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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, SAVANNAH

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING THREAT IS CONTAINED IN THE KING FILE:

BY AIRTEL MARCH EIGHTEEN, SIXTYFIVE, YOU ADVISED THAT ONE FRED ZEIGLER OF VIDALIA, GEORGIA, A WHITE MALE, THEN AGED FIFTEEN, DESCRIBED AS A RUNAWAY PROBLEM CHILD, HAD ALLEGEDLY THREATENED TO KILL KING TO HELP THE COUNTRY.

ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ZEIGLER MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

② - MEMPHIS VIA AIRMAIL

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TO NEWARK (44-854)

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FROM TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN, CR. OO: ME.

RE NEWARK TEL APRIL TWENTY SEVEN INSTANT AND TAMPA TEL  
APRIL TWENTY SEVEN INSTANT.

RE: NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE PLYMOUTH STATION WAGON.

JIM CORBETT, FLEET SALES MANAGER, BILL CURRIE FORD, TAMPA,  
ADVISED HAS NO RECOLLECTION AND UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY RECORD AS  
TO DISPOSITION OF SIXTY FIVE PLYMOUTH OWNED BY AUTOMOTIVE  
RENTALS, INC. STATES TONY CREA, AUTOMOTIVE RENTALS, INC.,  
PENNSAUKEN, N.J. WOULD HAVE COMPLETE INFO AND WILL NEED  
FOLLOWING DATA TO LOCATE THE RECORD: PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER  
THREE SIX ZERO - TWO TWO ZERO FOUR ZERO A, COVERING PURCHASE OF  
SIXTY EIGHT GALAXIE AND VEHICLE NUMBER THREE SIX ZERO - TWO  
TWO ZERO FOUR ZERO AS NUMBER OF SIXTY FIVE PLYMOUTH.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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① - Memphis (AM)

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC CLEVELAND  
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

A REVIEW OF THE FILE ON KING'S ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO HIS  
DEATH NOTED THE FOLLOWING THREATS: 44-1987-764 p2

YOUR OFFICE ADVISED BY TELETYPE TO ATLANTA FIVE TWENTYSIX  
SIXTYONE, THAT MERRILL WILLIAMS, DESCRIBED AS A NEGRO,  
TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED YOUR OFFICE HE HAD RECEIVED A CALL FROM  
A FRIEND, WHO IS WHITE, THAT HE HAD KNOWN IN SERVICE, THAT HIS  
FRIEND KNEW FOR A FACT OF A PLOT TO KILL KING. WILLIAMS'  
FRIEND REPORTEDLY CALLED HIM FROM MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND  
WILLIAMS SAID HE PROMISED NOT TO DISCLOSE HIS FRIEND'S IDENTITY.

BY RADIOGRAM TO THE BUREAU THREE EIGHTEEN SIXTYFOUR, YOU  
FURNISHED INFORMATION FROM DEPUTY SHERIFF CHARL ROSS, STARK  
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, CANTON, OHIO, THAT ONE FRANK G. NILES  
HAD ASKED ROSS WHERE HE COULD OBTAIN A SNIPER'S RIFLE. NILES  
ALLEGEDLY COMMENTED HE WOULD KILL KING IF HE THOUGHT IT WOULD  
PREVENT INTEGRATION.

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Teletype to SAC, Cleveland  
RE: MURKIN

ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT,  
YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THE ABOVE  
MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

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COPIES MAILED TO MEMPHIS.

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI BOSTON

918AM URGENT 5/1/68 1P PJC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987 & KNOXVILLE  
FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT FRANK G. NILES.  
RE RICHMOND TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

ON MAY ONE INSTANT, POSTMASTER EVERETT DEAL, ELLSWORTH  
FALLS, MAINE, ADVISED FRANK H. NILES RECEIVED MAIL AT P.O. BOX  
ONE ONE SEVEN, ELLSWORTH FALLS, MAINE IN PAST THREE WEEKS, BUT  
THIS MAIL IMMEDIATELY READDRESSSED BY FRANK SMITH, MEMBER OF ANP  
PRESENTLY RESIDING ELLSWORTH FALLS. FORWARDING ADDRESS PLACED  
ON MAIL BY SMITH REFLECTS NILES CAN BE REACHED CARE OF ED LEWIS  
FIVE FIVE ZERO NINE PINELAWN, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

KNOXVILLE ENDEAVOR TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF  
NILES AND DETERMINE HIS ACTIVITIES DURING PAST FEW MONTHS.  
CONSIDER POSSIBILITY HE COULD BE CO-CONSPIRATOR INSTANT CASE.

