

4/19/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed for the Memphis Office are nine copies of an investigative insert regarding WILLIAM GARY SHAVER, who was considered a suspect in this matter.

WGM
② - Memphis (Enc. 9)
2 - Columbia

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CO 44-299

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RE: SUSPECT - WILLIAM GARY SHAVER

The following investigation was conducted on April 15, 1968, at Beaufort, South Carolina, by SA DANIEL F. O'SULLIVAN:

Staff Sergeant LARRY WARREN, Marine Serial Number [REDACTED] Marine Corps Air Station, residence 1343 Cardinal Lane, Laurel Bay, South Carolina, advised that he saw an individual in Beaufort, South Carolina, who resembled the composite sketch of someone who was allegedly connected with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Staff Sergeant WARREN advised that he was walking on Carteret Street in Beaufort, South Carolina, on Saturday, April 13, 1968, and passed a house located at 906 Carteret Street. He said that on the front porch of this house he observed a man sitting on the porch reading a newspaper and that this individual reminded him of a sketch he saw on a national news television show sometime during the prior week. WARREN said he could not recall the name of the individual whose sketch appeared on television, but recalled that this was the individual seen leaving a boarding house located in the area where Dr. KING was killed.

Staff Sergeant WARREN described the individual he saw sitting on the porch as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30's
Height	5' 10" - 6'
Weight	160-170 pounds
Hair	Sandy colored, combed straight back
Eyes	Blue or grey
Complexion	Fair
Dress	Clean Shaven Dark Pants and White Shirt

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A review of the 1966-1967 Beaufort City Directory showed that the house located at 906 Carteret Street, was a boarding house operated by Mrs. JANIE YOUMANS.

Mrs. JANIE YOUMANS, Youmans Boarding House, 906 Carteret Street, advised that on Saturday, April 13, 1968, she had two boarders staying at her boarding house. She said that she did not remember either one of her boarders sitting on the front porch reading a newspaper at any time on the previous Saturday, but noted that one of her boarders, a Mr. LINBERG, is an old man and seldom leaves his room. Mrs. YOUMANS said her second boarder was WILLIAM SHAVER, who moved into her boarding house on April 3, 1968. Mrs. YOUMANS said that SHAVER has stayed at her boarding house on several occasions and she has learned that SHAVER is from Greenville, South Carolina.

Mrs. YOUMANS stated that SHAVER called her on Wednesday, April 3, 1968, and said that he was coming to Beaufort that day and would like to stay at her boarding house. SHAVER moved in that evening and has resided there ever since.

Mrs. YOUMANS further advised that SHAVER is employed as a painter with the Coastal Cabinet Company, Beaufort, South Carolina. She described him as a white male, in mid forties, short in stature, medium build, dark wavy hair and fair complexion.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JULIAN P. DOWLING at Beaufort, South Carolina, on April 15, 1968:

Mr. WILLIAM KEARSE, Coastal Cabinet Works, 702 Bladen Street, advised that WILLIAM G. SHAVER, Greenville, South Carolina, Social Security Number - [REDACTED], started work as a painter at the Coastal Cabinet Works on April 8, 1968..

CO 44-299

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The following investigation was conducted by SA DANIEL F. O'SULLIVAN and SA LANSING P. LOGAN at Beaufort, South Carolina, on April 15, 1968:

WILLIAM GARY SHAVER, Youmans Boarding House, 906 Carteret Street, advised that his permanent address is 220 Francis Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina. SHAVER said that he left Greenville, South Carolina, by Greyhound Bus on April 3, 1968, and arrived in Beaufort, South Carolina, at 9 p.m. that evening. He moved into Youmans Boarding House that evening and remained there until the morning of April 8, 1968, when he reported to work at the Coastal Cabinet Works, Beaufort, South Carolina. SHAVER stated that he never left Beaufort, South Carolina, for any reason during the period April 3-8, 1968.

The following description of WILLIAM GARY SHAVER was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Rockingham, North Carolina
Height	5' 8"
Weight	175
Build	Medium to Heavy
Hair	Light Brown, greying, combed straight back
Eyes	Hazel
Scars and Marks	3" vertical scar from hairline down center of forehead
Occupation	Painter
Arrests	Admitted None

After the interview of SHAVER, Mrs. JANIE YOUNANS was recontacted at which time she advised that SHAVER had in fact been at her boarding house from April 3 through April 15, 1968. Mrs. YOUNANS stated that, with the exception of the past two days, when SHAVER has been working, he never left her boarding house for any great length of time.

F B I

Date: 4/19/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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2 - Columbia

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/24/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: *WPL* SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)(P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CR

RE: Richmond airtel, 4/19/68.

RE: SUSPECT GEORGE WIEDEMAN, Aka. Jack

On 4/23/68, PATRICIA TORMEY, wife of GEORGE TORMEY, would be recipient of post card set forth in re airtel, advised as follows:

JOHN J. DONNELLY, Aka., Jack, sender of post cards, is a member of the Nassau County PD, NYC. He resides at 113-15 212th St., Queens Village, NY, NY. He is the brother of PATRICIA TORMEY (above). DONNELLY was at Houston 4/8/68 for the day, having driven to Houston from New York on vacation.

Re cards were sent in jest and typified by DONNELLY's sense of humor.

DONNELLY is being eliminated as a suspect in captioned matter.

② - Memphis (AM)
 2 - New York (AM)
 2 - Richmond (AM) (44-657)
 2 - Houston
 JSW:sm
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, NEW YORK
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-
MURKIN

RE: SUBJECT GEORGE WIEDEMAN

On 4/15/68, Mrs. SADIE REID, a waitress at the Watstull Restaurant and Motel on Interstate 81 at Arcadia, Va., advised on 4/15/68, that at about 9:00 A.M., 4/11/68, a young white man came into the restaurant and ate breakfast. While he was there, he purchased two post cards and when he left asked if she could mail the cards for him. She agreed to mail the cards and after he left, she read them and noted the contents and the way that they were signed and decided to turn them over to the FBI rather than mail them.

Mrs. REID furnished the cards which read as follows:

"George,

"Should you ever again warn me about Houston's rain, you'll be speaking to a confirmed believer. Visability was so poor, could only do 40MPH. Having neither radar nor pontoons, stayed over at Winnie, Tex (25 mi W. of Beaumont)

"Had rain all thru Louisiana, too, but from Alabama on its been beautiful.

"/s/ Jack"

2 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - Houston (REGISTERED MAIL)
② - Memphis (44-1987) (REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - Richmond
REB:sw
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Kearney

RE 44-657

This post card was addressed to GEORGE TORMEY,
8810 Grape, Houston, Texas.

