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HIM. HE ADVISED BILLINGS WAS DRIVING A MAROON VEHICLE, MAKE AND MODEL UNRECALLED.

BILLINGS' COMPANION, NAME UNRECALLED, WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, SHORTER THAN BILLINGS AND FAIRLY GOOD LOOKING. HE DESCRIBED BILLINGS' COMPANION AS A TROUBLEMAKER WHO WAS PRONE TO VIOLENCE WHEN DRINKING.

HE DESCRIBED BILLINGS AND HIS COMPANION AS "DRIFTERS" AND STATED THE REASON HE RECALLS BILLINGS IS THAT BILLINGS GAVE HIM A ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLAR WORTHLESS CHECK, DRAWN ON THE GUARANTY BANK AND TRUST CO. OF WESTWEGO, WHICH WAS RETURNED TO HIM MARKED "NO ACCOUNT."

CAMERELLE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD SEARCH HIS RENTAL RECORDS AND ATTEMPT TO FIND THE DOGUS CHECK GIVEN TO HIM BY BILLINGS IN ORDER TO PINPOINT THE EXACT DATE OF ~~THEIR~~ *his* STAY IN WESTWEGO.

CAMERELLE STATED HE KNEW NOTHING CONCERNING A STOLEN MACHINE GUN AND DID NOT CONSIDER HIMSELF TO BE A FRIEND OF

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EITHER BILLINGS OR HIS COMPANION. HE STATED HE RECALLED BILLINGS TELLING HIM THAT HE WAS FROM EITHER NORTH OR SOUTH CAROLINA, BUT HE COULD RECALL NOTHING ELSE ABOUT BILLINGS OR HIS COMPANION OR ANY FRIENDS THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD WHILE RESIDING IN THE NEW ORLEANS AREA.

KANSAS CITY AT SPRINGFIELD, MO. WILL REINTERVIEW CARLOS LEE BILLINGS RE THE DISCREPANCIES IN THE INFORMATION HE FURNISHED ON FOUR/TWENTY-SIX/LAST AND THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM CAMERDELLE.

NEW ORLEANS AT WESTVIGO, LA. WILL RECONTACT CAMERDELLE ON FIVE/FOURTEEN/NEXT RE EXACT DATES OF BILLINGS STAY AND THE BOGUS CHECK.

AM COPIES TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.



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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)  
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) - 671

MURKIN.

RE CARLOS LEE BILLINGS. ✓ Sub E - 671

NORRIS CARMERDELLE ADVISED THAT BILLINGS RESIDED IN  
APARTMENT SIX, THREE ONE FIVE LAUROSSINI STREET, WHICH WAS  
RENTED BY ENIS HEAD, WHO IS FROM TENNESSEE, EXACT LOCATION  
NOT KNOWN.

BILLINGS IN THIS APARTMENT FROM MAY TO DECEMBER, SIXTYFIVE.  
CARMERDELLE HAS NO BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE HEAD.

KANSAS CITY WILL REINTERVIEW BILLINGS RE ENIS HEAD. ✓

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

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RE NEW ORLEANS TEL MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

BILLINGS REINTERVIEWED MAY SEVENTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT, MEDICAL CENTER, SPRINGFIELD, MO. STATED KNEW OWNER CANAL BANK INN AS NORRIS (LNU). HE STAYED THERE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION, THE FIRST TIME IN SIXTY-FIVE HE STAYED THREE MONTHS WITH BEN BLACKWELL OF COLUMBIA, S. C. BLACKWELL GOT JOB WITH MAC'S WELL SERVICE, HARVEY, LA., AND BILLINGS WORKED FOR NOBLE DRILLING CO., NEW ORLEANS. HE DID GIVE NORRIS BAD CHECK FOR POKER DEBT DURING THIS STAY.

LATER IN SIXTY-FIVE, EXACT PERIOD UNRECALLED, HE AGAIN STAYED OVER WEEKEND AT THE CANAL BANK INN. IT WAS ON THIS TRIP WHEN BARBER ACCOMPANIED HIM. BARBER WAS TO MEET MAN (FNU) FURIES OR FERRIES (PH) AT GUY'S INTERNATIONAL BAR, NEW ORLEANS. THIS MAN  
END PAGE ONE

1--Director (44-38861)  
①--Memphis (44-1987)

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WAS SUPPOSEDLY THE CONTACT FOR THE MACHINE GUN. HE TOOK BARBER TO THIS BAR ON FRIDAY, THE DAY THEY ARRIVED, AND RETURNED TO THE CANAL BANK INN TO WAIT FOR HIM. WHEN HE DID NOT RETURN BY MONDAY HE DEPARTED THINKING BARBER NEVER HAD ACCESS TO ANY SUCH WEAPON.

NEW ORLEANS MAY WISH TO VERIFY EMPLOYMENT BILLINGS AT NOBLE DRILLING CO. IN SIXTY-FIVE. OWNER CANAL BANK INN MAY KNOW WHETHER BILLINGS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ANYONE ON HIS SECOND VISIT TO INN.

ALL OFFICES SHOULD KEEP IN MIND BILLINGS HAS PAST HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS.

AIR MAIL COPIES DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Special Agent in Charge

5/20/68

**AIRTEL**

**AIRMAIL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

**Re Kansas City teletype to New Orleans, 5/19/68.**

**RE: CARLOS LEE BILLINGS** *Sub E 671*

**MORRIS CARMONDELLE, Owner and Manager of the Canal Bank Inn has previously advised that BILLINGS resided in Apartment 6, 318 Laurossini St., Westwego, La., from May, to December, 1966, and this apartment was rented by ERIC HEAD. CARMONDELLE made no mention of the name BEN BLACKWELL, who is the individual with whom BILLINGS states he resided.**

**BILLINGS advised he was to take BARNER to Guy's International Bar to meet a man named (VNU) FURIES, or FERRIES (phonetic). It is felt that (VNU) FURIES or FERRIES is possibly identical with DAVID FERRIN, now deceased, who was a principal in DA JAMES GARRISON's probe of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.**

**In view of this information and BILLINGS past history of mental illness, New Orleans is conducting no further investigation concerning CARLOS LEE BILLINGS.**

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

**3-Bureau (RM)  
1-Kansas City (44-700) (INFO) (RM)  
1-Memphis (44-1987) (INFO) (RM)  
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)  
FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO KANSAS CITY, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE CARLOS LEE BILLINGS

BILLINGS INTERVIEWED MAY TWENTY LAST, MEDICAL CENTER, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. STATES DOES NOT KNOW HEAD. TWO MEN OCCUPIED APARTMENT BEFORE HE AND BLACKWELL. THESE MEN WORKED OFFSHORE AND THEY OCCUPIED APARTMENT WHILE THESE MEN WERE AWAY. HE BELIEVES BLACKWELL PAID CARMERDELLE RENT FOR MONTH OF JUNE SIXTYFIVE. BILLINGS LEFT SHORTLY AFTER THIS, BUT BLACKWELL REMAINED BEHIND.

