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To: SAC, Cleveland (44-565)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Thirtyone latent fingerprints and the latent impression remaining unidentified in this case not identical fingerprints John Edward Maloney, FBI #797 529 B. No palm prints here.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
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SUBJECT: MURKIN

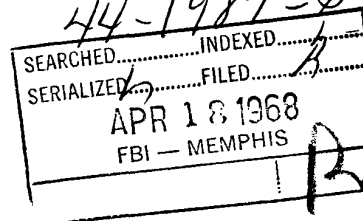
Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Charlotte and Memphis 4/12/68; Charlotte teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, and Memphis 4/13/68; telephone call from Atlanta to Charlotte 4/13/68; and Charlotte teletype to Bureau and Atlanta 4/15/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an original and 8 copies of an insert concerning HAROLD H. FLETCHER.

In referenced Charlotte teletype 4/15/68, Atlanta was instructed to contact FLETCHER for any additional information required.

② - Memphis (Encls. 9)
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RE: HAROLD H. FLETCHER

By communication dated April 12, 1968, the Atlanta Office of the FBI advised as follows:

On April 12, 1968, R. OBESTER, Desk Clerk, Briarcliff Hotel, 1050 Ponce de Leon Avenue, NE, Atlanta, advised he thought he recognized a composit photograph of the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. as being identical with a guest registered as H. H. FLETCHER. FLETCHER called the hotel on April 7, 1968, and made reservations for a double and a single room. He appeared at the hotel on April 8, 1968, and made a \$10 deposit on these rooms. On April 9, 1968, two women approached the desk at the hotel and identified themselves as the wife and a friend of FLETCHER. FLETCHER and his wife occupied Room 501 and the other girl occupied Room 528. It appeared FLETCHER did not have an automobile but was traveling in the second girl's automobile.

Atlanta Police Department officer JACK POPHAM, assigned to the beat around the hotel also advised he also recognizes a composit drawing of the assassin as an individual he saw around the hotel.

DAVID ELLER, Alternate Desk Clerk, also advised he places a person similar to the composit drawing in and around the hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. FLETCHER gave an address of 615 Stirling Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. The second girl was identified by registration records as SARAH E. COLLINS, 601 Guilford Avenue, Greensboro. She was described as 5'3" tall, 23 or 24 years of age or younger, dishwater blonde, medium length, wears glasses, hippy-type dress.

By telephone call on April 13, 1968, the Atlanta Office advised as follows:

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HAROLD FLETCHER, according to his landlady, a Miss BETTY TWEED, 846 St. Charles Avenue, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, was secretly married to a girl who is attending Jonesboro College and his wife and a friend of hers came to Atlanta on Tuesday morning (April 9, 1968), and left Atlanta on Thursday night, (April 11, 1968). FLETCHER as of April 13, 1968, reportedly had gone to Jonesboro College with his wife.

It had been determined the true address for HAROLD FLETCHER is 107 East Lee Avenue, Gastonia, North Carolina, telephone number 629-2020.

The girl reported to be FLETCHER's wife was described as 23 or 24, red hair, blue eyes, very attractive, with a good build.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ANDREW M. PALUMBO:

AT GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 13, 1968, the owner and present resident at 615 Sterling Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, advised HAROLD H. FLETCHER is not known to them.

No one was located at 601 Guilford Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina.

The current Greensboro City Directory fails to list H. H. FLETCHER or SARAH E. COLLINS.

The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE J. KLEIN:

AT GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 13, 1968, investigation at Gastonia revealed HAROLD H. FLETCHER resides at 107 East Lee Street, Bessemer City, North Carolina. Gastonia Police Department records reveal

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FLETCHER was arrested March 22, 1965, for violation of the Prohibition laws.

On April 13, 1968, FLETCHER's uncle, LUTHER T. FLETCHER, 107 East Lee Street, Bessemer City, North Carolina, advised that HAROLD H. FLETCHER works for Annon Johnson Ceiling Tile Company, Atlanta, Georgia, and has been residing and working in Atlanta since December, 1967. FLETCHER was in Bessemer City Saturday, April 13, 1968, with his wife, MARGARET WALKER FLETCHER.

Mrs. ZENIH BEAM, aunt of MARGARET WALKER FLETCHER, advised on April 13, 1968, FLETCHER and his wife stopped by earlier on that date but she did not know his current whereabouts.

No record of FLETCHER was located at the Bessemer City Police Department.

On April 14, 1968, FLETCHER telephonically contacted the Charlotte Office and stated he was en route to Atlanta and could be contacted at 846 St. Charles Place, Atlanta. He stated he listed Greensboro as an address for his wife and her friend because she attends the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He advised he may also be contacted at his place of employment for additional information.

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Charlotte, Cincinnati, and
Memphis, 4/10/68; and Charlotte teletype to Memphis 4/10/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an
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RE: J. B. RICHARDSON

By communication dated April 9, 1968, the Memphis Office of the FBI advised as follows:

Records of the Memphis motels indicate that J. B. RICHARDSON, Post Office Box 29001, Atlanta, Georgia, driving an automobile with North Carolina License DV 4001, checked in to a motel on April 1, 1968, and checked out on April 3, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by Security Patrol Clerk COLON P. OVERTON:

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 10, 1968, JOHN SEXTON, North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh, North Carolina, telephonically advised that North Carolina license DV 4001 is listed to Atwater Motor Company, 739 South Main Street, Burlington, North Carolina, to be displayed on a 1968 Ford, four-door. SEXTON advised there is no stolen report in file on this license.

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FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
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44-1987-337
POSSIBLE SUSPECT REPORTED
OBSERVED MONTGOMERY, ALA.,
BY JOHN CHANEY and WILLIE
CHAMBLESS. SUSPECT IDENTIFIED
AS RONALD WILLIAM WALKER, AKA
RONNIE

ReMotels to Memphis, 4/7,8,9/68.