The other card reads as follows:

"Comrade,

"Congratulations on your work in Memphis.
Your precision was flawless. Oswald needed 3
"messengers" but you performed with only one.
Your departure was also perfect. They hunt in
Mexico for a bird that is in New York.

"See you at Tuesday's cell meeting.

"Regards,
"/s/ Ivan"

This post card was addressed to GEORGE WIEDEMAN,
TWA Air Cargo Bldg. 81, J. F. Kennedy Airport, Jamaica,
N. Y.

It was noted that both of the cards were hand
printed in ink and appeared to have been written by the
same individual. The cards are being maintained in the
Richmond file.

Mrs. REID described the man who gave her the
post cards as follows:

Race	White
Age	27-28
Height	5'6" - 5'7"
Weight	155-160 lbs.
Hair	Cut short, black
Eyes	Dark
Dress	Dark suit, white shirt and tie
Accent	No particular accent noted

This individual was driving a 1966-67 black
Ford with Tennessee license plates, number unknown. She
did not know in which direction he was traveling when he
left the restaurant but indicated she had not seen the man
before and was not a local resident.

RH 44-657

LEADS

NEW YORK

AT KENNEDY AIRPORT, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Will identify GEORGE WIEDEMAN, TWA Air Cargo Building 81, to determine if he should be considered a logical suspect in this matter and attempt to learn from him the identity of the sender of the post card named JACK, and if he considers JACK to be a suspect in this matter.

HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Will contact GEORGE TORMEY, 8810 Grape, to determine if he knows identity of sender of these post cards named JACK and if JACK should be considered a logical suspect in captioned matter.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4/19/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, ATLANTA
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-
MURKIN
(OO:Memphis)

Re Washington Field teletype to Memphis, Atlanta, and Richmond, 4/8/68, regarding unidentified male on Delta Flight 725, 4/1/68, with rifle box labeled "Mauser" which was placed by unidentified stewardess in cockpit.

Enclosed for Atlanta is a copy of the flight manifest for Delta Flight 725 on 4/1/68.

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For the information of New Orleans, on 4/6/68, Mr. JOHN C. THOMAS, advised Washington Field that on 4/1/68, he had flown to Atlanta, Ga., on Delta Flight 725 at which time he noticed a man with a box which appeared to be identical with one pictured in the "Atlanta Journal" as being one that had contained the rifle used to shoot Dr. KING. The box was labeled "Mauser". One of the stewardesses aboard the flight stored the box in the cockpit until the termination of the flight. The above mentioned flight departed Washington National Airport at 8:09 A.M., and arrived at Atlanta at 9:43 A.M. The man carrying the box was described as approximately 5'11", stocky, and wearing sunglasses.

2 - Atlanta (Enc. 1) (REGISTERED MAIL)
② - Memphis (REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - New Orleans (REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - Richmond
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RH 44-657

On 4/15/68, Mr. JACK T. SCHNEIDER, Station Manager, Delta Airlines, Washington National Airport, advised their records indicate the crew of Flight 725 on 4/1/68, was as follows:

Captain PEARL
First Officer JONES
Stewardesses PAGE, MOSELY, and STUMLER

Mr. SCHNEIDER stated the Captain and First Officer are based in New Orleans and the stewardesses based in Atlanta. In addition, Mr. SCHNEIDER made available a Xerox copy of the flight manifest which bears the name of all persons who had made reservations or flew on that particular flight.

LEADS

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will contact above mentioned stewardesses to determine what they recall about particular incident. Will, with the aid of the flight manifest, determine if they can recall the individual carrying the box apparently containing a rifle.

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Will interview the flight officers aboard Delta Flight 725 on 4/1/68, to determine if they recall the incident mentioned above.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4-23-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, New York (44-1609)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re New York teletype 4-19-68:

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Maurice Lamar Wolverton, born [redacted] in Ohio, who may or may not be the same as the Maurice Wolverton described in referenced teletype. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Wolverton.

1 - Los Angeles

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re New York teletype to the Bureau 4/16/68.

Investigation on 4/17/68, at Bartenders International School, 200 W. 24th St., NYC, and Bartenders School, Inc., 201 West 49th St., NYC, negative for any information re JOHN WILLARD, HARRY LOWMEYER or ERIC STARVO GALT (GAULT).

3 - Bureau
1 - Memphis
1 - New York

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TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS.

REFERENCE CHIEF STEWARD, "SMITH TOURIST", MAY-AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR.

REFERENCE COLUMBIA AIRTEL APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

JAY W. JACOBS, CLIPPER MARINE CORPORATION, THIRTY NINE BRAODWAY, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT, THE CHIEF STEWARD ON THE VOYAGE OF THE "SMITH TOURIST" FROM NEW ORLEANS TO INDIA, MAY-AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR, WAS MAURICE WOLVERTON. Z NUMBER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

UNITED STATES BULK CARRIERS IS NOW DEFUNCT AND SHIP, NOW NAMED "U.S. TOURIST", IS OWNED BY AEC SHIPPING CORPORATION, AND MANAGED BY CLIPPER MARINE.

- 1 - Columbia (44-299) (AM)
- ① - Memphis (AM)
- 1 - ADIC JOHN F. MALONE
- 1 - Supervisor #23

JPO:amd
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Kearney *CRK*

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WOLVERTON IS A WHITE MALE; BORN SPRINGFIELD, OHIO,
[REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN AND ONE
HALF INCHES; ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE POUNDS; BLUE EYES;
BROWN HAIR; SCARS ON LEFT THUMB AND LEFT SHOULDER; NEXT
OF KIN, AUNT, RUTH STEVENS, TWO NINE ONE FIVE SUNSET PLACE,
APARTMENT NUMBER ONE ONE ZERO, LOS ANGELES; SOCIAL
SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

WOLVERTON SAILED ON "UNITED STATES CAPER" SEPTEMBER-
DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN; ON "UNITED STATES TOURIST",
DECEMBER TWENTY THIRD, LAST TO PRESENT.

PRESENT VOYAGE "UNITED STATES TOURIST" STARTED
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, LAST. SHIP
SAILED FROM JACKSONVILLE FOR BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, APRIL
SECOND, LAST. SHIP DIVERTED TO SUNNY POINT, NORTH
CAROLINA, ARRIVING APRIL FIVE, LAST. SHIP SAILED FROM
SUNNY POINT APRIL SIXTEENTH, LAST FOR PANAMA AND LONG

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NY 44-1609

BEACH, CALIFORNIA, TO ARRIVE THERE MAY FIRST NEXT FOR
ONE DAY REFUELING STOP.