DETAILED AIRTEL FOLLOWS. MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 3, 1968

As the result of investigation previously conducted JUNE TAYLOR on May 24, 1968, voluntarily appeared at the Columbia, South Carolina Federal Bureau of Investigation Office and advised as follows:

She is presently NORMA JUNE SPELLMAN and her maiden name was JEFFCOAT. She has been married five times and is also known by the following names:

NORMA JUNE HUTCHINGS  
NORMA JUNE EDWARDS  
NORMA JUNE TAYLOR  
NORMA JUNE CAREEN  
NORMA JUNE SPELLMAN

She is presently employed as a waitress at the Starlight Lounge, Assembly Street. In early 1965 she was living at 2930 Chestnut Street, Columbia, South Carolina, with her friend, JOHNNIE BLACKWELL, who was then employed at The Lounge on Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina. She was then employed at the Red Rooster, Columbia, South Carolina. During this period she, TAYLOR, met a white male known to her only as SONNY BILLINGS. BLACKWELL was then dating an individual who reportedly had just been discharged from the Army by the name of BARBER (First Name Unknown). BILLINGS lived at the above address with JUNE TAYLOR for about one or two weeks during which period she dated him four or five times. During this period BILLINGS and BARBER reportedly left Columbia, South Carolina in a red Chevrolet convertible which car belonged to BILLINGS. They reportedly went to New York or somewhere up North to take BARBER home and after several days BILLINGS returned alone to Columbia, South Carolina. BARBER only visited Columbia, South Carolina, on one occasion after this and she saw him at The Lounge in Columbia. SONNY BILLINGS after above mentioned trip, left Columbia, South Carolina, for six or eight months and returned for one weekend.

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On 5/24/68 at Columbia, South Carolina File # Columbia 44-290

by SA MULDROW B. MILLS  
SA ROBERT R. JOHNSON MBM:pel Date dictated 5/28/68

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during 1965 which was the last she has seen of him.

JUNE TAYLOR said that during this period she does not recall ever knowing two men by the name of JAMES and EDDIE and she could furnish absolutely no information concerning such individuals. She does not recall ever visiting a VFW Club in Columbia, South Carolina, with BARBER and BILLINGS and she could furnish no information concerning BARBER having sticks of marijuana in his possession. She does not recall ever knowing an individual who owned a 1964 or 1965 Continental and she could furnish no information whatsoever concerning the attempt to purchase a machine gun or a conspiracy to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to her and she was unable to identify this person as anyone known to her.

She advised she and JOHNNIE BLACKWELL have never double-dated with BILLINGS and BARBER.

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Date: 6/4/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
 FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299) (P)

MURKIN  
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Re Columbia airtel to Memphis, 5/22/68, and  
 Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 4/27/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are fifteen (15) copies and  
 for Tampa and New Orleans one (1) copy each of FD-302  
 showing interview with JUNE TAYLOR, aka, at Columbia, S. C.,  
 regarding information furnished by CARLOS LEE BILLINGS,  
 Medical Center for Federal Prisons, Springfield, Missouri,  
 4/26/68.

It is to be noted that considerable investigation  
 was conducted prior to locating JUNE TAYLOR who could  
 furnish no information pertinent to this investigation.

- ② Memphis (Enc. 15) (44-1987) (RM)  
 1-New Orleans (Enc. 1) (Info) (157-10673) (RM)  
 1-Tampa (Enc. 1) (Info) (157-3231) (RM)  
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735PM URGENT 4-25-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), PHOENIX (44-371)

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 5P

MURKIN; CR; OO:ME

RE PHOENIX TEL TO BUREAU, APR. TWENTY FIVE, LAST.

RE DAVID LINDSEY WILSON.

DAVID LINDSEY WILSON, SN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ENLISTED U. S. ARMY SEPT. TWENTY, FIFTY, AND  
SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL OCT. EIGHT, FIFTY TWO, WHEN ISSUED  
GENERAL DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE, FT. MC PHERSON, GA., BY REASON OF  
UNSUITABILITY DUE TO CHARACTER AND BEHAVIOR DISORDERS.  
SPECIFIC DETAILS REGARDING DISCHARGE NOT SHOWN AS RECORD  
CONTAINED NEUROPSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION DATED APR. TWO, FIFTY  
TWO, WHEREIN HE RECEIVED DIAGNOSIS OF "EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY  
REACTION," MODERATE TO SEVERE WITH FOUR MONTHS COMBAT DUTY  
IN KOREA AND SUFFERED ENVIRONMENTAL DIFFICULTIES SINCE.  
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HIS CONDITION WAS CHARACTERIZED BY STRONG, UNCONTROLABLE TENDENCIES TOWARD REGRESSION AND FUROR ACTIONS, PATHOLOGICAL DEPENDENCIES ON HIS FAMILY AND WIFE, DEPRESSIVENESS, INTOLLERANCE TO ANXIETY AND PREDECINTRAPSYCHIE STRESS. HE WENT AWOL BECAUSE OF HIS OWN NERVOUSNESS AND BECAUSE OF EMOTIONAL DEMANDS BEING MADE ON HIM BY WIFE AND PARENTS. GAVE HISTORY OF CRYING WHEN TREATED ROUGHLY OR HAVING TEMPER TANTRUMS OR FUROR AND IN BEING EMOTIONALLY TENSE AT ALL TIMES.

IT IS NOTED HIS CONDITION WAS NOT AMENABLE TO HOSPITALIZATION TREATMENT, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, TRAINING, TRANSFER TO ANOTHER STATION OR RECLASSIFICATION. CONSIDERS TO BE NOT IN SANE, POSTED SUFFICIENT MENTAL CAPACITY TO KNOW DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG AND CONSIDERED MENTALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ACTIONS.

IT IS FURTHER NOTED HE SHOWED STRAIGHT, FORWARD IMMATURITY REACTION, THAT THIS CONSTITUTIONAL PSYCHOPATHIC WAS NOT CONSIDERED A MEDICAL DISABILITY IN A CONDITION FOR WHICH HE WOULD RECEIVE TREATMENT IN MILITARY.

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THE PSYCHIATRIST WAS OF THE OPINION THAT CONSIDERABLE LENIENCY WAS DESIRABLE IN DEALING WITH WILSON SINCE ORIGIN OF TROUBLE BEGAN WITH BATTLE-INCURRED WOUND. IT WAS THEN RECOMMENDED THAT HE BE SEPARATED FROM THE MILITARY BECAUSE OF UNSUITABILITY.

TRIED AND CONVICTED BY SPECIAL COURT MARTIAL APR. FOUR, FIFTY TWO, FOR ABSENCE WITHOUT OFFICIAL LEAVE AND SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS CONFINEMENT AT HARD LABOR AND FORFEITURE OF TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS FOR THREE MONTHS.

TRIED AND CONVICTED BY SPECIAL COURT MARTIAL JUL. TWENTY ONE, FIFTY TWO, FOR ABSENCE WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORITY AND SENTENCED TO EIGHTY FOUR DAYS CONFINEMENT AT HARD LABOR AND FORFEITURE OF TWENTY EIGHT DOLLARS FOR TWO MONTHS.