Enclosed herewith are twenty-five (25) copies
of an insert reflecting investigation under sub-caption.

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Special Agent in Charge

RE: POSSIBLE SUSPECT REPORTED OBSERVED
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, BY JOHN CHANEY
AND WILLIE CHAMBLESS. SUSPECT
IDENTIFIED AS RONALD WILLIAM WALKER,
ALSO KNOWN AS RONNIE

JOHN CHANEY, Negro male, 803 North Union Circle, Montgomery, Alabama, on April 7, 1968, advised that he had seen the artist's conception of the person who killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and he believes that this person was at Montgomery, Alabama, March 26, 1968. He said that he and WILLIE CHAMBLESS had observed this man who was drinking wine with a group of Negroes on the street. The man in question had said that he was going to Memphis, Tennessee, that night. CHANEY described this individual as a white male, age 30-32, weight 170-175 pounds, height 5'9", complexion ruddy, hair brown-gray, bushy and combed back with receding hairline in front, gold or silver tooth upper left front.

WILLIE L. CHAMBLESS advised on April 7, 1968, that he was with JOHN CHANEY on March 26, 1968, when they observed a Negro male drinking wine on the street with a group of unidentified Negroes. He said he bought a small bag from this individual for \$1.00. He said he had seen a sketch of the person who reportedly had killed Dr. KING and the individual appeared to be identical with the person in the drawing. He described the man as being 39-40 years of age, 5'9", 180 pounds, gray eyes, and ruddy complexion.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN C. McCLUNEY at Montgomery, Alabama:

On April 8, 1968, JOHN CHANEY, 803 North Union Circle, upon re-interview reported as follows:

He had made inquiry and had learned from "ROOSTER" (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), who resides in Tulane Courts at Montgomery, that "ROOSTER" had been with a white male on Monroe Street in Montgomery, Alabama, on March 26, 1968. "ROOSTER" stated that the white male who sold the bag to WILLIE CHAMBLESS had given his name as RONNIE (LAST NAME

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UNKNOWN). He also stated that he had been in the Merchant Marines. On March 26, 1968, RONNIE had told "ROOSTER" that a companion had been arrested earlier that day at Montgomery, Alabama.

Recontacts were made with CHANEY on April 9, 1968, and April 10, 1968. He was unable to furnish the full and correct name of "ROOSTER" or to furnish the address of "ROOSTER."

On April 8, 1968, ROBERT STRICKLAND, City Jail, furnished his book reflecting the following:

On March 26, 1968, RONALD W. WALKER, white, was booked at the jail at 7:15 p.m. Booked at 7:20 p.m. was THOMAS L. SCOTT, Negro.

WALKER was released on March 31, 1968. He was again booked on April 2, 1968, for drunk and was released on April 7, 1968.

On April 8, 1968, J. S. BALINT, Bureau of Identification, Montgomery Police Department, produced his records which reflected the following:

On March 26, 1968, RONALD WILLIAM WALKER, #136115, was arrested for drunk. He was arrested by C. L. KING and JOE RODGERS. He was again arrested under #136163 on April 2, 1968, for drunk.

WALKER is a white male, born [redacted] Springhill, West Virginia, 5'11", 170 pounds, blue eyes, blond hair, medium build and 1½" scar on forehead. His father is HOMER WALKER, Route 1, Box 246A, Culloden, West Virginia. The address given for RONALD WILLIAM WALKER was Culloden, West Virginia.

THOMAS LARRY SCOTT, FBI #578 088A, was last arrested on March 26, 1968, for drunk. His residence was shown as 609 Hill Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

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On April 8, 1968, W. E. THOMAS, employed by the City Street Department, City of Montgomery, reported as follows:

He has supervision of the trusties who are serving jail sentences. For this reason he had supervision and work details of RONALD WALKER who was released on April 7, 1968. THOMAS described WALKER as a white male, about 38 to 40, 6', 170 or 180 pounds. He had a definite receding hairline in front which hair was thick on the side. His hair was sandy blond, not gray but had the appearance of being gray. He stood very erect and walked with a large stride. He wore cowboy boots. His nose was long and pointed and he had a narrow bridge. He stated he had been in the Merchant Marines.

On April 8, 1968, Officer C. L. KING, Montgomery Police Department, reported as follows:

He arrested RONALD WALKER and THOMAS SCOTT on March 26, 1968. He was accompanied by Officer JOE RODGERS. SCOTT and WALKER were arrested on Monroe Street near Court Street at Montgomery. Both were drunk.

KING recalled that WALKER was wearing levi type bluejeans, 7" boots and a blue plaid shirt.

On April 8, 1968, THOMAS L. SCOTT, 609 Hill Street, reported as follows:

He was with RONALD WALKER in the late afternoon of March 26, 1968, along Monroe Street, at Montgomery, Alabama. He started drinking with WALKER about 4:30 p.m. in the vicinity of Lawrence and Monroe Streets. They were arrested at about 7:15 p.m. on Monroe Street near Court Street. He recalled that WALKER sold a small black bag and clothes to an unidentified Negro in the vicinity of Lawrence and Monroe Streets an hour or two before the arrest of WALKER and SCOTT.

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SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Memphis teletype, 11:56 p.m., 4/10/68.

Enclosed to Memphis are 25 copies of insert reflecting results of interview with WILBUR N. HESTER, 109 Forrest Ave., Troy, Ala., who occupied Room 34 at the Rebel Motel on the night of 4/4/68. It will be noted that HESTER did not check into the motel until several hours after suspect ERIC S. GALT checked out of the motel.

