
- 1 - Birmingham (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Miami
- MLJ/vjl
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*Keane*

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to a package of paper pads.

Mrs. HENSON advised the Garber shipping number is 32368 and was picked up by United Parcel Service on 4/5/68, and delivered on 4/10/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are two pieces of wrapping paper and a cardboard box, described as follows:

1. A piece of brown wrapping paper containing a label bearing the number 777, a Garber shipping slip containing the number 32368, a 3 inch by 4 inch slip of paper ripped from the shipping slip, and a piece of cellophane tape.
2. A piece of brown wrapping paper with a label attached bearing the number 6829.
3. A cardboard box.

**LEADS:**

FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the handwriting on the 3 inch by 4 inch slip of paper attached to item 1 for possible comparison purposes and to examine the cellophane tape on item 1 for possible comparison purposes.

Thereafter the FBI Identification Division is requested to examine these 3 items for any fingerprints.

**CLEVELAND:**

**ALABAMA, OHIO**

1. Will locate and interview officials of the Garber Company to determine who was responsible for packing

**NY 44-1234**

**2. Will thereafter interview this individual and/or others to determine who wrote the note as mentioned above regarding the killing of MARTIN L. KING.**

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN-C.R.

REBUTEL, APRIL EIGHT, LAST, TO ALL OFFICES AND  
CETEL, APRIL TEN, LAST.

IN RESPONSE TO RETEL OF APRIL EIGHT, LAST,  
CHARLOTTE ON APRIL TEN, LAST, ADVISED THAT WALTER LOHMEYER,  
TWO TWO THREE BLUEBERRY LANE, HICKSVILLE, NEW YORK, WAS  
ARRESTED FOR SPEEDING BY <sup>WILSON, N.C., POLICE</sup> ~~THE~~ DEPARTMENT ON JULY TEN, NINETEEN  
FIFTY THREE. HE FORFEITED HIS BOND AND WAS DESCRIBED AS MALE,  
WHITE, FORTY NINE YEARS, FIVE FOOT EIGHT, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS.  
INVESTIGATION BY NEW YORK DETERMINED FROM FORMER NEIGHBORS  
THAT LOHMEYER MAY HAVE BEEN MARRIED AT LEAST TWO TIMES, HAS  
NO KNOWN CHILDREN, POSSIBLY HAS ONE BROTHER AND IS REPORTEDLY  
RESIDING IN CONNECTICUT. LOHMEYER WAS EMPLOYED AT FAIR CHILD

- 1 - Cincinnati
- ① - Memphis
- 1 - New Haven

JFC:mfk  
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- 1 - Supervisor (#23)

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*[Handwritten signature/initials over stamp]*

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CAMERA, SYOSSET, NEW YORK, FROM MARCH, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE TO NOVEMBER TWENTY SEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTY NINE AS A PROJECT ENGINEER WITH SECURITY CLEARANCE ISSUED AUGUST TEN, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, BY AIR MATERIAL COMMAND WRIGHT-PATERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO. RECORDS OF FAIR CHILD INDICATE LOHMEYER BORN [REDACTED] NEW HAVEN, HAS SOCIAL

SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF EMPLOYMENT, TWO EIGHT EIGHT GLENBROOK ROAD, POST OFFICE BOX NINE ZERO SEVEN, STANFORD, CONNECTICUT, AND AT TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, TWO SAIT AIRE PLACE, NORTHPORT, NEW YORK. PERSONAL REFERENCES LISTED ON APPLICATION ARE THOMAS KUTTZOFF, TWO EIGHT EIGHT GLENBROOK ROAD, STANFORD, CONNECTICUT, FRANK C. GROSS, THREE TWO EIGHT HOOP STREET, GLENBROOK, CONNECTICUT, JOHN B. SWIFT, FOUR SEVEN ONE EIGHTY SIXTH STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. LOHMEYER RESIGNED HIS EMPLOYMENT.

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NEIGHBOR, MRS. EMIL MELE, ADVISED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN RELATED TO LOHMEYER WENT BERSERK IN LEVITTOWN, NEW YORK, AND WAS KILLED BY POLICE,<sup>n</sup> IN ADDITION, SHE THAT <sup>SAID</sup> FORMER NEIGHBOR OF LOHMEYER, FRNAK CUSHING, ONE THREE FOUR CARRIAGE AVENUE, HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK, HA-SEVEN-FOUR TWO EIGHT NINE, MIGHT HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION ON LOHMEYER FAMILY.