RECORDS INDICATE WILSON ASSIGNED VA CLAIM NO. C [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] VETERANS ADMINISTRATION,  
ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., OCT. SEVEN, FIFTY EIGHT, WITH DISABILITY



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SHOWN AS GUNSHOT WOUND, NERVOUS CONDITION AND WOUNDS, ETC. MEDICAL REOCRDS FORWARDED TO VA AT ST. PETERSBURG, NOV. THREE, FIFTY EIGHT. IT WAS FURTHER NOTED ADDITIONAL MEDICAL RECORDS FORWARDED TO VA REGIONAL OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, PA., MAY. TWELVE, FIFTY THREE. MEDICAL REOCRDS FOR WILSON HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO DATE.

RECORD CONTAIN LETTER DATED SEPT. TWENTY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN FROM WILSON'S PARENTS REQUESTING A COMPLETE COPY OF HIS SERVICE RECORD WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO THEM OCT. TWENTY SIX, SIXTY SEVEN, AT TWO TWO ONE THREE N. FOURTEEN ST., DADE CITY, FLA.

RECORDS FAILED TO INDICATE WILSON RECEIVED SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN DEMOLITION OR EXPLOSIVES.

BACKGROUND: DATE OF BIRTH:

AT WESTBURN, TENN.; HEIGHT: SIX FEET, THREE INCHES; WEIGHT: ONE FIVE ZERO; RACE: WHITE; HAIR: BROWN; EYES: GRAY; BLOOD GROUP: A; EDUCATION: EIGHT YEARS GRAMMAR; CIVILIAN

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OCCUPATION: AUTOMOBILE MECHANIC; MILITARY OCCUPATION: LIGHT  
WEAPONS INFANTRYMAN; HOME ADDRESSES: FIFTY TO FIFTY TWO, ONE  
FIVE THREE THREE, WATERLOO ROAD, CEDAR FALL, IOWA; RELATIVES:  
FATHER: MAYNARD ROOSEVELT WILSON AND MOTHER: GENEVA CRAWFORD  
WILSON, TWO TWO ONE THREE N. FOURTEEN ST., DADE CITY, FLA.,  
SEPT. SIXTY SEVEN; WIFE: MARY LOU WILSON IN CARE OF W. E.  
HAMMOUR, ROUTE ONE, CLINTON, TENN., FIFTY TWO; EMPLOYMENT:  
FORTY EIGHT TO FIFTY, WHITEHEAD NASH GARAGE, WATERLOO, IOWA;

VA CLAIM NO.: [REDACTED]

LOCAL DRAFT BOARD NO.: ONE, WATERLOO, IOWA; PHOTOGRAPH: NOT  
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY FIVE LAST.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION, IS  
REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF DAVID LINDSEY WILSON, *✓*

ARMY SERIAL # [REDACTED] BORN

[REDACTED], AT WESTBURN,  
TENN., WITH LATENTS OF AN EVIDENTIARY NATURE PREVIOUSLY  
SUBMITTED THIS MATTER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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See Serial 44-1987-Sub E-672

Approved: *R. Jensen*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent *10:20* a.m.Per *sal*



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**AIRTEL**

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

**FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (P)**

**MURKIN**

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Re PH teletypes 4/21, 22 and 25/68; and DE tele-  
type 4/30/68, all regarding **DAVID LINDSEY WILSON**.

Enclosed for Detroit is the tape of the anonymous  
telephone call to Cassin County Deputy Sheriff RAY STOCK  
on 4/20/68 concerning **DAVID WILSON**.

Detroit is requested to have **WILSON's** sister,  
**DONOTHY MEYER**, Saline, Michigan, listen to the enclosed  
tape to see if she can identify the caller who is now in-  
dicated possibly to have been **DAVID WILSON**, himself.

Detroit is also requested to obtain from **MEYER**,  
if available, other suitable tape recordings of **DAVID WILSON**  
and forward them with enclosed tape to the **FBI Laboratory**  
for comparison and possible identification.

The Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification  
Division, is requested to compare the fingerprints of **DAVID**  
**LINDSEY WILSON**, FBI No. 782 242 C, with any unidentified  
latents available in this case.

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

- 4 - Bureau
- 2 - Detroit (Enc. 1) (RM) (44-388)
- ① - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 2 - Phoenix

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 23, 1968

Mrs. DOROTHY MEYER, Ann Arbor Street, Saline, Michigan, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

A tape of an anonymous telephone call received by Deputy Sheriff RAY STOCK, Coconino County, Arizona Sheriff's Office on April 20, 1968, was played for Mrs. MEYERS. She was of the opinion that the first part of the tape wherein the anonymous caller was speaking of a "Spanish girl" sounded like her brother DAVID LINDSEY WILSON. She indicated that although the remainder of the tape sounds very much like her brother, DAVID WILSON, the anonymous caller used a number of words that she does not remember her brother using. For this reason she was unable to definitely ascertain if the anonymous telephone call was made by her brother DAVID WILSON.

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On 5/13/68 at Saline, Michigan File # Detroit 44-989

by SA WILLIAM J. HART/cmt Date dictated May 17, 1968

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
RM

Re Detroit airtel to Bureau, dated 5/14/68.

Re DAVID LINDSEY WILSON. *Sub E-672, 672B*Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of an FD-302  
of Mrs. DOROTHY MEYER.

2 - Memphis (Enc. 15) *WJH* (RM)  
1 - Detroit  
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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI EL PASO

7:46 PM IMMEDIATE 4-25-68 AJT

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 , MEMPHIS 44-1987  
AND RICHMOND ( AIRMAIL COPY TO CHARLOTTE )  
FROM EL PASO 157-186 (P)

MURKIN

RE ERIC RAY, AKA EARL RAY, FRIEND OF SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE.

EL PASO LET TO DIRECTOR , ATTN. IDENT. DIV., DATED APRIL  
TWENTY TWO LAST, CAPTIONED SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE: ET AL, MISSING  
PERSONS NOTICE, SETS OUT INFO RECEIVED FROM SGT. ELBERT BALDRIDGE,  
FT. BLISS, TEXAS, RE HIS WIFE, SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE, AND TWO  
CHILDREN, KIMBERLY JEAN, AGE FOUR, AND THOMAS ELBERT, AGE THREE.  
SGT BALDRIDGE ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

HE AND WIFE SEPARATED SINCE NOVEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN AND  
WIFE AND CHILDREN HAVE BEEN LIVING SPRING LAKE, NORTH CAROLINA,  
WHILE WIFE WORKED AT CAYLOD DEPARTMENT STORE, FAYETTEVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA. ON MARCH THIRTYONE LAST, WIFE TELEPHONICALLY  
ADVISED SGT. BALDRIDGE SHE WAS RETURNING TO EL PASO, LEAVING  
APRIL ONE LAST AND WOULD ARRIVE EL PASO APRIL THREE LAST.

WIFE AND CHILDREN FAILED TO ARRIVE AND SGT. BALDRIDGE  
LEARNED THROUGH RED CROSS WIFE LEFT HER EMPLOYMENT APRIL ONE  
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LAST, STATING SHE WAS GOING TO PARENTS HOME, NAMELY MR. AND MRS. BILLY FROST, BOX TWO FOUR ZERO, ROUTE ONE, CLARKSVILLE, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONE THREE SEVEN FOUR DASH EIGHT SEVEN ONE NINE.