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RE: WILLIAM N. HESTER, TROY, ALABAMA, FORMERLY REGISTERED REBEL MOTEL, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

AT TROY, ALABAMA

WILBUR N. HESTER, 109 Forrest Avenue, Troy, Alabama, on April 11, 1968, informed SA CHILTON B. CREASON that he made a trip to Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, spending that night at the Rebel Motel in Room 35. HESTER is a clerk at the United States Post Office, Troy, Alabama. Thursdays are his off-days and he frequently on such days drives trucks for various concerns in the Troy area to supplement his earnings. On April 4, 1968, he drove a tractor-trailer unit delivering a load of chemicals from the Chevron Chemical Company to Swift and Company, Memphis, Tennessee. He traveled alone.

About 7:00 or 7:30 p.m., April 4, 1968, he arrived at Memphis. Since it was too late to deliver his load, he stopped at a service station to inquire as to where he might find a motel for the night where he could keep his tractor-trailer unit nearby. He was referred to the Rebel Motel. He had never stayed at this motel before and had not been in Memphis for a number of years. While at the service station, he heard of the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING but had no information concerning the details of this event.

HESTER drove on to the Rebel Motel where he checked in at approximately 8:00 p.m., April 4, 1968. He was given Room 35. It was dark by this time and after checking in his room, he cleaned up and ate dinner at the motel restaurant. Following this, he endeavored to call his wife by long distance telephone to allay any apprehension she might have for his safety in view of the tense atmosphere at Memphis; however, he was unable to get a long distance operator and was unable to place the call. After eating dinner, HESTER returned immediately to his room, heard a 9:00 p.m. news special, and then went to sleep. At 5:30 a.m., April 5, 1968, he was called by the motel office. After dressing, he checked out and drove to Swift and Company for his delivery. Immediately thereafter, he left Memphis for his return trip to Troy, Alabama.

HESTER informed that he did not see a white Mustang

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parked in the vicinity of the Rebel Motel and had no contact with any other occupants of the motel except the motel employees at the office and the restaurant. He did not notice any of the neighbors in the adjoining motel rooms, although he did hear some talking in Room 34. He was unable to discern any of the words or whether this conversation was by men or women.

HESTER informed that he knows of no one by the name of ERIC S. GALT nor by the name of ANDY GAST.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

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Re INTERVIEW OF LONNIE PHIL SMITH, BOARDER,
ECONOMY BOARDING HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SEPTEMBER
2 - 9, 1967.

Enclosed for the Memphis Division are fifteen
(15) copies each of two FD-302's reflecting investigation
in this matter.

Enclosed for the Birmingham Division are
four (4) copies each of two FD-302's reflecting
investigation in this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/15/68

Mr. LONNIE PHIL SMITH was contacted at the Veterans Administration Hospital (VA). SMITH was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and furnished the following information:

SMITH is presently a patient, suffering from failing eye sight and an arthritic condition who has been assigned to domiciliary number 2 since March 15, 1968. Prior to his admission at the Biloxi VA Hospital, he was a patient at the VA Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama, having been first admitted there December 3, 1967. SMITH has worked as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in Birmingham, Alabama. He was last employed as an LPN at the Hanover House Nursing Home in Birmingham for one week in September, 1967, he believes the dates to be September 2, 1967 to September 9, 1967.

He had a room at the Economy Boarding House. SMITH could not remember the room number and indicated that he was not particularly friendly with other roomers in that dwelling. During the week he spent at the Economy Boarding House in September, he became acquainted with an individual also rooming at the Economy Boarding House whom he described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Middle or late 20's
Height	Medium
Weight	170
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown, business cut.

On 4/13/68 at Biloxi, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
by SA PAUL A. MEISSNER, JR.,/brh Date dictated 4/15/68

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Characteristics

Well-mannered and always
well-dressed

During the week he spent at the Economy Boarding House, exact date unrecalled, the individual described above drove SMITH in his (SMITH's) vehicle to Leeds, Alabama, to visit SMITH's dying brother. This trip, which took one day, resulted in this individual meeting SMITH's sister-in-law, FRANCIS SMITH, and her daughter, GAIL SMITH in Leeds, Alabama. FRANCIS SMITH is presently employed as a nurse at the Leeds Hospital in Leeds, Alabama. During the entire period of SMITH's contact with the above described individual, SMITH advised he does not believe the man identified himself by name. He stated the man did very little talking about himself and would only respond to questions. SMITH advised that one thing he remembered was that the man indicated that he was an artist and he gave SMITH the impression he was not employed at present.

The individual described above, who drove with him to Leeds, Alabama, appeared to be friends with (First name unknown) CHEETER (Phonetic), the owner of the Economy Boarding House. SMITH advised he saw this individual speaking with CHEETER several times during the week he stayed at the Economy Boarding House. SMITH advised further that during the entire period of his stay at the Economy Boarding House, he was under extreme nervous tension and was distraut. He advised that he could not recall anything else concerning the individual described above, but that should he recall anything further, he would immediately contact the FBI.

SMITH advised that he did not recognize any of the following names as being identical with people he had previously met:

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JOHN WILLARD

HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER

ERIC STARVO GALT

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

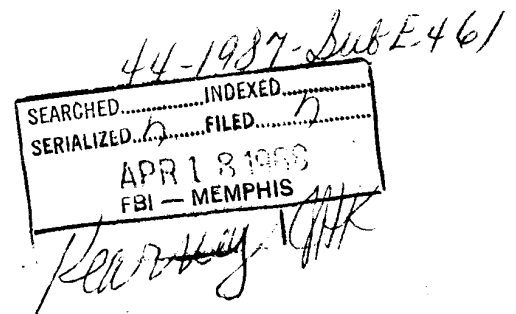
Name	LONNIE PHIL SMITH
Home address	Route 1, Eastaboga, Alabama
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Gallant, Alabama
Height	5'8"
Weight	150
Hair	Brown, grey
Eyes	Blue

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/15/68

Mr. LONNIE PHIL SMITH was recontacted at the Veterans Administration Hospital (VA) and was shown an artist's conception of an unknown subject who meets the description of the person who shot Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at Memphis, Tennessee. This conception was obtained through interviews at Memphis. He was also shown an artist's conception of an unknown subject who meets the description of unknown subject who was in Birmingham, Alabama during pertinent period.