*Following LOHMEYERS MOVE FROM THAT AREA AROUND 1967.*

LEADS:

CINCINNATI

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO. SHOULD ATTEMPT TO LOCATE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS ON SUBJECT'S CLEARANCE AND REVIEW IN LIGHT OF REBUTEL, APRIL EIGHT, LAST, CONCERNING RELATIVES, AND SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS.

NEW HAVEN

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT. CONTACT LISTED REFERENCES TO DETERMINE PRESENT RESIDENCE OF WALTER LOHMEYER AND FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING RELATIVES USING SAME LAST NAME.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. CONTACT LISTED REFERENCES TO DETERMINE LOHMEYER'S PRESENT RESIDENCE AND FOR ANY

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INFORMATION CONCERNING RELATIVES USING SAME LAST NAME, AND ALSO,  
ATTEMPT TO TRACE LOHMEYER THROUGH NORTHPORT ADDRESS, AND  
CONTACT FRANK CUSHING, ONE THREE FOUR CARRIAGE AVENUE,  
HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK, FOR ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON LOHMEYER.

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PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS

On 4/9/68, Mrs. CAROL MALETTA, 9064 199th Street, Hollis, New York, telephonically advised that a female neighbor whose name she would not give, told her that an individual from the south came into place of employment of her husband and stated that he was a member of the KKK and the Klan had paid \$40,000.00 to have KING assassinated and that H. RAP BROWN was next. BROWN is supposed to speak in New Jersey and that is where he will get it.

Mrs. MALETTA stated that her neighbor's husband is employed at Ronnie Nelson Wrecking in Queens.

VINCENT FIGORE, 90-67 199th Street, Hollis, New York, has been interviewed by SAS at the place of his employment, Nelson's Auto Parts, 122-80 Montauk Street, Springfield Gardens, New York, and he denied any knowledge of anyone making any statement about the payment of \$40,000.00 for the murder of Dr. KING or the planned killing of H. RAP BROWN.

RONALD NELSON, Owner of Nelson's Auto Parts, was interviewed and he denied any knowledge of this matter.

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1 Memphis (44-1987) (INFO)  
1- New York (44-1609)

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: BIRMINGHAM

FROM: MOBILE (157-2631)

MURKIN. CR. GO; MEMPHIS.

HOWARD STRICKLAND, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY UTILIZED BY THE JACKSONVILLE DIVISION SOME YEARS AGO AS AN INFORMANT ON GAMBLING MATTERS, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SELMA RA TODAY AS HE PRESENTLY LIVES IN THE SELMA, ALABAMA, AREA.

STRICKLAND EXPLAINED ON PAST MONDAY OR TUESDAY NIGHT, HE WAS IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, OBSERVED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT IN CAPTIONED CASE AND BELIEVED CONCEPTION RESEMBLED INDIVIDUAL NAMED JAY FISHER.

STRICKLAND DESIRED NAME BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE, HOWEVER STATES HE FIRST MET FISHER IN ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTYONE IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA. FISHER QUOTE PROMOTER UNQUOTE FOR FOOD SUPPLEMENT PLAN SELLING QUOTE MUTED DASH BIO UNQUOTE. HE LAST SAW FISHER APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AND FISHER EMPLOYED AT THAT TIME BY PHYSICIANS DASH INVESTORS CORPORATION AND INSURANCE COMPANY OPERATED BY GEORGE PANAKIS.

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1-Memphis (Mail)

1-Mobile

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. HE ADVISED HE UNDERSTOOD FISHER STILL EMPLOYED BY THIS INSURANCE COMPANY, SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS AGO.

STRICKLAND DOES NOT KNOW IF FISHER EVER INVOLVED IN ANY TROUBLE, HOWEVER, CLAIMS IT WAS QUOTE HUNORED UNQUOTE, FISHER INVOLVED IN SOME TYPE OF TROUBLE A FEW YEARS AGO AND HAD FLED THE COUNTRY TO GO TO BRAZIL FOR A PERIOD OF TIME.

STRICKLAND KNOWS NO DETAILS REGARDING TROUBLE OR WHETHER HUNOR TRUE.

HE DESCRIBED FISHER AS WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, FORTY TO FORTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, LONG NOSE, THIN LIPS. DESCRIBED FISHER'S FACE AS APPEARING SOLEMN OR QUOTE DEAD PAN, UNQUOTE.

STRICKLAND HAS NO IDEA WHERE STRICKLAND POSSIBLY LOCATED AT PRESENT TIME, AND LAST ACCOUNT HE HAD WAS  
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FISHER EMPLOYED BY THE INSURANCE COMPANY, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM, ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF FISHER AND  
OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH IF FISHER POSSIBLY SUSPECT.

END ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

END

April 11, 1968

PLAIN TEXT

AIR-TEL

TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD  
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

MURKIN  
CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

RE - Confirming Pittsburgh phone call to Washington Field,  
4-10-68.