BALDRIDGE HAS MAINTAINED CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH INLAWS, WHO HAVE NOT SEEN WIFE AND CHILDREN. BALDRIDGE RECEIVED LETTER FROM WIFE THIS DATE, WHEREIN SHE STATED SHE WAS STAYING WITH HER PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. FROST, AND WANTED HIM TO SEND HER MONEY CARE OF HER AUNT, WITH JAMES, CALHOUN, GEORGIA. LETTER POSTMARKED APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST AT SALTVILLE, VIRGINIA.

BALDRIDGE JUST LEARNED HIS WIFE LIVED WITH ANOTHER MAN WHILE BALDRIDGE WAS IN VIETNAM IN SIXTY SIX AND SIXTY SEVEN AND PLANS DIVORCE. BALDRIDGE OF OPINION WIFE PROBABLY RAN OFF WITH SOME MAN. RECALLED THAT HE AND WIFE PLANNED TRIP TO TAMPA, FLORIDA IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR WHICH WAS CALLED OFF DUE TO OVERSEAS TRANSFER. WIFE REMARKED TO BALDRIDGE AT THE TIME THAT SHE MIGHT HAVE CHANCE TO SEE FRIEND NAMED EARL IF THEY WENT TO FLORIDA. BALDRIDGE SUBSEQUENTLY QUESTIONED HER MORE THOROUGHLY RE THIS, AT WHICH TIME WIFE SAID THAT, AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN, SHE AND HER COUSIN PATSY MADE TRIP TO FLORIDA, WHERE SHE MET ONE ERIC  
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RAY, WHO WAS CALLED EARL. WIFE CLAIMED EARL MUCH OLDER THAN SHE. WIFE NOT KNOWN TO HAVE EVER CORRESPONDED WITH EARL. BALDRIDGE WONDERED IF WIFE WAS POSSIBLY IN CONTACT WITH SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ERIC RAY SHE MET IN FLORIDA.

WIFE TRAVELLING IN SIXTYSIX FORD, TWO DOOR, BROWNISH RED WITH WHITE TOP, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN VIRGINIA LICENSE PLATES FIVE EIGHT THREE FIVE ONE ONE, BLUE FT. BLISS STICKER A ZERO ONE SIX NINE.

WIFE, SHELBY JEAN, WHITE FEMALE, BORN [REDACTED], CLARKSVILLE, VIRGINIA, FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFOUR TO THIRTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, USUALLY WORN HIGH, FAIR COMPLEXION. BROWN EYES, CUT SCAR, LEFT WRIST, SOMETIMES WEARS BLOND WIG.

RICHMOND, AT CLARKSVILLE, INTERVIEW BILLY FAUCETT TO ASCERTAIN RESIDENCE OF PATSY LNU, COUSIN OF SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE IN CLARKSVILLE, AND INTERVIEW PATSY LNU IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ERIC RAY, AKA EARL, WHO SHELBY JEAN AND PATSY ALLEGEDLY HAD CONTACT WITH IN FLORIDA IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN. IF POSSIBLY IDENTICAL, GET OUT  
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APPROPRIATE LEADS TO LOCATE SWELEY JEAN AND TWO CHILDREN IN  
EFFORT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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501PM URGENT 4-26-68 DMC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, AND EL PASO 157-186  
FROM RICHMOND (44-657) -P  
MURKIN; OO: MEMPHIS.

RE EL PASO TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST.

MRS. LENA FAUCETT, <sup>D</sup>WFO, CLARKSVILLE, VA., STATES  
HER DAUGHTER, SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE, <sup>D</sup>THOUGHT TO BE IN  
VICINITY SALTVILLE, VA. ADDRESS UNKNOWN. HAS NOT BEEN OR  
HEARD FROM DAUGHTER SINCE JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

Sgt. ELBERT BALDRIDGE ADVISED MRS. FAUCETT, BY  
TELEPHONE, RECENTLY HE HAD RED CROSS AND FBI LOOKING FOR HIS  
WIFE. MRS. FAUCETT STATED SHELBY JEAN HAS NEVER VISITED FLA.  
PATSY OWEN, CLARKSVILLE, VA., STATES SHE HAS NEVER BEEN OUTSIDE  
STATE OF VA. AND HER COUSIN, SHELBY JEAN, WAS NEVER IN STATE  
OF FLA. NEVER MET OR KNEW ANYONE WITH NAME ERIC RAY OR  
EARL RAY AND NEVER HEARD SHELBY JEAN MENTION EITHER NAME.  
OWEN HAS NEVER OBSERVED ANYONE WHO RESEMBLES PHOTOS OR  
DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT RAY.

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MRS. FAUCETT STATES UNFAMILIAR WITH SALTVILLE, VA.  
AND TO HER KNOWLEDGE, HER DAUGHTER HAS NO RELATIVES OR FRIENDS IN  
THAT COMMUNITY.

EL PASO, AT FT. BLISS, WILL RE-INTERVIEW SGT.  
BALDWIN, NOTING THAT NONE OF HIS STATEMENTS IN REFERENCED  
TEL CONFIRMED BY INTERVIEWS IN VA.

WILL VERIFY DATE GHELBY JEAN PLANNED TO VISIT RAY  
IN FLA. SINCE RAY WAS IN PENITENTIARY FROM NINETEEN SIXTY TO  
SIXTYSEVEN, NOTING REFERENCED TEL INDICATED SHE PLANNED TO  
VISIT HIM IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR.

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434 PMA-26-68 URGENT RPO

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861); BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), MEMPHIS (44-1987),  
AND RICHMOND (44-837); AIRMAIL COPIES TO CHARLOTTE AND ATLANTA.  
FROM EL PASO (157-106) P

MURKIN

RE ERIC RAY, AKA EARL RAY, FRIEND OF SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE.

RE RICHMOND TEL APRIL TWENTYSIX INSTANT.

ON RECONTACT THIS DATE, SGT. ELBERT BALDRIDGE ADVISED HE HAD  
NO WAY OF DETERMINING IF INFORMATION FURNISHED HIM BY WIFE, SHELBY  
JEAN, RE ERIC RAY, AKA EARL RAY, HAD ANY BASIS IN FACT. BALDRIDGE  
NEVER DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH MRS. LENA FAUCETT, PATSY OWEN, OR  
ANYONE ELSE AND HAD NO CONFIRMING INFO RE ERIC RAY OR SHELBY  
JEAN'S CONTACT WITH ERIC RAY. SHELBY JEAN NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT  
ERIC RAY PRIOR TO PLANNED TRIP TO FLORIDA IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR  
AND GAVE NO INDICATION THAT SHE HAD EVER CORRESPONDED OR MAINTAINED  
CONTACT WITH HIM SUBSEQUENT TO NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN. BALDRIDGE SAID  
THAT, IF THIS BE THE CASE, SHELBY JEAN WOULD HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING  
IF RAY WAS STILL RESIDING IN FLORIDA AS OF NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, RICHMOND SHOULD ATTEMPT TO LOCATE SHELBY JEAN  
BALDRIDGE IN ELTVILLE, VA., AREA AND INTERVIEW HER IN ORDER TO RESOLVE  
THIS MATTER. ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-  
MURKIN

RE: ERIC RAY, aka  
Earl Ray  
Friend of SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE

Re El Paso teletype, 4-26-68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
FREDERICK A. COOK at Saltville, Va., on 4-27-68:

Mr. T. L. HYMAN, U. S. Post Office (PROTECT IDENTITY)  
advised there is no listing for anyone by the last name of  
BALDRIDGE with his office. Mr. HYMAN checked town and rural  
routes as well as general delivery.