After viewing both artist's conceptions, Mr. SMITH advised that he could not identify either as being identical or closely resembling anyone he has had previous contact. Specifically, he stated he could not identify either of the individuals described in the photographs as being identical with the individual he met at the Economy Boarding House in Birmingham, Alabama during September, 1967, who drove him to Leeds, Alabama.



On 4/15/68 at Biloxi, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
by SA PAUL A. MEISSNER, JR.,/brh Date dictated 4/15/68

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TO: CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL, TWO PM, APRIL SEVENTEEN INSTANT,
CONCERNING PHONE CALL BY UNSUB FROM CHICAGO TO DR. DAVID HORTON,
MOBILE, ALA., BY INDIVIDUAL WHO STATED ON MAY ONE NEXT HE WOULD
FINISH IT AND CAUSE A HOLOCAUST IN CHICAGO.

THIS DATE, DR. DAVID HORTON, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH
ALABAMA, MOBILE, ADVISED THAT ON MONDAY, LAST, HIS WIFE'S
BROTHER, TOM GLAMORE, GIVING HIS ADDRESS AS NINE SEVEN TWO SIX
FRANKLIN AVENUE, FRANKLIN PARK, ILL., CALLED FROM CHICAGO, AND
REQUESTED DR. HORTON SEND HIM MONEY TO BUY A TV SET. HORTON
STATED THIS WAS THE FIRST CONTACT WITH GLAMORE SINCE NINETEEN
SIXTYSIX WHEN HE RAN AWAY FROM ST. LOUIS, MO., BELIEVING THE
HORTONS PLANNED TO COMMIT HIM TO A MENTAL INSTITUTION. HE

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STATED GLAMORE RAVED AND WAS VERY INCOHERENT AND WHEN HE CALLED AGAIN COLLECT ON TUESDAY LAST, HE ACCEPTED THE FIRST CALL, BUT AS HE WAS EXTREMELY BELLIGERENT AND RAVED ON THE PHONE IN AN INCOHERENT MANNER HIS WIFE HUNG UP ON HIM AND WHEN HE LATER CALLED COLLECT THEY REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE CALL. HORTON ADVISED GLAMORE IS ABOUT FORTYSEVEN YEARS OF AGE, A VETERAN OF WW II, AND IS EXTREMELY MENTALLY ILL, AND HE FELT HE SHOULD BE COMMITTED BUT HOSPITALS KEEP RELEASING HIM AS NOT A VIOLENT TYPE. HE STATED GLAMORE HAS AN OBSESSION THAT THE MAFIA IS AFTER HIM AND ALSO TOLD HIM THAT STAN MUSIAL KILLED KING. HE STATED GLAMORE HAD BEEN HOSPITALIZED NUMEROUS TIMES IN THE PAST WITH ONE HOSPITALIZATION IN DOWNEY VA HOSPITAL NEAR CHICAGO, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN GLAMORE HAD LAST BEEN IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL. HE STATED AS A RESULT OF HIS MENTAL CONDITION HE IS UNABLE TO HOLD A JOB AND HE COULD NOT FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS ACTUAL CONDITION AT THE PRESENT TIME.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, NO INSERT BEING FURNISHED AND

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NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

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203 PM URGENT 4-17-68 MLE

TO MOBILE AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

DORIS HILL, CLERK, STOYAS DRUGS, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS DATE THAT LATE LAST EVENING INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED AS WMA, AGE THIRTY FIVE, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, ENTERED STORE, CLAIMED HE WAS THE PERSON WHO SHOT KING. STATED HE HAD FIRED SHOT THAT WOULD START THE THIRD WORLD WAR. ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD FINISH IT MAY ONE NEXT AND CAUSE A HOLOCAUST IN CHICAGO THAT WOULD MAKE HIROSHIMA NAGASAKI LOOK LIKE CHILD'S PLAY. HE PLACED TWO LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS TO MOBILE, ALABAMA, PHONE SIX SIX ONE - FIVE EIGHT EIGHT FOUR D TO DR. DAVID HORTON D INDIVIDUAL'S BROTHER IN LAW. BOTH TIMES HORTON REFUSED TO SPEAK TO CALLER. INDIVIDUAL DID NOT APPEAR DRUNK BUT WAS QUITE IRRATIONAL. MOBILE INTERVIEW DR. HORTON RE CALLER'S INDENTITY. DETERMINE STABILITY IF POSSIBLE, AND ANY CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER. SUTEL CHICAGO IN VIEW OF RACIAL COMMENTS RE SITUATION HERE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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322 PM URGENT 4/23/68 VLT
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 1P (P)

MURKIN

RE : ERIC L. CASEY

FILES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE CONTAIN NO INFORMATION
IDENTIFIABLE WITH ERIC L. CASEY.

METRO CREDIT, INCORPORATED; SAN FRANCISCO POLICE
DEPARTMENT; AND DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS CONTAIN NO
INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH ERIC L. CASEY.

FILES OF OAKLAND, BERKELEY, ALAMEDA, EL CERRITO, EMERVILLE,
KENSINGTON, AND PIEDMONT, CALIFORNIA POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND
ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEGATIVE REGARDING ERIC L. CASEY.

OTHER OFFICE ADVISED

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS (44-1987).