COMPANY DOES NOT KNOW IF WOLVERTON ACTUALLY ABOARD
SHIP MARCH TWENTY EIGHT THROUGH APRIL FIVE LAST.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO COMPARE PRINTS OF WOLVERTON
Z NUMBER [REDACTED] WITH PRINTS
AVAILABLE THIS CASE.

MEMPHIS AND COLUMBIA ADVISED BY MAIL.

4/19/68

PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau telephone call, 4/18/68 and New York teletype dated 4/19/68.

GEORGE HUNT, Managing Editor, ~~ROSEL KUNHARDT~~, Assistant Managing Editor and ~~THEYSON SCHAD~~, Editor Counsel, Time, Inc., NYC, were contacted on 4/18/68 with respect to photographs taken in Newark, N.J. on 3/27/68 by CURTIS WAY. Bureau note page 3 paragraph one line one of fatal states "Rose took three colored photos of Dr. King." It is requested that that line be corrected to read "Curtis Way took three colored photos of Dr. King". *Sub I - 25*

Sub I - 23
CURTIS WAY, ~~THEODORE ROSE~~ and GLORIA WAY were interviewed by ADIC JOHN F. MALONE and SAs EDWARD R. CHORY and WILLIAM C. NASH concerning circumstances of the pictures taken by WAY at Newark. When agents departed, the WAYs and ROSE were in the process of reaching some sort of agreement with Time, Inc. for reward in furnishing photographs aforementioned.

- 2- Bureau (Encls. 3)
- 2- Memphis (44-1987) (INFO)
- 2- Newark
- 1- New York

WCH:jmr
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Kearney

NY 44-1609

HUNT made available three negatives for the pictures taken on 3/27/68 by CURTIS WAY at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 224 West Kinney Street, Newark, New Jersey. He stated that these negatives were being furnished to the Bureau for official investigation purposes only and requested that no other news source or news media be furnished these negatives or copies thereof by the Bureau. The individual who THEODORE ROSE, GLORIA and CURTIS WAY positively identify as ERIC STARVO GALT appears in the following photographs as follows:

- Photo #1 White male, center of picture, directly above head of Dr. KING and positioned to the immediate left of white pillar.
- Photo #2 White male, left center of picture, directly above Dr. KING's head; appears to have pipe in hand.
- Photo #3 White male, upper center of picture, left of white pillar; appears to be conversing with colored male, possibly a photographer.

The enclosed negatives need not be returned.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4/19/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DALLAS AND EL PASO
FROM SACRAMENTO (100-427)

MURKIN.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT.

MRS. JOHN TESOVNICK, LOCAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, NINE ONE THREE DEVORE, BAKERSFIELD, CALIF., TODAY ADVISED THAT SHE HAD PHONE CONVERSATION WITH HER MOTHER, RUTH ROEBUCK, WHO RESIDES OLTON, TEXAS, TEL. NO. TWO EIGHT FIVE - TWO FOUR ZERO NINE, AND MRS. ROEBUCK SAID SHE SAW MAN BELIEVED TO BE GALT AT EL PASO, TEXAS AIRPORT APPROXIMATELY TEN AM APRIL FOURTEEN LAST. MRS. ROEBUCK HAD LEFT BAKERSFIELD THAT DATE AND CHANGED PLANES AT EL PASO BEFORE PROCEEDING TO ODESSA, TEXAS TO ATTEND FUNERAL.

DALLAS AND EL PASO HANDLE.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

END

1-SACRAMENTO
①-MEMPHIS
CNS/LAL
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44-1987-SUB E-576

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Kearney

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PLAIN

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO : MOBILE (157-2627)

FROM: MILWAUKEE (44-388)

MURKIN

RE URTEL APRIL EIGHTEEN, INSTANT.

DMV CHECK, MADISON, WIS., REVEALS WIS. LICENSE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REGISTERED TO HENRY A. DELACENSERIE, ONE TWO TWO

THREE SEVEN W. DEARBORNE, WAUWATOSA, WIS., APRIL NINETEEN,

SIXTY-SEVEN, CHEVROLET COUPE, VIN ONE SIX THREE EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN

J TWO EIGHT ZERO THREE THREE EIGHT

DELACENSERIE DESCRIBED AS W/M, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE

HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE POUNDS, DOB [REDACTED]

BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR.

WIS. LICENSE [REDACTED]

REGISTERED TO MARY

A. MOORE, H TWO TWO FOUR, S ONE FIVE ONE SIX, WHITEHALL,

WAUKESHA, WIS., FOR SIXTY-SIX FORD, FOUR DOOR VIN SIX A FOUR TWO

H ONE EIGHT ONE SIX FIVE SEVEN, DRIVER'S LICENSE CHECK INDICATES

MARY A. MOORE, [REDACTED]

ARCADIAN,

WAUKESHA, WIS. FURTHER CHECK INDICATES A JAMES MOORE, JR. SAME

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(44-1987)
① - Memphis (AM) 1 - Birmingham (AM)

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ARCADIAN ADDRESS DESCRIBED AS W/M, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS, DOB [REDACTED] BROWN HAIR AND EYES, HAS MAINTAINED WIS. DRIVER'S LICENSE SINCE DECEMBER, SIXTY-SIX.

CREDIT BUREAU, MILWAUKEE, ADVISES JAMES MOORE, JR. AND WIFE MARY HAVE RESIDED ABOVE ADDRESSES SINCE JANUARY, SIXTY-EIGHT AND HE EMPLOYED AMRON CORP. SINCE AUGUST, SIXTY-SIX AS SECURITY POLICE.

CREDIT BUREAU ADVISES HENRY A. DELACENSERIE IN FILE SINCE AUGUST, SIXTY-SEVEN AND AS EMPLOYED AS TEACHER PILGRIM PARK JR. HIGH SCHOOL SINCE AUGUST, SIXTY-FIVE, WIFE - PATRICIA.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION ANTICIPATED THIS MATTER, MILWAUKEE.
AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

4/18/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO MILWAUKEE
FROM MOBILE (157-2527)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RACIAL INFORMANT, MOBILE DIVISION, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED TODAY HE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL IN BAR AT HOLIDAY INN, ERIKA, ALA., WHO "LOOKS LIKE" THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF SUSPECT IN CAPTIONED CASE. INFORMANT LEARNED NOTHING CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL WITH EIGHT- TION HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SHORT DARK HAIRER WOMAN AND WAS REGISTERED IN ROOM ONE TWENTY.