Mr. JIM LITTON, owner of the Salina Motel, which is  
the only motel or hotel in Saltville, Va., checked his records  
covering the period of 4/13-27/68 and could locate no record  
for anyone by the name of BALDRIDGE staying at the motel. He  
stated the available license numbers do not reflect any numbers  
such as 583-511 or 583-515. He stated he works at the motel  
everyday and does not recall seeing a rust color white top  
Ford at the motel.

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Chief of Police K. K. ADAMS, Saltville, Va. PD, advised the current telephone directory does not reflect anyone by the last name of BALDRIDGE. Chief ADAMS advised the records of his department do not reflect the name of MAY as ever being arrested. He stated the name of BALDRIDGE is not a local name and he does not ever recall hearing this name before.

A check of the parking lots for the Olin Mathieson Chemical Co. did not locate any car fitting the description of the car allegedly operated by BALDRIDGE.

Former Chief of Police CHARLES NORRIS, a lifelong resident of the Saltville, Va. area, advised he has never heard of anyone by the last name of BALDRIDGE ever being in the area.

AT MARION, VA.

On 4-27-68, Mrs. MARY WOLFE, Smyth Co., Va. Credit Bureau, advised SA COOK she has no listing for anyone by the last name of BALDRIDGE.

The current town and telephone directories for the Marion, Saltville and Chilhowie areas did not reflect the name of BALDRIDGE.

AT SALTVILLE, VA.

On 5-6-68, Chief of Police ADAMS advised that he had been unable to locate a woman identifiable with Mrs. BALDRIDGE in Saltville, Va., and that the automobile reportedly in her possession had not been observed in the Saltville, Va. area.

LEADS:

EL PASO

AT FT. BLISS, TEXAS

Will maintain contact with Sgt. BALDRIDGE to determine if he learns whereabouts of his wife, SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE, and set forth leads to have her interviewed re subject.

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1222 5-11-68 URGENT PTM

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), KNOXVILLE.

FROM EL PASO (157-186) P

MURKIN

RE EL PASO TEL DIRECTOR APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST AND RICHMOND  
AIRTEL DIRECTOR MAY SIX, LAST.

RE ERIC RAY, AKA EARL RAY, FRIEND OF SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE.

RETEL CONTAINS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM SGT. ELBERT BALDRIDGE  
FT. BLISS, TEXAS RE WIFE, SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE, AND TWO CHILDREN,  
WHO WERE OVERDUE IN RETURNING TO EL PASO AND WHO BALDRIDGE HAD  
REPORTED AS MISSING. BALDRIDGE AND WIFE HAD BEEN SEPERATED SINCE  
NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND WIFE HAD BEEN LIVING FAYETTEVILLE,  
NORTH CAROLINA.

RETEL STATED BALDRIDGE JUST LEARNED HIS WIFE LIVED WITH ANOTHER  
MAN WHILE BALDRIDGE WAS IN VIETNAM IN SIXTYSIX AND SIXTYSEVEN AND HE  
PLANNED DIVORCE ACTION. BALDRIDGE WAS OF OPINION WIFE HAD PROBABLY  
RUN OFF WITH SOME MAN. RECALLED THAT HE AND WIFE PLANNED TRIP TO  
TAMPA, FLORIDA, IN SIXTYFOUR WHICH WAS CALLED OFF DUE TO OVERSEAS  
TRANSFER. WIFE REMARKED TO BALDRIDGE AT THE TIME THAT SHE MIGHT HAVE  
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CHANCE TO SEE FRIEND EARL IF THEY WENT TO FLORIDA. BALDRIDGE SUBSEQUENTLY QUESTIONED HER MORE THOROUGHLY RE THIS, AT WHICH TIME WIFE SAID THAT, AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, SHE AND HER COUSIN PATSY MADE TRIP TO TAMPA, FLORIDA, WHERE SHE MET ONE ERIC RAY, WHOM SHE CALLED EARL. WIFE CLAIMED EARL MUCH OLDER THAN SHE. WIFE NOT KNOWN TO HAVE EVER CORRESPONDED WITH EARL. BALDRIDGE WONDERED IF WIFE WAS POSSIBLY IN CONTACT WITH SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ERIC RAY SHE MET IN FLORIDA.

RICHMOND OFFICE SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED PATSY AS PATSY OWEN AND INTERVIEWED HER AND MRS. LENA FAUCETT, MOTHER OF SHELBY JEAN, AT CLARKSVILLE, VIRGINIA. BOTH DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ALLEGED TRIP TO TAMPA BY PATSY AND SHELBY JEAN. BOTH DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ERIC RAY, AKA EARL. RICHMOND WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE SHELBY JEAN FOR INTERVIEW IN SALTVILLE, VIRGINIA, AREA.

SGT. BALDRIDGE SUBSEQUENTLY STATED HE NEVER DISCUSSED TAMPA TRIP WITH ANYONE BUT WIFE AND DID NOT KNOW IF ANY TRUTH TO IT. SHELBY JEAN NEVER SAID ANYTHING TO HIM TO INDICATE SHE HAD EVER CORRESPONDED WITH OR MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH ERIC RAY, AKA EARL.

SGT. BALDRIDGE ADVISED THIS DATE AS FOLLOWS: WIFE, SHELBY JEAN, WAS IN EL PASO FROM MAY THREE TO MAY SIX LAST AND THEN DEPARTED FOR  
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HOME OF PARENTS OF DANIEL C. COLLEY, AIRMAN THIRD CLASS, USAF, IN BRISTOL, TENN, WHERE SHE PLANNED TO RESIDE. COLLEY IS MAN SHELBY JEAN LIVED WITH WHILE BALDRIDGE WAS IN VIETNAM AND SHELBY JEAN NOW FOUR MONTHS PREGNANT BY COLLEY. SHELBY JEAN PLANS TO SEND BALDRIDGE EXACT ADDRESS IN BRISTOL SO HE CAN SEND DIVORCE PAPERS TO HER. COLLEY CURRENTLY STATIONED POPE AFB, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. TELEPHONE THREE NINE FOUR DASH TWO SIX ONE SIX. BALDRIDGE HAD FEW WORDS WITH SHELBY JEAN AND DID NOT QUESTION HER RE ERIC RAY.

KNOXVILLE, AT BRISTOL, LOCATE SHELBY JEAN AT COLLEY RESIDENCE AND INTERVIEW HER IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ERIC RAY, AKA EARL, WHO SHELBY JEAN AND PATSY OWEN ALLEGEDLY HAD CONTACT WITH IN FLORIDA IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN. IF POSSIBLY IDENTICAL, DEVELOP ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION RE SHELBY JEAN'S ASSOCIATION WITH HIM.