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

MURKIN

RE ERIC STARVO GALT.

RE NEW YORK TEL, APRIL SIXTEEN, LAST.

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ON APRIL SIXTEEN, LAST, AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA INVESTIGATION AT THE SANTA CLARA BARTENDERS SCHOOL, SAN JOSE, REVEALED NO INFORMATION RE SUSPECT OR HARVEY LOWMEYER. THE OPERATOR OF THIS SCHOOL, HARRY A. HIGGINS, WAS ASKED IF HE EVER HAD A STUDENT WITH THE FIRST NAME OF ERIC AND HE REMEMBERED A STUDENT AT THIS SCHOOL IN JANUARY, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, BY THE NAME OF ERIC L. CASEY.

ARTIST SKETCHES OF SUSPECT GALT WERE THEN DISPLAYED TO HIGGINS AND HE ADVISED THAT CASEY LOOKED LIKE THE MAN IN THE SKETCHES.

HIGGINS DESCRIBED CASEY AS WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY TWO EIGHT YEARS OF AGE, KNOWN TO BE FROM THE SOUTH, AND WH HAD PRONOUNCED SOUTHERN DRAWL. HIGGINS DID NOT KNOW WHERE IN SAN JOSE CASEY LIVED, BUT STATES THAT HE LEFT THE SCHOOL BEFORE COMPLETING THE COURSE AND STILL OWED ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO DOLLARS. THIS DEBT WAS TURNED OVER TO A COLLECTION AGENCY IN SAN JOSE.

RECORDS OF THE SYNDICATED COLLECTION BUREAU, SAN JOSE, CALIF., REVEALED THAT HAYES P. PUFAHL, WIFE'S NAME DOROTHY, TWO FOUR ONE NORTH
END PAGE ONE

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FOURTH STREET, SAN JOSE, WAS THE PERSON SHOWN AS THE GUARANTOR FOR THE FEE CHARGED TO ERIC CASEY AT THE ABOVE SCHOOL. PUF AHL WAS EMPLOYED AS A COOK AT GALE'S COFFEE SHOP IN SANTA CLARA, CALIF., BUT AS OF JANUARY THREE ONE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, INQUIRIES BY THE COLLIECTION BUREAU RE PUF AHL HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO THE CHINA LAKE-RIDGECREST CREDIT BUREAU, TWO ZERO ONE SANDERS AVENUE, RIDGECREST, CALIF., IN THAT PUF AHL HAD SHOWN A FORWARDING ADDRESS FROM GENERAL DELIVERY, DEATH VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, TO GENERAL DELIVERY, TRONA, CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES AT TRONA, CALIFORNIA: ATTEMPT TO LOCATE PUF AHL IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE OR ESTABLISH CASEY AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH SUSPECT GALT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY CASEY.

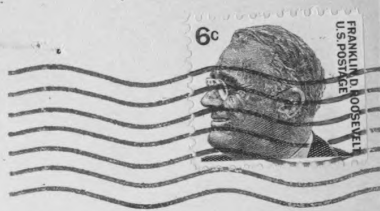
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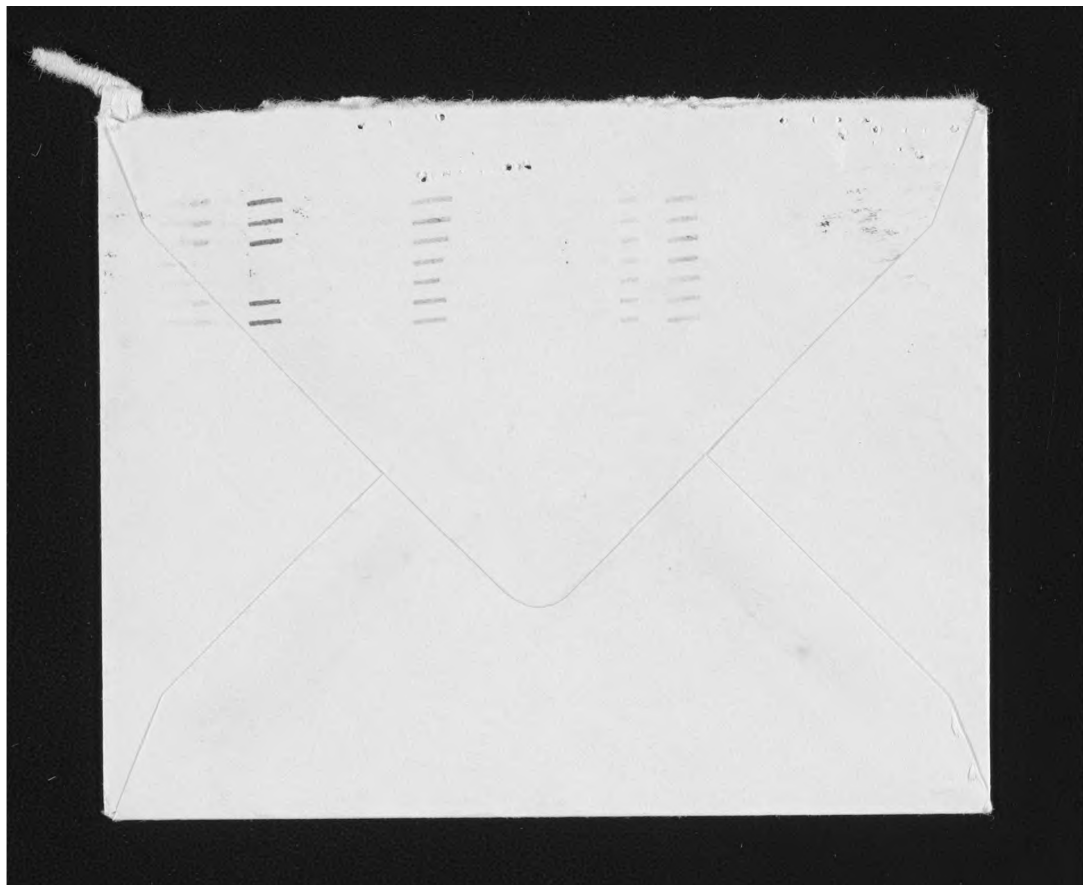
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
(FBI)
Memphis,
Tennessee