INVESTIGATION, HOLIDAY INN, REFLECTS JAMES MOORE, JR., POST OFFICE BOX NINETY THREE, WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN, REGISTERED IN ROOM ONE TWENTY AND ALSO REGISTERED IN ROOM ONE EIGHTEEN INDICATING FOUR PERSONS, INCLUDING SELF, IN PARTY. ON REGISTRATION CARD, MOORE INDICATED HE WAS DRIVING SIXTY SIX FORD, WISCONSIN LICENSE [REDACTED]

HOWEVER, CHECK OF PARKING LOT DISCLOSES ONLY ONE VEHICLE

1 - Memphis (AM) (44-1987)
1 - MOBILE
RIF: ERM
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NO 157-2527

PRESENTLY IN LOT WITH WISCONSIN TAG DISPLAYED THEREON
AND THIS CAR IS SIXTY SIX FORD GALAXIE, BROWN COLOR,
BEARING WISCONSIN LICENSE [REDACTED]

MILWAUKEE IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN REGISTRATION OF
VEHICLE AND DETERMINE IF JAMES MOORE, JR., IDENTIFY
PERSON.

INFORMANT STATED INDIVIDUAL HE CONVERSED WITH IN
HIS VALUE AS TO ANY DETAILS CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OR
PREVIOUS BACKGROUND. PENDING.

WUHL. AM GOVT SENT MEMPHIS.

FBI MEMPHIS

/8FBI CHICAGO

739PM URGENT 4-21-68 TAB

TO: KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM

FROM: CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

MRS. JAMES MC KEAN, (PROTECT IDENTITY), AUNT OF JEROME CARPENTER^D
TODAY ADVISED CHICAGO AGENTS CARPENTER IS WM, DOB NINETEEN THIRTY
SIX, AND BELIEVED PRESENTLY INCARCERATED MISSOURI STATE PRISON,
JEFFERSON CITY, FOR MURDER OF UNKNOWN MALE NEGRO IN NINETEEN
SIXTY ONE AT ST. LOUIS. MRS MC KEAN ADVISED CARPENTER LONG TIME
FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT RAY. CARPENTER MAYALREADY BE
PAROLED.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO. DETERMINE CARPENTER'S
PRESENT STATUS AND INTERVIEW RE RAY'S POSSIBLE CURRENT WHEREABOUTS
AND ASSOCIATES. ALSO ADVISE APPROPRIATE OFFICES COVERING CARPENTER'S
PAROLE RESIDENCE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CARPENTER RE RAY'S CURRENT
WHEREABOUTS AND ASSOCIATES IN EVENT CARPENTER ALREADY PAROLED.
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

CAP

FBI MEMPHIS

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FBI RICHMOND

726PM URGENT 4/23/68 ECS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), INDIANAPOLIS, MEMPHIS (44-1987),
PITTSBURGH (44-572), WFO (44-703)
FROM RICHMOND (44-657) 3P

MURKIN - CR (OO:ME)

RE CV TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY LAST, AND WFO TEL CALL
TO ALEXANDRIA RA, APRIL TWENTYONE LAST.

RE: CHARLES MOATS - LOOK ALIKE

FOR INFO INDIANAPOLIS: RETEL REFLECTS MANAGER AND CLERK
OF AKERS FOLKMAN TRAVEL AGENCY, CLEVELAND, OHIO, ADVISED WHITE
MALE, BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT RAY, ENTERED THEIR
OFFICE APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, USING NAME CHARLES MOATS, BOTH
BELIEVED MOATS TO BE IDENTICAL WITH PHOTO IN NEWSPAPERS AND
THOSE EXHIBITED BY AGENTS. MOATS DESIRED TO FLY TO CLARKSBURG,
WEST VA., IN A HURRY, DID NOT CARE ABOUT STOPS EN ROUTE.
TRAVEL AGENCY ARRANGED TICKETS FOR MOATS FOR NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT THREE TWO SIX, FLYING NONSTOP TO WASH. NATL. AIRPORT (WNA)
APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, AND WAS GIVEN TRANSFER FOR LAKE CENTRAL
AIRLINES FLIGHT FIVE THREE FOUR, FROM WNA TO CLARKSBURG, W.VA.,
DEPARTING WNA AT ONE FIFTYFIVE P.M., AND ARRIVING CLARKSBURG,
THREE TWELVE P.M.
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MANAGER OF TRAVEL AGENCY ADVISED MOATS INDICATED HE ARRIVED CLEVELAND VIA BUS. SUSPECT DESCRIBED FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., DARK HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD, AGE MID THIRTIES, CLEAN SHAVEN, BEARING SCAR APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF INCH IN MIDDLE OF FOREHEAD, CURVING TOWARDS LEFT EYE AND ENDING APPROXIMATELY ONE INCH ABOVE LEFT EYE. SUSPECT WEARING DARK TWEED SPORTS COAT, SPORT SHIRT OPEN AT NECK, NO HAT. JACKET VERY CRUMPLED AND IN NEED OF CLEANING. SUSPECT SPOKE WITH HILLBILLY ACCENT BUT USED GOOD ENGLISH. APPEARED VERY NERVOUS.

ON APRIL TWENTYFIRST LAST, LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES EMPLOYEE, MISS KATHY PETRUSKA, ADVISED TICKETS FROM LAKE CENTRAL FLIGHT FIVE THREE FOUR NOT FULLY CLEARED TO DATE. EXPECTED TO BE CLEARED BY APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.

ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT, MISS PETRUSKA ADVISED FINAL TICKETS CLEARED OFFICE AND CONFIRMED PASSENGER CHARLES MOATS ON LAKE CENTRAL FLIGHT FIVE THREE FOUR FROM WMA TO CLARKSBURG, W.VA. END PAGE TWO

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ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT, LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES SUPERVISOR EUGENE L. ADAMS, ADVISED CREW OF LAKE CENTRAL FLIGHT FIVE THREE FOUR STATIONED IN INDIANAPOLIS AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW IN INDIANAPOLIS THROUGH LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES, WEIR COOK AIRPORT. HE ADVISED CAPTAIN OF FLIGHT TO BE JOHN COLESCOTT; FIRST OFFICER, W. R. BENNETT; AND STEWARDESS, CHERYL SHAEFER.

INDIANAPOLIS: EXHIBIT PHOTOS OF RAY TO CREW IN ORDER TO EFFECT IDENTIFICATION.