At 5:00 P.M., 4-10-68, Captain NELSON PADEN, Huntington, W.Va. Police Department, telephonically advised that a reliable negro male informant of his, a taxi driver, had just taken a man to the Huntington Airport, where he boarded flight 702 of Eastern Airlines leaving Huntington 4:30 P.M., with stops at Charleston, Washington, D.C., and Allentown-Scranton.

Captain PADEN stated his informant had that day read in the Huntington newspapers a description of the man known as JOHN WILLARD and he believed that his passenger fit this description.

The following is a description furnished to Captain PADEN by his informant; the man he picked up near the Job-Corps Center in Huntington and took to the Airport:

Race  
Sex  
Age  
Height

White  
Male  
36 years  
5', 7 to 8"

(Capt. PADEN realized that the news item described him as much taller but pointed out that his informant is quite short and for this reason still felt he should report this)

2-Washington Field  
①-Memphis  
1-Richmond  
1-Pittsburgh  
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Weight:	180 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair:	Sandy, brownish - Combed back receding forehead
Attire	Blue suit, tan trench coat with checkered lining
Peculiarities:	Carrying an attache case Large, prominent nose

Inasmuch as the next stop that this plane could be contacted was Washington, D.C. the above information was telephonically furnished to Supervisor ELMER TODD at the Washington Field Office.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO : DIRECTOR

FROM: NEW HAVEN (157-818)

MURKIN.

RE WFO TEL APR. NINE LAST TO BUREAU AND NEW HAVEN.

INQUIRY HOWARD JOHNSON MOTOR LODGE, MILFORD, CONN.,  
DISCLOSED HENRY L. POHL OPERATOR OF SIXTYSIX MUSTANG, MISSOURI  
REG. APZ SIX FOUR SEVEN, CHECKED OUT ROOM THIRTY, APR. THREE LAST.  
POHL REPRESENTATIVE OF E. C. BISHOP & SONS, INC., WARSAW, MISSOURI,  
DESTINED WINCHESTER FIREARMS, NEW HAVEN.

INQUIRY WINCHESTER, REVEALED POHL THERE ON APR. THREE LAST  
AS REPRESENTATIVE OF E. C. BISHOP, HIGHLY REPUTABLE MANUFACTURER  
OF GUNSTOCKS.

AIR MAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, BOSTON, BALTIMORE AND WFO.

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1- Memphis (AM)  
1- Boston (AM)  
1- Baltimore (AM)  
1- WFO (AM)

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)  
MURKIN

INSTANT DATE, MRS. TISHA JENNINGS, TWENTY SIX FORTY THREE  
A NORTH TWENTY FORTH STREET, MILWAUKEE, ADVISED SHE TELEPHONED  
HER MOTHER, MRS. CANNON (ARLENE) MARTIN, IN HATTI, MISSOURI, AT  
PHONE NUMBER FL NINE ONE EIGHT EIGHT SIX, WHEREIN THE FOLLOWING  
CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE.

MARTIN ADVISED JENNINGS THAT ONE JESSE JAMES, JR., HATTI,  
MISSOURI, WHITE MALE, TWENTY SEVEN TO TWENTY EIGHT, FIVE FOOT  
TEN AND ONE HALF INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK  
WAVY HAIR, DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE WHITE MUSTANG, POSSIBLY  
CONVERTIBLE, WAS OUT OF TOWN ON FOUR FOUR SIXTY EIGHT, WHEREABOUTS  
UNKNOWN.

HE RETURNED TO HATTI ON EVENING OF FOUR FOUR SIXTY EIGHT  
AND WAS IN POSSESSION OF A LARGE UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF CASH.

1 - MILWAUKEE  
1 - BIRMINGHAM (AM)  
1 - MEMPHIS (AM)

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MARTIN ADVISED JAMES' MOTHER ASKED SON, JESSE JAMES, IF HE HAD KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND SON, JAMES, DID NOT REPLY. HE JUST SMILED, GOT UP, LEFT THE HOUSE, AND HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE.

MARTIN IS A DOMESTIC EMPLOYEE FOR SEVERAL FAMILIES IN HATTI, MISSOURI, AND WAS PRESENT WHEN THIS CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE.

JESSE JAMES, SR., OPERATES A SCRAP YARD ON HIGHWAY EIGHTY FOUR, WEST, IN HATTI, MISSOURI.

JENNINGS ADVISED SHE DOES NOT WANT HER NAME EXPOSED, EVEN TO HER MOTHER.