2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176



59 WN 29-2
AMERICAN GREETINGS COMPANY
CLEVELAND, U. S. A.

American Greetings



~~Pahokee, Fla~~
April 14, 1968

Dear Sir:

I live in Starkeville, Miss but am residing in Fla. - was at home when King was dispatched. Last Sunday (April 7) an idea suddenly came to me so very clearly about the slaying that I can't help but believe it was revealed as a "vision" altho I don't believe in such.

I firmly believe now that King paid someone to kill him so he would

go down in history as a martyr. His program had lost some of its speed + thrust, he had been to Memphis the week before & had discovered even he couldn't keep violence out of a march - I believe he returned to Atlanta and hired a man to follow him to Memphis the next week.

Listen again to the speech he made on Wed. nite before his death. He all but tells

the crowd he won't be there long. Alternatively remarked he had never heard him make a speech like that. Why did King spend the night in a \$13.00 room and on the second floor, where there was a balcony? The week before he had been at the Ruermost at \$29.00 a day. Everyone knows he was used to the best of everything.

Why did the man wait until nine o'clock to go and get the gun? Was it because he knew King would be on that balcony between 6 & 6:15? King didn't have to go out for a "breath of air" as it was chilly that night I remember because it was also very cool at home and we had the heat on a little. The slayer is evidently someone who lives in or around Atlanta, someone King met between the two visits to Memphis.

I won't sign my name as the people I've talked with think I'm a nut but a few agree with me. One said she thought King meant for the man only to wound him.

Sincerely,
A reader of the Commercial Appeal

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RE: BU AIRTEL DTD 11/3/36

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. STANTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

RE: INFORMATION RE ERIC STARVO GALT

On 4/16/68 Mrs. SARAH T. VAN BUREN telephonically contacted the Memphis Office and furnished the following information:

She stated she heard that ERIC GALT is possibly involved or employed as a Merchant Seaman. She stated she was acquainted with an individual named Mr. JOHN THOMPSON who is an ex-Navy officer and presently has a shrimp fleet in Key West, Florida, called Thompson Enterprise. She stated the shrimpers are a very close group in Key West and suggested that if any information was needed by the FBI in this area, namely Key West, Florida, she felt JOHN THOMPSON would know everyone on the docks and would cooperate.

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Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669) P
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 OO: MEMPHIS

Re Baltimore airtel to the Bureau, dated 4/23/68,
 and Memphis airtel to Baltimore, dated 5/1/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are three photos of JAMES ROBERT VAUGHN, JAMES ELLIS VAUGHN, JR., and JAMES WILLIAM VAUGHN.

On 5/1/68, CLARENCE L. BLACKBURN, #56984, Maryland House of Correction, Jessup, Maryland, was shown photos of JAMES ROBERT VAUGHN, JAMES ELLIS VAUGHN, JR., and JAMES WILLIAM VAUGHN. BLACKBURN advised that he is acquainted with JAMES ROBERT VAUGHN, Memphis Police Department #74680.

This is the individual that BLACKBURN worked with in the Washington, D.C. area in late 1965 or early 1966, and he is the individual who allegedly stated that he would shoot Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING if he ever came to Memphis. BLACKBURN could provide no further information than was set out in referenced airtel to the Bureau, dated 4/23/68.

LEADMEMPHIS DIVISIONAT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will display photo of JAMES ROBERT VAUGHN to logical witnesses to determine if VAUGHN could have been involved in any manner in the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

② - Memphis (Encl. 3) (Airmail)
 2 - Baltimore
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Approved: [Signature]
 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/1/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES ROBERT VAUGHN, MEMPHIS PD NUMBER SEVEN FOUR SIX EIGHT ZERO; JAMES WILLIAM VAUGHN, FBI NUMBER THREE NINE EIGHT ZERO FOUR FOUR D; AND JAMES ELLIS VAUGHN, JR., FBI NUMBER ONE EIGHT FIVE TWO FOUR FIVE A, WITH PRINTS DEVELOPED OF AN EVIDENTIARY VALUE IN THIS MATTER.

BALTIMORE ADVISED AIRMAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P END.

1 - Baltimore (Airmail)

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN
(OO: ME)

Re Baltimore airtel to Bureau 4/23/68.

Enclosed for Baltimore is one photo each of JAMES ROBERT VAUGHN, Memphis PD #74680; JAMES ELLIS VAUGHN, JR., Memphis PD #44187, FBI #185 245 A; and JAMES WILLIAM VAUGHN, Memphis PD #76408, FBI #398 044 D.

The above names were obtained during a review of Memphis PD records under the name JAMES VAUGHN as described in referenced airtel.

LEAD

BALTIMORE

AT JESSUP, MARYLAND. Will display photos to CLARENCE L. BLACKBURN, #56984, Maryland House of Corrections, Jessup, Md. and determine if any could be identical to the individual known to BLACKBURN.

Note: Memphis Copy

Memphis PD records contained the following names for which photos were not available:

J. W. VAUGHN, WM, 5'11", 165#, file #373-609, wanted card posted 9/16/67 for SO, Mena, Ark., for charge of defrauding an inn keeper;

2 - Baltimore (Enc-3)
2 - Memphis

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JAMES ROBERT VAUGHN, WM, DOB [REDACTED] address Rt. 2, Bolivar, Tenn., arrested by MPD on 4/27/63, arrest #11037, charged with failure to keep vehicle under control, \$20 fine in City Court, Memphis.