PITTSBURGH: FURTHER IDENTIFY MOATS AT AIRPORT, CLARKSBURG W. VA., THROUGH LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES.

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7:10 PM EST URGENT 4-21-68 WRJ

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY (MAIL)
FROM PITTSBURGH 44-573

MURKIN.

RE CLEVELAND TEL APRIL TWENTY LAST.

INQUIRY AT LAKE CENTRAL AIR LINES (LCAL), CLARKSBURG, W.VA.,
REFLECTS NO AVAILABLE RECORDS TO VERIFY ARRIVAL OF CHARLES
MOATS ON FLIGHT FIVE THREE FOUR APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST.

BY DESCRIPTION ONLY, PERSON APPEARING TO BE IDENTICAL
WITH MOATS, TOOK TAXI FROM AIRPORT TO CLARKSBURG BUS TERMINAL
ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST AFTER ARRIVAL OF FLIGHT FIVE THREE FOUR.
THIS PERSON MADE INQUIRY CONCERNING AVIS CAR RENTAL BUT RE-
FUSED TO RENT CAR WHEN TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR DEPOSIT REQUESTED.
THIS PERSON INDICATED IT WOULD BE CHEAPER TO BUY A CAR AND
WAS GIVEN DIRECTIONS TO LOCAL FORD DEALER. CONTACTS AT BUS
TERMINAL, HOTELS AND MOTELS, LOCAL POLICE, TRAIN DEPOT,
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LOCAL AND LOCAL FORD AGENCY FAILED TO LOCATE MOATS. ONE
CHARLES MOATS OF ROWLESBURG, W.VA., CHECKED OUT THIS DATE
AND COULD NOT BE IDENTICAL WITH PERSON IN RETEL BASED ON
DESCRIPTION.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN CLARKSBURG AND OTHER NEARBY
AREAS WHERE MOATS IS VERY COMMON FAMILY NAME.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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Date: April 25, 1968

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. -
FUGITIVE;
MURKIN
CR; UFAC - ROBBERY

OO: ME

Reference Cincinnati teletype to Director and auxiliary offices, dated 4/20/68, and Cleveland teletype to Director and auxiliary offices, dated 4/21/68.

Investigation Concerning MILLIE MARIE HUFF
and WILLIE CORNETT, Big Rock, Kentucky.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

No lead set forth to contact AUGGIE HUFF at Kingsport, Tennessee. Lead withheld until determination made as to the individual MANCEL VERNON PAYNE referred to in the 4/20/68, teletype.

On 4/21/68, WILLIE and VIVIAN CORNETT, Big Rock, Kentucky, advised that they are not at all familiar with

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the subject and stated subject is not related to them.

CORNETT advised MILLIE MARIE PAYNE, nee HUFF is their niece but they are unaware of her location. They advised they are unaware of the location of MILLIE MARIE PAYNE'S mother, GOLDIE HUFF. CORNETT stated he knew of no relative on either side of them family having the last name RAY.

CORNETT advised PETE HUFF lives in Ohio at an unknown location and AUGGIE HUFF resides in Kingsport, Tennessee, exact location unknown.

The following relatives of MILLIE MARIE PAYNE were contacted as to possible relationship to JAMES EARL RAY or knowledge of RAY. All advised they are unfamiliar and not related:

WILSON CORNETT
Big Rock, Kentucky
(uncle of MILLIE MARIE PAYNE).

BENTLEY HUFF
Big Rock, Kentucky
(brother of MILLIE MARIE PAYNE).

CORBIN HUFF
Brother of CLAUDE HUFF
brother of MILLIE MARIE PAYNE.

MILFORD CORNETT
Big Rock, Kentucky
(cousin).

ANNA LENE CORNETT
Big Rock, Kentucky
(cousin).

ELMER CORNETT
Big Rock, Kentucky
(cousin).

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KEN CORNETT
Big Rock, Kentucky
(cousin).

On 4/21/68, LORETTA and JOHN RAY, Big Laurel, Kentucky, advised that they are the only RAY family in Laurel County and are not related nor are they familiar with the subject.

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FBI CLEVELAND

2:35PM URGENT WJB 4-21-68

TO: DIRECTOR, (44-38861), LOUISVILLE, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY
(33-9449), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND CLEVELAND. AND CINCINNATI.

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565).

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA- FUGITIVE. MURKIN. CR; UFAC- ROBBERY. OO: MEM-
PHIS.

RE CINCINNATI TEL FOUR TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT.

MRS. GERALD LOCKER^D NEE CORNETTE^D, TOLEDO, OHIO, MOTHER OF MILLIE
MARIE HUFF STATES SUBJECT NOT RELATED TO HER FAMILY BY BLOOD OR MARR-
IAGE AND SUBJECTS PHOTO NOT FAMILAR TO HER OR HER PRESENT HUSBAND,
GERALD LOCKER.

MILLIE MARIE HUFF AND BROTHER PETE HUFF, ON FISHING TRIP AT
UNKNOWN LOCATION TODAY BUT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOUR TWENTYTWO,
NEXT.

AUGIE HUFF NOW RESIDING AT UNKNOWN LOCATION IN KINGSFORT, TENN.
STEWART HUFF, FATHER OF MILLIE MARIE HUFF DIED IN NINETEEN FIFTYTWO.
MRS. LOCKER BELIEVES MANCEL VERNON PAYNE, FORMER HUSBAND OF MILLIE
MARIE HUFF, IS REFERRING TO JAMES EARL HARRIS WHO WAS IN TOLEDO DURING
NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT- FIFTYNINE AND POSSIBLY KNOWN TO PAYNE.
HARRIS W/Y, ABOUT TWENTYSIX YRS. OLD, IS NOT RELATED TO HUFF FAMILY
BUT WAS FRIENDLY WITH THEM IN THE PAST. HARRIS NOW RESIDES UNKNOWN
ADDRESS IN PINE MOUNTAIN, KY.

CLEVELAND WILL INTERVIEW MILLIE MARIE HUFF WHEN AVAILABLE.

CINCINNATI AT SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, REINTERVIEW PAYNE TO DETERMINE
IF HE WAS REFERRING TO JAMES EARL HARRIS RATHER THAN JAMES EARL
RAY.

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FBI NEWARK

134 AM URGENT 4-21-68 JON/EJC

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM NEWARK (44-354) -P-

MURKIN

RE NY TEL TO BUREAU, FOUR NINETEEN LAST, AND NK TEL TO BUREAU FOUR NINETEEN LAST, AND BUREAU TEL CALL TO NK, FOUR TWENTY LAST.