IF SHELBY JEAN NOT LOCATED ASCERTAIN EXACT WHEREABOUTS THROUGH COLLEY AND SET OUT LEAD TO HAVE HER INTERVIEWED. SHELBY JEAN, BN NINETEEN FORTY, TRAVELLING WITH TWO CHILDREN, [REDACTED] AGE FOUR, AND [REDACTED] AGE THREE. SHELBY JEAN TRAVELLING IN SIXTYSIX FORD TWO DOOR, BROWNISH RED WITH WHITE TOP, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT VIRGINIA LICENSE PLATES ONE FIVE TWO ONE ONE NINE.

AIRMAIL COPIES RICHMOND AND CHARLOTTE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

5/10/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

MURKIN

Re: ERIC RAY, aka  
RAY, ERIC  
Friend of SHIRLEY JEAN BALEBRIDGE

Re Richmond teletype to the Bureau, 4/26/68; and  
Richmond airtel to the Bureau, 5/6/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
RICHARD A. FOX:

On 4/26/68, FANNY OWEN, P. O. Box 641, Clarksville,  
Va., advised she is a cousin to SHIRLEY JEAN BALEBRIDGE, nee  
Faucett. She stated that she never traveled to the State of  
Fla. with her cousin, SHIRLEY JEAN, and, in fact, has never  
left the State of Va. She also advised that to her knowledge  
SHIRLEY JEAN has never traveled to Fla. She stated that SHIRLEY  
JEAN has had some difficulty with men and her marriage to  
ELBERT BALEBRIDGE is her second. She further stated that  
while BALEBRIDGE was in Vietnam SHIRLEY JEAN lived with another  
man in Texas. She said it is her opinion that SHIRLEY JEAN  
is trying to get away from BALEBRIDGE. She stated she does not  
know anyone named ERIC RAY or EARL RAY and never heard SHIRLEY  
JEAN mention anyone by that name. She observed photographs  
of JAMES EARL RAY and advised she has never seen anyone who  
resembles the photo nor does she know this man.

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On 4/26/68, Mrs. LENA FAUCETT, Rt. 1, P. O. Box 240, Clarksville, Va., advised SHIRLEY JEAN BALDRIDGE is her daughter. She stated that to her knowledge SHIRLEY JEAN has never traveled to Fla. at any time and she has never heard her mention an ERIC RAY or EARL RAY. She stated her daughter is having some marital difficulties with her husband, ELBERT BALDRIDGE. She said SHIRLEY JEAN visited her in December, 1967, and left in January, 1968, to return to Texas but she has not heard from her since that time. She said she had no idea of her whereabouts until BALDRIDGE called her about 4/23/68 and told her he received a letter from SHIRLEY JEAN postmarked Saltville, Va. Mrs. FAUCETT advised she has no people in Saltville, Va., and did not know why her daughter would be in that section of the state. Mrs. FAUCETT further advised that Sgt. BALDRIDGE told her not to worry about SHIRLEY JEAN because he had the FBI and Red Cross looking for her and they would find her soon. Mrs. FAUCETT observed pictures of JAMES EARL RAY and advised she did not know him nor did she recognize any of the photographs. Mrs. FAUCETT advised that should she learn the whereabouts of her daughter, SHIRLEY JEAN, she would advise this office.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI RICHMOND

612PM URGENT 5/14/68 DWS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM RICHMOND (44-657) 2P

MURKIN

RE ERIC RAY, AKA, EARL RAY, FRIEND OF SHELBY GEAN BALDRIDGE

RE EL PASO TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST;

CHARLOTTE TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS, MAY ONE THREE LAST.

SHELBY GEAN BALDRIDGE, NEE FAUCETTE, AKA. MRS. ALBERT BALDRIDGE, SEVEN ZERO SEVEN FAIRVIEW ST., BRISTOL, VA., DENIES SHE AND PATSY OWENS, NEE BUNN, CLARKSVILLE, VA., EVER MADE A TRIP TO TAMPA, FLORIDA, IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN; EVER PLANNED A TRIP WITH HER HUSBAND TO GO TO FLORIDA IN SIXTYFOUR AND HAS NEVER BEEN TO FLORIDA.

THE ONLY PERSON SHE KNOWS BY NAME OF EARL IS EARL WILKERSON, CLARKSVILLE, VA., A FORMER CLASSMATE OF HERS AT THE BLUESTONE HIGH SCHOOL, SKIPWITH, VA.

SHE DENIES KNOWING ANYONE NAMED ERIC RAY.

ON MAY FOUR LAST, SHE WAS IN HER TRAILER AT HAYES TRAILER COURT, RT. ONE, SPRING LAKE, N.C., WITH DANIEL MARVIN COLLEY, POPE AFB, N.C., WHEN SHE FIRST HEARD OF KING'S DEATH OVER TV.  
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RONNIE O'NEIL, WHO LIVED IN NEXT TRAILER, COULD VERIFY SHE WAS AT SPRING LAKE. SHE LEFT NORTH CAROLINA ON APRIL EIGHT LAST AND WENT TO AALTVILLE, VA., STAYING WITH MRS. AISTROP, GRANDMOTHER OF COLLEY UNTIL SHE RETURNED TO NORTH CAROLINA ON APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST. AFTER SECURING HER THINGS SHE DROVE TO FT. BLISS, TEXAS, ARRIVING THERE ON MAY FOUR LAST. SHE LEARNED FROM THE CID, FT. BLISS, TEXAS, HER HUSBAND WAS LIVING WITH A GERMAN WOMAN AND HER HUSBAND TOLD HER THE FBI WAS LOOKING FOR HER IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF KING.

ON MAY EIGHT LAST, SHE LEFT HER HUSBAND AND RETURNED TO BRISTOL, VA. SHE DENIES ANYTHING OF KING'S MURDER AND FEELS HER HUSBAND HAS MADE THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HER BECAUSE OF MARITAL DIFFICULTIES. HER HUSBAND ALLEGEDLY IS ENDEAVORING TO SECURE A DIVORCE FROM HER.

RICHMOND CONDUCTING NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION RE THIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AM COPIES TO KNOXVILLE, EL PASO AND CHARLOTTE.

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953PM PM URGENT 4/25/68 LCC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 CHICAGO MEMPHIS NEW YORK  
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703

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RE NEW YORK AIRTEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.  
ROBERT F. BENNETT, WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE, PUBLIC  
RELATIONS, J. C. PENNY, INC., ADVISED HE LEARNED FROM HIS  
FATHER, SENATOR WALLACE BENNETT OF UTAH THE FOLLOWING:

ON APRIL THREE LAST, THE DAY BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION  
OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, A GROUP OF INDUSTRIALISTS IN  
THE CHICAGO, ILL. AREA WHO HAVE BUSINESS INTERESTS IN UTAH  
GAVE A COCKTAIL RECEPTION FOR SENATOR WALLACE BENNETT.  
AFTERWARDS A SMALL GROUP OF PROBABLY SIX OR SEVEN INDUSTRIALIST  
HAD DINNER AT A RESTAURANT WITH SENATOR BENNETT. ONE OF THESE  
PERSONS SAID A MAN WHO USED TO WORK FOR HIM WAS THE PERSONAL  
CHAUFFEUR FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THIS MAN CONTACTED  
HIM FOR ADVICE. THE CHAUFFEUR STATED KING REQUIRED HIM TO  
CARRY OVER TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH IN A BLACK  
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BAG AT ALL TIMES. THE CHAUFFEUR WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS JOB INASMUCH AS HE RECOGNIZED THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING ROBBED OR KING HIMSELF BEING KILLED FOR THE MONEY. THE INDUSTRIALIST ADVISED THE CHAUFFEUR TO QUIT BUT TO FURNISH KING ANOTHER REASON FOR QUITTING. ROBERT BENNETT SAID THE HOST OF THE DINNER WAS CHARLIE BARR OF THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF INDIANA, TELEPHONE THREE ONE TWO - FOUR THREE ONE - SIX THREE ONE FOUR, CHICAGO, ILL. WAS PRESENT AND COULD FURNISH THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHO ATTENDED THE DINNER AND FORMERLY EMPLOYED KING'S CHAUFFEUR. THIS INDIVIDUAL ALSO RELATED THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BLACK BAG CONTAINING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. ROBERT BENNETT CONTACTED HIS FATHER, SENATOR BENNETT, FOR THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO RELATED THE ABOVE INCIDENT, BUT HIS FATHER COULD NOT RECALL THIS PERSON'S NAME.

LEAD: CHICAGO AT CHICAGO, ILL. WILL CONTACT CHARLIE BARR, STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA AND INTERVIEW HIM IN DETAIL REGARDING THE ABOVE.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI ATLANTA

10:04 PM URGENT 4/25/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2356 2P

MURKIN

ON APR. TWO FIVE, 'SIXTYEIGHT, RANDOLPH B. JONES, HERTZ  
FRANCHISE DEALER AND PURE OIL DEALER, ONE THREE ONE COTTON AV.,  
AMERICUS, GEORGIA, ADVISED HE SOLD GAS TO INDIVIDUAL ON  
APR. ONE SIX, LAST, WHO CLOSELY RESEMBLED 'SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO OF  
JAMES EARL RAY. INDIVIDUAL DRIVING 'SIXTYFIVE OR 'SIXTYSIX  
FOUR-DR TWO-TONE CADILLAC, POSSIBLY WHITE TOP AND BLUE BODY WITH  
'SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE BEGINNING WITH NUMERAL ONE. DESCRIBED  
THIS INDIVIDUAL AS ABOUT THIRTYFOUR YRS OLD, FIVE EIGHT OR NINE, BROWN HR  
COMBED STRAIGHT BACK, THINNER LOOKING FACE THAN 'SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO OF  
RAY AND WEARING COAT AND TIE. INDIVIDUAL BOUGHT GAS ON TEMPORARY PURE  
CREDIT CARD, WHICH HE BELIEVES EXPIRES IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER,  
SIXTYEIGHT.

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AT 44-2386

JONES ADVISED CREDIT CARDS FOR DATE OF APR. ONE SIX, SIXTYEIGHT  
ALREADY FORWARDED TO PURE OIL CO RETAIL DEPARTMENT, PALATINE, ILLINOIS.  
HIS RECORDS REFLECT CREDIT CARDS FORWARDED ON APR. ONE SEVEN,  
'SIXTYEIGHT AND APR. TWO ONE, 'SIXTYEIGHT. JONES SERVICE  
STATION LISTED IN PURE OIL RECORDS AS RANDY JONES, AMERICUS,  
GEORGIA, STATION NO. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

CHICAGO AT PALATINE, ILLINOIS, CONTACT PURE OIL CO. RETAIL  
CREDIT DEPT. AND ASCERTAIN CREDIT CARD NUMBERS AND IDENTITY OF CARD  
SUBSCRIBERS LISTED ON CREDIT REPORTS FROM RANDY JONES, AMERICUS,  
GA., STATION NO. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], FOR ANY PURCHASE MADE ON APR. ONE SIX, 'SIXTYEIGHT.  
THESE RECORDS POSSIBLY SENT IN BY JONES ON APR. ONE SEVEN, 'SIXTYEIGHT.

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TELS INSTANT.

CREDIT CARD INVOICES SUBMITTED BY R. B. JONES, PURE  
OIL STATION, AMERICUS, GEORGIA, ON APRIL TWENTY SECOND  
LAST, LOCATED AND REVIEWED THIS DATE. NO CREDIT CARD SLIP  
THEREIN FOR ANY TRANSACTION ON APRIL SIXTEEN LAST.

CREDIT CARD INVOICES FORWARDED APRIL EIGHTEEN <sup>LAST</sup> ~~SIXTY~~  
~~RECEIVED~~ ARE PRESENTLY IN BALANCING PROCESS, ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT,  
AND WILL TAKE AT LEAST UNTIL APRIL THIRTY NEXT TO LOCATE.

CHICAGO FOLLOWING CLOSELY AND WILL IMMEDIATELY ADVISE  
ATLANTA WHEN INFO AVAILABLE. AM CC TO MEMPHIS.

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Investigation Pure Oil Company, Palatine, Illinois

The Atlanta Division advised on April 25, 1968, that Mr. RANDOLPH B. JONES, Pure Oil Company Dealer, Americus, Georgia, advised he sold gas to an individual on April 16, 1968, who closely resembled 1968 photo of JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. JONES described the car he believed the person to be driving as well as furnishing a physical description of this individual. He also stated that he believed the individual purchased gas on a temporary Pure Oil Credit Card, which he believes expires in August or September, 1968. He also advised that the credit card slips were purchases on April 16, 1968, and had already been forwarded to the Pure Oil Company Retail Department, Palatine, Illinois.

On April 26, 1968, Mr. CLYDE E. RHODES, Accounting Department, Pure Oil Company, Palatine, Illinois, was telephonically contacted by SA RENE J. DUMAINE, at which time he advised that the package of credit card slips mailed in by Mr. JONES on April 17, 1968, would already be in the Balance process, Accounting Department, and would take until ~~at least~~ April 30, 1968, to locate. He said it is possible that he would be able to locate the credit card slips mailed in on April 22, 1968. He requested that he be furnished with the Transmittal Slip number used by JONES in submitting the credit card transactions.

On the same date, Mr. RHODES was furnished with the following transmittal numbers:

4/18/68 - 7-0217999  
7-0218000

4/22/68 - 7-0217997  
7-0217998

The foregoing were obtained from the Atlanta Division in contact with Mr. R. B. JONES. Mr. RHODES advised that he had located all of the credit card slips submitted on April 22, 1968. A review of these slips did not reveal any

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credit card slips for any transaction on April 16, 1968.

In a continuing review of Pure Oil Company records, in conjunction with Mr. RHODES and THOMAS DAVINI by SA ROBERT F. PEYAHOUSE on April 29 and 30, 1968, located the list of credit card invoices submitted by Mr. JONES on April 18, 1968. Credit card purchase number 0882579109 was made by Lt. Col. WILKERSON, however, the invoice itself could not be located and the address was not yet in file. The charge for credit card number [REDACTED] is another company credit card and the ticket has already been separated elsewhere. No further effort will be made to locate this card in view of the comments made by Mr. JONES. It should be noted that this review did not reveal any purchase made on a temporary Pure Oil Credit Card.