JAMES WESLEY VAUGHN, WM, born [REDACTED] member USN assigned NATTC, Millington, Tenn., arrested 12/4/65, arrest #31567, charged with drunkenness, disposition not shown

JAMES EDWARD VAUGHN, WM, no description shown, residence 800 Adams, arrested 7/16/42, on charge of investigation, released same day.

F B I

Date: 4/23/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669) P
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Baltimore, dated 4/16/68.

On April 18, 1968, CLARENCE I. BLACKBURN,⁰ #56984, Maryland House of Correction, Jessup, Maryland, advised that he believed the killer of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING to be, one, JAMES VAUGHN⁰ (phonetic), aka "Buddy". BLACKBURN worked with VAUGHN in late 1965 or early 1966 in the Washington, D.C., area out of Carpenter's Local #132. BLACKBURN said that VAUGHN is a native of Memphis, Tennessee and has a lengthy police record there. He stated that VAUGHN once told him that "If KING ever came to Memphis, he would never leave there alive".

BLACKBURN described VAUGHN as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	26-30
Height:	6'
Weight:	165
Hair:	Brown hair which is combed back
Characteristics:	Long Nose

He said that VAUGHN is a heavy drinker and could be regarded as a loner. He also stated that VAUGHN is a neat dresser. VAUGHN also has a silly smile which BLACKBURN stated was the reason he wrote the letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, feeling that VAUGHN was

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the one who killed Doctor KING. BLACKBURN indicated that VAUGHN had once told him that "He had shot at people in Memphis" before leaving there in 1965.

VAUGHN allegedly has a brother-in-law in Norfolk, Virginia, named THOMAS BRENT (phonetic), address unknown.

BRENT is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Approximately 37
Height:	5'6"
Weight:	150-160
Hair:	Brown - worn in a flat top
Marital Status:	Married
Wife's Name:	ANN

BLACKBURN stated that VAUGHN is to be in Norfolk with his brother-in-law at present, although he could furnish no address for either party and requested that the interviewing Agent attempt to obtain BLACKBURN'S release from the Maryland House of Correction, so that he could go to Norfolk and locate VAUGHN.

A review of BLACKBURN'S medical record at the Maryland House of Correction, Jessup, Maryland, reflected that a prison psychiatrist considered him as "emotionally unstable with a tendency to exaggerate on things which he has very little knowledge of".

On April 19, 1968, Mrs. IDA WASHBURN, Carpenter's Local #132, Washington, D.C., was telephonically contacted and she advised that her records reflected that CLARENCE BLACKBURN was a member of Local #132 in late 1965 and early 1966 but that there is no record of any JAMES VAUGHN under all conceivable spellings, as having been a member of that Local at that time. Mrs. WASHBURN stated, however, that it is possible that if VAUGHN did work out of Local #132, he may have only obtained a work permit and not a full membership, in which case, he would not be carried on their records.

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On April 22, 1968, Miss VIOLA WOOD, District Council of Carpenter's Locals, Washington, D.C., advised that her files reflected no JAMES VAUGHN under any conceivable spellings as having been a member of any Carpenter's Local in the Washington, D.C., area in either 1965 or 1966.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will determine through the Memphis Police Department that such a person as JAMES VAUGHN (phonetic) exists, and if he could be considered involved in any manner in the conspiracy. If VAUGHN is found to be a suspect, Memphis should set forth appropriate leads to attempt to locate him.

4/16/68

Airtel

To: SAC, Baltimore

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Attached for Baltimore are two copies of a letter from C. Blackburn, #56984, P. O. Box 534, Jessup, Maryland 20794, dated 4/10/68. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

Baltimore immediately locate and interview Blackburn for any information he may have concerning this case. Set out leads in expeditious manner.

Enclosures (2)

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① - Memphis (Enclosure)

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NAME

Ed Blackburn

NO

56984

ADDRESS

534

M

Jesse, Md.

STREET

CITY

STATE

DATE

4/10/68

The way they described the man that shot Martin Luther King it fits this man to a T. I'm going to tell you about this man. He told me back in 66 if he ever came to Memphis he was going to shoot him. I used to work with him and he's got an awful bad record.

Jim at Maryland House of
Correction in prison
Maryland.

Box 334

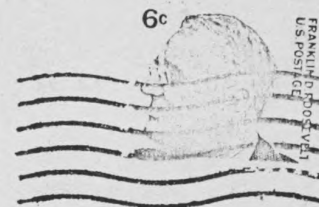
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from C Blackburn #56984
P. O. Box #534
Jessup, MARYLAND #20794



To F.B.I.
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Washington D.C.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re your airtel of 4/11/68.

On basis of information furnished in referenced airtel, no fingerprint records could be located for Leon Holman, Robert Melvin Kelly, Vernon Doyle Ellington, William A. Adcock, Raymond Adams, and Emmett L. Baker.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impression in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of William James Simmons, born [redacted] in Utica, Mississippi; Donald William Branch, born [redacted] in Miami, Florida, FBI #162792E (not FBI #1083956 as quoted in urairtel) or with the fingerprints of the other individuals mentioned in referenced airtel. In addition, the unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impression are not identical with the fingerprints of James H. Keathley, born [redacted] in Hamilton County, Tennessee, FBI #1083956. (This number was quoted in urairtel as FBI number for suspect Donald William Branch.) No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for these individuals.

The above-described William James Simmons, may or may not be the same as the William J. Simmons mentioned in referenced airtel.

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Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), and
LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED TODAY.