RE INFORMATION FROM CURTIS WAY TO TIME, INC., NYC.

ON FOUR NINETEEN LAST, GAIL WILLIAMS, NINE SOMERSET ST., NEWARK, AN EMPLOYEE OF NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS, TEN SIXTY BROAD, NEWARK, AND AN ACQUAINTANCE OF CURTIS AND GLORIA WAY, WAS INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED THAT ON FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST SHE WAS SHOWN PHOTO BY CURTIS WAY, OF GROUP INCLUDING AN UNKNOWN W/M, WHICH WAY SEEMED TO THINK WAS IDENT TO NEWSPAPER PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT. WILLIAMS STATED THAT SHE IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED THE W/M IN WAY'S SNAPSHOT AS BEING PERSON SHE HAD SEEN AROUND NEWARK FOR SEVERAL PAST MONTHS AND PERSON WHO ESCORTED FRIEND OF HERS, THERESA BRAYE, A N/F, AND EX-SCHOOL TEACHER IN NEWARK, TO MAYOR'S BALL, TWO EIGHTEEN LAST, IN NEWARK. WILLIAMS UNABLE TO FURNISH ADDRESS FOR BRAYE. SHE ALSO RECALLED THE SAME W/M, AS HANDING OUT FLOWERS AT MAYOR'S BALL. WILLIAMS NOT PRESENT AT PARADE, MARCH TWO FOUR LAST, OR AT DR. KING'S APPEARANCE AT ABYSSINIAN
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BAPTISTCHURCH, MARCH TWO SEVEN LAST. SHE DESCRIBED W/M AS SIX FOOT FOUR, OVER TWO HUNDRED LBS., DARK BROWN OR BLACK CURLY HAIR, GREYING AT TEMPLES, AND FAVORING WESTERN STLYE STRING TIES, VERY POLITE, AND HAVING SOUTHERN ACCENT.

WILLIAMS STATED THAT IN HER OPINION THE W/M IN WAY'S SNAP-SHOT IS DEFINITELY NOT IDENT TO ERIC STARVO GALT AND THAT WAY IS GROSSLY IN ERROR IN THIS MATTER. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY WAY WOULD START SUCH A THING, NOR WHY HE WOULD EVEN STATE THAT THE W/M IN THE SNAP-SHOT RESEMBLED GALT.

MRS. ANN CRUMIDY, THREE FIVE QUITMAN ST., NEWARK ALSO EMPLOYED AT NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS, ADVISED SHE HAD SEEN PERSON REFERRED TO BY GAIL WILLIAMS AS THE FLOWER MAN, AT THE MAYOR'S BALL AS WELL AS OTHER PLACES IN THE NEWARK AREA. SHE ADVISED THAT HE IS DEFINITELY NOT IDENT TO ERIC STARVO GALT, AND THAT CURTIS WAY MUST BE OUT FOR A REWARD, AND WAS CRAZY FOR STARTING SUCH A THING.

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ON FOUR NINETEEN LAST, JOHN PATRICK O'ROURKE, WMA, SIX FOOT FOUR AND ONE-HALF INCHES TALL, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT POUNDS, FORMER WEST ORANGE, N.J. POLICE SERGEANT FOR SIXTEEN YEARS, RESIDING ROOM ELEVEN EIGHTEEN, YMCA, SIX HUNDRED BROAD, NEWARK, N.J., WAS INTERVIEWED. HE ADVISED THAT HE KNEW THERESA BRAYE, AND HAD HANDED OUT FLOWERS TO THE LADIES. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT HE WAS A PARTICIPANT IN THE PARADE FROM LINCOLN PARK TO WASHINGTON PARK ON MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST AND HAD ATTENDED A DANCE AT THE TERRACE BALLROOM, NEWARK, EVENING OF MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST, WHERE HE DANCED WITH SEVERAL NEGRO LADIES.

O'ROURKE ADVISED THAT ON EVENING OF MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST HE ATTENDED THE APPEARANCE OF DR. KING AT THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH, NEWARK, AND WAS SUMMONED TO FRONT OF CHURCH BY AN UNRECALLED NEGRO MINISTER FRIEND OF HIS. HE SAT ON RIGHT SIDE OF DIAS DURING SPEECH BY DR. KING AND OTHERS AND RECALLED SEVERAL FLASH TYPE PHOTOS BEING TAKEN DURING THIS AFFAIR. HE RECALLED THAT AS HE TOOK SEAT NEAR DIAS HE SHOOK HANDS WITH SEVERAL NEGRO MINISTERS WHO WERE ALREADY SEATED IN THAT AREA.

ON FOUR NINETEEN LAST, OLIVER LOFTON, FIFTY ONE CLIFTON ST., NEWARK, DIRECTOR OF NEWARK LEGAL SERVICES, AND FORMER AUSA, NEWARK, INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED THAT HE DEFINETLY RECALLED A TALL WHITE MALE, WEARING A WESTERN TYPE STRING TIE, AS BEING PRESENT AT THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST. LOFTON VIEWED PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT, AS FURNISHED BY BUREAU, AND ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH

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THERE MAY BE SOME SIMILAR CHARACTERISTICS TO GALT'S FACIAL FEATURES, THAT THE WHITE MALE HE OBSERVED AT THE CHURCH WAS NOT IDENTICAL TO THE PHOTO OF GALT. LOFTON STATED PERSON HE IS SPEAKING OF WAS BECKONED TO COME DOWN TO FRONT OF CHURCH BY A NEGRO MINISTER, WHOM LOFTON DOES NOT KNOW, BUT WHOM HE HAS SEEN AROUND NEWARK AREA NUMEROUS TIMES, AND KNOWS MINISTER TO BE ACQUAINTED WITH REV. HORACE SHARPER, PASTOR OF ABYSSINIAN CHURCH. WHEN WHITE MALE APPROACHED DIAS, HE SHOOK HANDS WITH LOFTON AND ONE OR TWO OTHER NEGRO MINISTERS NEAR DIAS, AND THEN TOOK SEAT TO SIDE OF DIAS NEAR THE PIANO.

ON FOUR TWENTY LAST, O'ROURKE RE-CONTACTED AND FURNISHED TWO RECENT PHOTOS OF HIMSELF AND HIS OLD WEST ORANGE PD UNION CARD WITH PHOTO. SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS TO CONTACT GAIL WILLIAMS WERE NEGATIVE THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND AS OF TEN PM THAT DATE SHE WAS NOT AT HOME.