ST. LOUIS - AT HATTI, MISSOURI - WILL CONTACT ARLENE MARTIN AND ASCERTAIN THE VALIDITY OF ABOVE. THEREAFTER, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

AM COPIES SENT BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO : SAC, RICHMOND  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)  
MURKIN

*James Calhoun Galt*  
*44-1987-Sub E-241*

CREDIT RECORDS, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, REVEALED ONE WILLIAM CALHOUN GALT, SEVEN NINE FOUR ZERO SOUTH WILDWOOD, OAK CREEK, WISCONSIN. GALT INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED ONLY THREE RELATIVES LIVING, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE; THAT BEING HALF SISTER LUCY GLEN GILL, SEVEN ONE SEVEN FAIRFIELD STREET, BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, UNCLE JAMES GALT, SR., NINETEEN FIFTY THREE ADDRESS, SEVEN TWENTY NORTHWOOD AVENUE, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA. JAMES GALT, SR., HAS SON NAMED JAMES JR., WHOM HE HAS NOT SEEN FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FIVE YEARS, AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN. JAMES JR., BETWEEN THIRTY FIVE AND FORTY YEARS OF AGE. GALT AT OAK CREEK, WISCONSIN DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH, [REDACTED] PLACE OF BIRTH, PANLICO COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, HEIGHT, FIVE FOOT TEN INCHES, WEIGHT, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE.

1 - MILWAUKEE  
1 - CHARLOTTE  
1 - MEMPHIS  
1 - BIRMINGHAM  
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EYES, BROWN, HAIR, BROWN, EXCEEDINGLY BALD, COMPLEXION,  
FAIR, FACIAL FEATURE, NORMAL, PRESENTLY EMPLOYED UNIVAC  
CORPORATION, MILWAUKEE.

RICHMOND AT CHARLOTTESVILLE - WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW  
JAMES GALT, SR., AND JAMES GALT JR. TO DETERMINE IF ANY  
RELATIVES KNOWN AS ERIC STARVO GALT. AT CHARLOTTE AT BURLINGTON,  
INTERVIEW LUCY GLEN GILL TO DETERMINE IF ANY RELATIVES KNOWN AS  
ERIC STARVO GALT.

AM COPIES SENT CHARLOTTE, MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM.

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Date: 4/11/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

*44-1987-285*

Re Memphis teletype to Mobile 4/9/68, concerning  
MIKE J. MATCHEY.

Enclosed herewith are 25 copies of an insert  
concerning investigation by Mobile concerning this individual.

No further investigation is being made concerning  
him as his car is determined to be a Ford station wagon  
rather than a Mustang.

2-Memphis *25 encls. jfb*  
2-Mobile

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*Beatney* *BRK*

Approved: *WMA* Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

MO 157-2627

BTM:sdp

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Re: MILE J. MATCHEY  
1520 Dauphin Street,  
Mobile, Alabama,  
Mississippi License  
H-34466, checked into  
Memphis motel April 2, 1968  
and out April 3, 1968

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA B. TIM MCCOY on April 9, 1968:

MICHAEL J. MATCHEY, 1502 Dauphin Street, Apartment  
#5, advised that he is Sales Manager for the State of Alabama  
for the Pabst Brewing Company, and has recently been designated  
as State Sales Manager for the State of Mississippi.

He was in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 2, 1968,  
checking into the Holiday Inn Motel about 7:30 P. M. He  
had a general sales meeting on April 3, 1968, and about  
5:30 P. M. April 3, 1968, left Memphis, Tennessee, for  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi. While enroute, he received a  
speeding ticket from the City Police at Winona, Mississippi.  
He spent the night of April 4, 1968, in the Holiday Inn  
#2, Highway 49, Hattiesburg.

MATCHEY stated he owns a 1966 Ford station wagon  
with Mississippi license H-34466, and has never owned a  
Mustang automobile.

This vehicle referred to by MATCHEY was observed  
by the interviewing Agent.

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*Harter* *WPK*

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Date: 4-12-68

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AIRMAIL

Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

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Re Jacksonville airtel to Memphis 4-11-68.

On the evening of 4-11-68, MICHAEL GARCIA telephonically contacted the Gainesville RA advising that he had noted in the "Tampa Times" of 4-11-68 an artist sketch of a man wanted for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. GARCIA stated he sketched a beard on this drawing and advised with the beard the drawing is very similar to the hitchhiker he picked up near Columbus, Georgia, on 3-30-68. He further advised that the straight nose in the drawing is very similar to the hitchhiker's nose.

GARCIA stated he would be leaving for Ft. Lewis, Washington, between 4/18 - 20/68 and until time for him to leave, he will be staying at his parents residence, 4802 Woodmere Road, Tampa, Florida.

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