MISSISSIPPI REGISTRATION TWO NINE DASH FOUR SEVEN
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ZERO ZERO DETERMINED TO BE REGISTERED FOR SIXTYTWO FORDGALIXIE FIVE HUNDRED, EIGHT CYLINDER, FOUR DOOR, VIN
TWO W SIX TWO X ONE TWO EIGHT THREE SEVEN THREE ISSUED
APRIL ELEVEN LAST TO MRS. PEGGY J. WORKS, FULTON, MISS.PEGGY J. WORKS INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED VEHICLE
PRESENTLY IN POSSESSION OF HER HUSBAND, RICHARD A. WORKS
WHO IS VISITING SISTER, MRS. GLENDA LESTER, SIX ZERO FIVE
AND ONE HALF, GARFIELD STREET, GLENDALE, CALIF. MRS.
WORKS STATED THAT HER HUSBAND ARRIVED IN GLENDALE APRIL
FOURTEEN LAST, DURATION OF STAY UNKNOWN.LOS ANGELES AT GLENDALE LOCATE RICHARD A. WORKS
AND INTERVIEW ASCERTAINING WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTENENT
PERIOD OF CASE.

1 - Jackson

① - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
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Approved: (2)

Special Agent in Charge

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3:42 AM URGENT 4-17-68 FMK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),
JACKSON
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN.

ARTHUR YEAKEL, PATROLMAN, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA,
PD, ADVISED WHILE WORKING AT A SPECIAL OFFICE ON APRIL
THIRTEEN LAST IN SAN BERNARDINO, HE WAS APPROACHED
BY A WHITE MALE TRAVELING ALONE WHO ASKED FOR DIRECTIONS
TO GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA.

INDIVIDUAL, CARRYING MAP OF LOS ANGELES AREA IN HAND
WITH GLENDALE DASH PASADENA AREA CIRCLED, WAS DRIVING
FIFTY FIVE TO FIFTY SEVEN FORD, MEDIUM BLUE OVER DARK
BLUE IN COLOR, MISSISSIPPI LICENSE, ITAWAMBA COUNTY, NO.
TWO NINE FOUR SEVEN ZERO ZERO.

YEAKEL STATED INDIVIDUAL APPEARED TO BE OF SAME OR
CLOSE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AS LISTED IN NEWSPAPERS FOR
UNSUB - MURKIN CASE AND RESEMBLED ARTIST CONCEPTION,
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APPEARING IN NEWSPAPERS, ALTHOUGH HAIR LINE NOT AS
RECEDED OR NOSE NOT AS POINTED. YEAKEL OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL
LEAVING IN VEHICLE TOWARD GENERAL DIRECTION OF GLENDALE.

JACKSON ASCERTAIN TO WHOM LICENSE ISSUED AND CONDUCT
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY CURRENT DRIVER OF
VEHICLE.

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Y HFL

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5/22/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (172-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re San Francisco airtel, 5/2/68.

Re: Suspect HAROLD EDWARD NICHOLS,
aka Hal Nichols

Referenced San Francisco airtel, 5/2/68, set out a lead for Los Angeles to locate RUSSELL and JIM TOWNSEND. Los Angeles reported coverage of this lead in their airtel dated 5/13/68, a copy of which is enclosed for Memphis.

Investigation in the San Francisco area requested in referenced airtel has been completed and is being forwarded as enclosures to this airtel.

- (1) FD-302 re CYRIL STEVENSON, JR.
- (2) Insert of SA THOMAS C. MC GEE re travel to Orange County.
- (3) Insert of SA WILLIAM HUTTON, JR. re gasoline bills.

1 - Bureau (RM) *Wm 46nec*
1 - Memphis (Encls. 4) (RM)
1 - San Francisco
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reyourairtel 5/3/68.

On 5/8/68, JAMES H. TOWNSEND, 808 North Pine Street, Anaheim, California, and his brother, RUSSELL (NMN) TOWNSEND, 535 South West Street, Anaheim, California, were contacted at their place of employment, 1110 South Pomona Avenue, Fullerton, California. On that date, both TOWNSENDS admitted receiving phone calls from HAROLD EDWARD NICHOLS on 3/29/68.

JAMES TOWNSEND advised that he recalls receiving his phone call from NICHOLS some time during the afternoon on 3/29/68. TOWNSEND stated that NICHOLS was calling in connection with a trip TOWNSEND was making to the California Republican Assembly Convention, which was being held in Berkeley, California on 3/29/68. TOWNSEND stated that he departed Orange County Airport on 3/29/68 and was picked up at the Oakland Airport by NICHOLS and taken to the hotel in Berkeley, California.

JAMES TOWNSEND advised that he himself made three calls to NICHOLS on 3/29/68 in connection with his arrival time in Oakland. He stated he recalls leaving the Disneyland Hotel at 7:05 p.m. on 3/29/68 and arriving in Oakland later that same night.

RUSSELL TOWNSEND advised that he has known NICHOLS for better than six years and has worked with him on numerous

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 2 - Los Angeles

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occasions. He stated he cannot conceive of anyone even thinking that NICHOLS would have anything to do with the murder of Dr. KING. TOWNSEND stated that he has discussed the FBI interview of NICHOLS with NICHOLS in connection with the murder of KING, and both he and his brother JAMES TOWNSEND could not understand how anyone would think of connecting NICHOLS with Dr. KING. RUSSELL TOWNSEND stated he recalls getting a phone call from NICHOLS on the morning of 3/29/68 but could not recall the exact content of this call except to state that NICHOLS was trying to reach his brother JAMES TOWNSEND.

No further investigation being conducted Los Angeles in connection with NICHOLS or TOWNSEND at this time.

AGENTS IN INTERVIEWS SHOULD EXERCISE DISCRESSION AND CAUTION TO PREVENT ANY FALSE ALLEGATIONS THAT THE FBI IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF THE AIP.