There were purchases made by the following companies:

Americus Utility  
Aladdin Insulators  
Georgia Highway Department  
V. R. Bush Company  
Southern Bell of Georgia  
Simplex Mail  
W. C. Page

The charge for H. O. JONES, JR. was not further checked out since it was in the amount of \$101.43, which could not have been a mere gas purchase.

A review of the credit card slips submitted reveals the following purchases for gasoline on April 16, 1968:

A. V. ARNOLD  
RFD Americus, Georgia

JAMES F. TRAINOR  
P.O. Box 265  
Damasus, Georgia

J. ROY STUDSTILL  
212 Daniel Street  
Americus, Georgia

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**AIRTEL**

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

**FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)**

**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

Re Chicago tel to Atlanta dated 4/26/68 and Atlanta tel to Director, Memphis, and Chicago, 4/25/68, re look alike observed at E. B. Jones, Pure Oil Station, Americus, Georgia, 4/16/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Memphis is one copy of investigative insert setting forth investigation at Pure Oil Company, Palatine, Illinois. Enclosed for the Atlanta office are two copies of the above mentioned insert. In addition, there is enclosed for Atlanta Office are two Xerox copies of the transmittal slip and credit cards submitted to Pure Oil Company by E. B. JONES on 4/16/68.

**LEAD**

**ATLANTA**

**AT AMERICUS, GEORGIA.** Will utilize the enclosed credit slips in further interview of **RANDOLPH E. JONES** in an effort to establish the identity of the person he believed to be identical with subject at his gas station on 4/16/68.

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Atlanta (44-2386) (AMSD) (Enc. 4)
- ① - Memphis (44-197) (Enc. 1) *WEM*
- 1 - Chicago

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On the morning of April 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, I boarded a  
K School-middle Bus on Kalakaua Ave in Waikiki,  
Honolulu for the Bishop Museum, on Kalih'i Street. About four or  
five blocks before that a young girl got on, sat down, be-  
gan asking questions of the Bus driver. Suddenly I heard  
mutterings from a man across the aisle from me (who was  
working a cross-word puzzle) I looked over, he smiled a sort  
of silly smile of disgust, shook his head at the girl, obviously  
thought her questions of the driver ridiculous. I looked again at  
his profile thinking how very much he looked like the drawing  
of a man, I had seen in the morning paper, who was being  
sought as a suspect for the murder of Dr Martin Luther King.  
I stared at the contour of the face - a rather long nose (not as  
full a face as the picture I have since seen). I only saw  
the profile which certainly resembled the artist's drawing.  
He turned to see me staring, folded his paper and left  
the Bus. I watched him walk up the hill to the right  
of the main street (may have been King Street menue on).  
There seemed to be some large bldgs. up on the hill -  
perhaps a Hospital?

This has worried me ever since - so here it is for  
what it may be worth to you. The possibility of  
a hunt in Hawaii which I pray does not prove  
to be false.



4/23/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: SAC, HONOLULU**  
**FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**  
**OO: MEMPHIS**  
**RE: SUSPECT - ANONYMOUS LETTER FBI, HARTFORD**

Enclosed for the Honolulu Office are two Xerox copies of an anonymous letter and envelope postmarked Hartford, Conn., PM, April 20, 1968, addressed Federal Bureau of Investigation, F.B.I., 450 Main, Hartford, Conn., 06100. Two copies of above letter are also enclosed for Bureau and Memphis.

In view of the anonymity of the letter, and since enclosed letter concerns itself with Waikiki, Honolulu, no further investigation in this matter is being conducted by New Haven.

**LEAD**

**HONOLULU**

**At Waikiki**

Will consider feasibility of contacting appropriate bus company based upon contents of enclosed letter for exhibition of photograph of subject in this matter.

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2 - Memphis (enc 2)  
1 - New Haven  
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The following anonymous letter was received in an envelope postmarked Hartford, Connecticut, April 20, 1968, addressed to Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI, 450 Main, Hartford, Connecticut.

"On the morning of April 6th, Saturday, I boarded a 2R School-Middle Bus on Kalakaua Ave in Waikiki, Honolulu for the Bishop Museum, on Kalihi Street. About four or five blocks before that a young girl got on, sat down, began asking questions of the Bus driver. Suddenly I heard mutterings from a man across the aisle from me (who was working a cross-word puzzle) I looked over, he smiled a sort of silly smile of disgust, shook his head at the girl, obviously thought her questions of the driver ridiculous. I looked again at his profile thinking how very much he looked like the drawing of a man, I had seen in the morning paper, who was being sought as a suspect for the murder of Dr Martin Luther King. I stared at the contour of the face--a rather long nose (not as full a face as the picture I have since seen). I only saw the profile which certainly resembled the Artist's drawing. He turned to see me staring, folded his paper and left the Bus. I watched him walk up the hill to the right of the Main Street (may have been King Street we were on) There seemed to be some large bldgs. up on the hill--perhaps a Hospital?

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA LEO S. BRENNERSEN:

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At Honolulu, Hawaii

On April 26, 1968, RICHARD TOM, Office of Superintendent, Honolulu Rapid Transit (HRT), advised as follows:

On the morning of April 6, 1968, there would have been seven regular drivers assigned to the School-Middle Street route. TOM explained that he would cause the records of HRT to be checked that evening to determine the identities of the regular drivers assigned to that route on April 6, 1968, and he believed that all of them could be contacted the following day as they came off duty from 12:45 to 1:15 p.m. TOM also stated that he would post wanted flyers on subject where they could be observed by all drivers.

Concerning the description of the vicinity where suspect was alleged to have departed from the bus, TOM pointed out that this would undoubtedly refer to the intersection of Lanakila and School Streets. Maluhia Hospital can be seen from the bus at this site. However, there is an extensive housing area in the vicinity.

On the same date, Mrs. QUEEN VIEIRA and STAN MATSUNAGA were contacted at the front office of Maluhia Hospital. They viewed a wanted flyer of subject with negative results. They stated the flyer would be posted at the time clock for all employees to observe. MATSUNAGA stated that the visiting hours at the hospital are normally from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. However, on April 6, 1968, a Saturday, Mrs. LUCILLE MC GUIRE was the only employee on duty at the front desk. MATSUNAGA related that subject could not have been an employee at the hospital inasmuch as this is a city hospital and there is an extended residence employment requirement.

On April 27, 1968, Mrs. LUCILLE MC GUIRE was contacted at Maluhia Hospital and reported she had observed no one answering the description of suspect.

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On the same date SAs JOHN F. WILTGEN and JOHN R. HOOD interviewed the following bus drivers for HRT, who were on the School-Middle Street route. They examined photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but were unable to identify him with any persons they had known or seen:

G. R. SOUZA;

STANLEY NAKAMOTO;

TOM FURUSHIMA;

CALVIN KAPUUA;

JOHN KEPAA;

L. TOKAMA;

KENNETH CROWELL.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, HONOLULU (157-131) (P)

DATE: 5/22/68

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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(OO: Memphis)

RE: SUSPECT - ANONYMOUS LETTER FBI, HARTFORD

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Re New Haven airtel to Honolulu dated 4/23/68.

Enclosed are fifteen (15) copies of insert  
covering investigation conducted at Honolulu.

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