ON FOUR TWENTY LAST, CURTIS WAY; THEODORE ROSE, AND MRS. ROSE, RECONTACTED AND SHOWN PHOTOS FURNISHED BY O'ROURKE. MR. AND MRS. ROSE ADVISED THAT PHOTOS ARE BELIEVED BY THEM TO BE IDENTICAL TO THE WHITE MALE SHOWN IN THE PHOTOS TAKEN BY MR. WAY AT THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST.

CURTIS WAY ADVISED THAT HE IS OF SAME OPINION, AND ADDED THAT PHOTOS OF O'ROURKE ALSO BEAR RESEMBLANCE TO HIM OF THE ERIC STARVO GALT PHOTOS AS PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS AND AS SEEN ON WANTED FLYERS.

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IN VIEW OF ABOVE NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED
RE WAY'S INFORMATION OR PHOTOS. IDENTITIES OF MR AND MRS WAY AND
MR AND MRS ROSE NOT DISCLOSED TO O'ROURKE, AND O'ROURKE'S IDENTITY
NOT DIVULGED TO ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS.

MAIL COPY TO NEW YORK.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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336 PM URGENT 4-20-68 DCJ

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CLEVELAND, INDIANAPOLIS, LOS
ANGELES

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN; CR; OO:ME

RE CINCINNATI TEL TO DIRECTOR, APR. NINETEEN LAST, AND
ST. LOUIS TELEPHONE CALLS TO INDIANAPOLIS AND LOS ANGELES
APR. NINETEEN LAST.

SAS DISPATCHED APR. NINETEEN LAST, GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT,
ST. LOUIS, MO., FOR CHECK OF PASSENGERS ABOARD BUS FOUR FOUR
SEVEN TWO, ARRIVING FROM COLUMBUS, OHIO, TWO TWENTY P.M. NO
PERSON IDENTIFIABLE AS INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED RE TEL OBSERVED
DEPARTING BUS. EMPTY BUS SEARCHED FOR PERONS REMAINING ON
VEHICLE, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. BUS TERMINAL CHECKED BEFORE
AND AFTER DEPARTURE OF VEHICLE FOR LOS ANGELES WITHOUT SUCCESS.
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ONLY MALE PERSON ON BUS REMOTELY SUGGESTING SUBJECT'S
APPEARANCE IDENTIFIED AS CHARLES WARREN HALE, DATE OF BIRTH
[REDACTED] ANSON, TEXAS, EN ROUTE FROM
HOLYOKE, MASS., TO A VETERANS HOSPITAL NEAR ABILENE, TEXAS.
HALE DEFINITELY NOT IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT.

DRIVER WAYNE LESTER WILLIAMS, GREYHOUND BUS LINES, EIGHT
ZERO ONE N. BROADWAY, RESIDENCE FOUR FIVE ZERO EIGHT NORTH-
EASTERN AVE., WANAMAKER, INDIANA, ADVISED APR. NINETEEN SIXTY
EIGHT, HE DROVE NUMBER FOUR FOUR SEVEN TWO FROM INDIANAPOLIS TO
ST. LOUIS ARRIVING TWO TWENTY P.M. , APR. NINETEEN LAST. STATED
HE HAD TWELVE PASSENGERS FROM INDIANAPOLIS TO ST. LOUIS,
SEVERAL OF WHOM WERE NEGROES AND FEMALES, BUT DOES NOT KNOW
DESTINATION OF ANY PASSENGER, NOR WOULD HE HAVE CHECKED TICKETS.
WILLIAMS VIEWED PHOTO OF SUBJECT, STATED NO ONE OF DESCRIPTION
AMONG PASSENGERS. HE DID RECALL ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO SAT RIGHT
FRONT SEAT, THIRTY YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET, EIGHT TO NINE
INCHES, ONE FIVE ZERO LBS., INTOXICATED, AND EN ROUTE MASS. TO
TEXAS. HE COULD RECALL NO OTHER PERSON MEETING THE DESCRIPTION
IN QUESTION, AND DID NOT BELIEVE THIS PERSON WAS IDENTICAL.

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FBI LOUISVLE

2:42 PM 4-20-68 URGENT BAW

TO DIRECTOR (44-33861)

KANSAS CITY

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

TAMPA (157-3231)

FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947) 1P

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE TAMPA TEL APRIL NINETEEN, LAST.

INSTANT DATE, CHARLES LYON, MANAGER, HARRY'S AUTO
PARTS, FOUR ONE TWO ZERO PINECROFT, LOUISVILLE, ADVISED
HE MANAGES AUTO PARTS FOR HARRY KNIERIEM, A PROMINENT
WELL RESPECTED BUSINESSMAN IN LOUISVILLE VICINITY. BOTH
LYON AND EMPLOYEE, JERRY HESTER, STATED KNIERIEM BEARS
ABSOLUTELY NO RESEMBLANCE TO PHOTOS OF SUBJECT. BOTH
ADVISED KNIERIEM IN LOUISVILLE AT TIME OF SHOOTING OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-3886L, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND PHOENIX
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN.

RE PHOENIX TEL TO BUREAU ET AL, APRIL TWENTYSECOND LAST.

WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND, FORMER INMATE, LEAVENWORTH, KS.

PENITENTIARY, USPL NUMBER EIGHT TWO THREE SIX THREE L, TRANSFERRED
NOV. TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYSEVEN TO FEDERAL PRISON CAMP, SAFFORD, ARIZ.
ALONG WITH HIS USP FILE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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LOS ANGELES.

FROM SALT LAKE CITY 44-253 1P

MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS.

RE OMAHA TELETYPE SEVEN FIFTEEN PM APRIL NINETEEN, LAST. PAGE
THREE DESCRIBES JAMES EARL RAY'S ASSOCIATION WITH ONE BILL HOLLAND
WHO ALLEGEDLY RESIDED SALT LAKE CITY IN NINETEEN FIFTY.

INVESTIGATION INDICATES THREE WILLIAM H. HOLLANDS RESIDING
SALT LAKE CITY THAT TIME. TWO LOCATED AND ELIMINATED. THE THIRD,
NAME WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND, AGE FORTYEIGHT IN NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR, WIFE'S
NAME ALICE; MOVED TO LOS ANGELES IN ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN AND
RESIDED EIGHT FIVE SEVEN CRENSHAW BLVD. THERE. HE APPARENTLY HAS
SON WILLIAM R. HOLLAND, AGE TWENTYSIX IN NINETEEN FIFTYSIX WHO
RESIDED WITH PARENTS IN LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO LOCATE WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND AND
WILLIAM R. HOLLAND WHO RESIDED EIGHT FIVE SEVEN, CRENSHAW BLVD.
IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL BILL HOLLAND
MENTIONED RETEL.

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1206PM URGENT 4-20-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR, CINCINNATI (157-1893) & MEMPHIS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN; CR.

RE CI TEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

NINE AM GREYHOUND BUS ARRIVING IN LOS ANGELES FROM
ST. LOUIS MET. BUS WAS NUMBER FOUR FOUR SIX SEVEN. NO
BUS NUMBER FOUR FOUR SEVEN TWO ARRIVED LOS ANGELES THIS DATE
OR DUE TO ARRIVE IN LOS ANGELES THIS DATE. TICKETS ALL
PASSENGERS BUS NUMBER FOUR FOUR SIX SEVEN CHECKED AND
NEGATIVE ON TICKET NUMBER SIX THREE THREE SEVEN SIX FIVE.

BUS DRIVER HANK HOFFMAN ADVISED ONLY ONE PASSENGER,
A NEGRO MALE, DEPARTED BUS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES.
HOFFMAN VIEWED PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT AND ADVISED POSITIVE
NO PASSENGER RESEMBLED SUBJECT. LIEUTENANT JAY TURNER,
GREYHOUND SECURITY, FURNISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT TO
BE DISPLAYED TO ALL SECURITY PERSONNEL AND ADVISED ALL
PERSONNEL WOULD BE ALERTED TO BE ON LOOK OUT FOR ANYONE
RESEMBLING SUBJECT.

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FBI INDAPOLS

2:07 AM URGENT 4-20-68 JEC.

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1957)

FROM: INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN. CR. OO:MEMPHIS.

RE CINCINNATI TEL TO DIRECTOR FOUR DASH NINETEEN DASH SIXTYEIGHT.

UNSUB - BOARDING BUS AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOUR FIFTY AM, FOUR DASH NINETEEN DASH SIXTYEIGHT.

PAUL FISHER, ^DGREYHOUND DRIVER INDIANAPOLIS, ADVISED ONE PASSENGER FITTING UNSUB DISCRIPTION GOT ON BUS JUST BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM COLUMBUS. UNSUB SAT DIRECTLY BEHIND HIM DURING TRIP. UNSUB HAD TICKET FOR LOS ANGELES AND ASK IF HE HAD TO CHANGE BUSES. ADVISED NO. UNSUB SLEPT THROUGH DAYTON STOP AND INDIANAPOLIS STOP.

UNSUB DESCRIBED W/M, FIVE FT. SEVEN INCH., TO FIVE FT. EIGHT. INCH., ONE FOUR ZERO TO ONE FIVE ZERO LBS., NO ACCENT, SMALL MUSTACHE, NO BAGGAGE. CAN'T RECALL DRESS OR OTHER FEATURES. DRIVER VIEWED GALT PHOTOS COULD NOT MAKE IDENTITY. STATED TO BUSY WITH FOG TO NOTICE FURTHER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH M. BREWI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

At approximately 12:30 a.m., 4/19/68, Mrs. AVA SUDDUTH, 1088 College, telephonically advised that she wanted to bring two 14-year-old boys into the FBI Office as they had information of value she felt concerning captioned matter.

On 4/19/68 at approximately 1:00 a.m., Mrs. SUDDUTH appeared at the Memphis Office with MARVIN SUDDUTH, 1088 College, and REGINALD COHRAN, 1392 Chadwick Circle, both Negro males, age 14.

These two individuals advised that on Monday afternoon, 4/15/68, at approximately 2:30 p.m., they were in Riverside Park, Memphis, Tennessee, near the boat loading ramp for McKellar Lake, with a companion, same age, ANTHONY WRIGHT, who lives at an unknown address on Chadwick Circle. At this time WRIGHT's bicycle broke down and they were attempting to fix it. When this was going on, a man came up and asked them where a refreshment bar was located in the park. After they gave this man directions to the nearest refreshment stand, they engaged him in conversation. He advised that he had just gotten out of the Army and that he had been stationed in West Germany at Berlin. He further advised that he was just bumming around and was looking also for a place to go fishing. He also advised that he was not staying any place in particular. When they asked him how he was going to eat, he advised that he had a knife and he could catch wild game in the woods and clean it and eat it with this knife. He also had with him a white paper sack and from it he displayed pictures of the President and Vice President of the United States and also various pieces of Army literature concerning recruitment. He also had some magazines in this sack.

SUDDUTH advised that he saw the picture of GALT in the morning papers on 4/18/68, and at that time

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thought it looked like the man he and his companion had seen in the park but said nothing about it. COHRAN advised that he did not see the picture of GALT until the evening of 4/18/68, and at that time contacted MARVIN and they agreed the man they saw in the picture was very similar to the man they had seen in the park.

They both advised that after the conversation with this man ended, he just walked off in a southerly direction. They observed no mode of transportation connected with this man. They described this individual they observed in Riverside Park as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	Claimed to be 25 but looked 30
Height	Approximately 5'8"
Weight	Approximately 130 to 140
Hair	Dark brown
Accent	Regional
Peculiarities	Walked with his toes pointed outward in a slough-foot manner; chain smoked Winston 100's
Dress	Wearing a white or light colored all weather jacket, a white and red striped shirt, gray slacks, and black ROTC type shoes. He was carrying a heavy woolen plaid jacket with a zipper hood.

For information.

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Date: 4/19/68

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SUBJECT: MURKIN
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RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

GUY LEWIS, 7013 Military Parkway, telephone EV 8-0521,
Dallas, Texas, telephonically advised as follows on 4/18/68:

On 4/18/68, at approximately noon he and his wife entered Wyatt's Cafeteria, Pleasant Grove Shopping Center, Dallas, and observed an individual resembling published photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT. This individual was wearing a dark suit and was in the company of two other men approximately age 30. One of these men was wearing a black cowboy hat.

When these three men left the cafeteria, they entered a 1964 or 1965 Corvair, four-door, with Tennessee License Plates [REDACTED]. The license plate holder had Shelby, Tennessee printed along the top.

LEWIS furnished a description of individual that matches published description of GALT.

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AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. Identify holder of Tennessee license [REDACTED] and determine if identical to subject in this case.

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Re Mobile teletype to Los Angeles 4/18/68.

Enclosed herewith are 25 copies of an insert
reflecting interview with CECIL JACKSON, Executive Secretary
to Former Governor GEORGE C. WALLACE, Montgomery, Alabama.

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