KNOXVILLE NOTE THAT IN MARCH SIXTY FOUR, FRANK G. NILES  
INQUIRED AS TO WHERE HE COULD OBTAIN SNIPER RIFLE AND ALSO  
COMMENTED HE WOULD KILL KING IF IT WOULD PERVENT INTEGRATION.

FRANK G. NILES BELIEVED IDENTICAL FRANK H. NILES, FORMER ANP  
MEMBER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861); BOSTON AND DALLAS  
FROM: RICHMOND (44-657)

MURKIN

RE: SUSPECT FRANK G. NILES

RE CV TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND RICHMOND, NO CC BOSTON OR MEMPHIS.  
RICHMOND FILES CONTAIN NO REFERENCE TO FRANK G. NILES. RECORD  
ON FRANK H. NILES DISCLOSED IN APRIL, SIXTYSEVEN, HE FURNISHED HIS  
FORMER LANDLADY IN VERMILION, OHIO, HIS NEW ADDRESS OF BOX ONE ONE  
SEVEN, ELLSWORTH FALLS, MAINE. ON DECEMBER TWENTYTWO LAST, COP  
ROBERT GILLES, AVON LAKE, OHIO, PD, INFORMED HE HAD RECEIVED A  
CHRISTMAS CARD FROM FRANK H. NILES WITH A RETURN ADDRESS OF P. O.  
BOX TWO TWO ZERO SEVEN ONE, DALLAS, TEXAS. RICHMOND HAS NO ADDITION-  
AL INFO AS TO NILES' CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

BOSTON NOTE ELLSWORTH FALLS, MAINE IS SAME LOCATION OF FRANK H.  
SMITH, FORMER MEMBER OF AMERICAN NAZI PARTY (ANP) WHO WAS RECENTLY  
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1 - Richmond (Teletype Unit)

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INVOLVED IN GUN BATTLE WITH ANP MEMBER, CHRIS VIDNJEVICH.  
RICHMOND FILES SHOW NILES EXPELLED FROM ANP FOR HEAVY DRINKING AND  
HAS NOT BEEN IN RICHMOND TERRITORY SINCE FALL OF SIXTYSIX.

FOR INFO OF BOSTON, SHERIFF CHARLES ROSS, STARK COUNTY, CANTON,  
OHIO, IN MARCH OF SIXTYFOUR, HAD INFORMED THAT FRANK G. NILES  
INQUIRED AS TO WHERE HE COULD OBTAIN SNIPER'S RIFLE. NILES ALLEGED-  
LY COMMENTED HE WOULD KILL DR. KING IF HE THOUGHT IT WOULD PREVENT  
INTEGRATION. IT IS BELIEVED THIS FRANK G. NILES IS IDENTICAL WITH  
FRANK H. NILES, FORMER ANP MEMBER.

BOSTON AND DALLAS - ENDEAVOR TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT WHEREABOUTS  
OF NILES AND ASCERTAIN ACTIVITIES DURING PAST FEW MONTHS TO SEE  
IF HE COULD BE CO-CONSPIRATOR OF INSTANT CASE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND CLEVELAND.

END.



CEFBI MEMPHIS

FBI KNOXVLE

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TO DIRECTOR (44-33861), CLEVELAND, MEMPHIS AND RICHMOND. *And Not for K*  
FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696) PAGES 6  
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RE BOSTON TEL TO BUREAU, KNOXVILLE AND MEMPHIS,  
MAY ONE LAST, WHICH REFERENCED RICHMOND TEL TO BOSTON  
APRIL THIRTY LAST, RE SUSPECT FRANK G. NILES. *- Sub E-743*

INVESTIGATION AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN. DETERMINED  
FRANCIS HENRY NILES, AKA. FRANK H. NILES, WM, BORN  
[REDACTED], IS FATHER

MRS FRANKLIN EDWARDS (CECILIA NILES) LEWIS, FIVE  
FIVE ZERO NINE PINE LAWN AVE., CHATTANOOGA. LEWIS HIGHLY  
RESPECTED FACULTY MEMBER AT PROMINENT PRIVATE PREP SCHOOL,  
THE MC CALLIE SCHOOL, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

LEWIS STATED NILES IS CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC, PSYCHOPRATHIC  
SCHIZOPHRENIA WHO HAS RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR MENTAL  
DISORDER PAST TWENTY YEARS OR MORE. NILES DIVORCED HIS  
WIFE TWENTY YEARS AGO AND NOT REPORTED TO HAVE HAD ANY  
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CONTACT WITH DIVORCED WIFE, MRS MILDRED (R.J.)AUSTIN, ROUTE SEVEN, PENSACOLA, FLA.; DAUGHTER, MRS. FLORIS (LNU), PHOENIXVILLE, PA., OR SON, ROBERT HARVELLE, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. HE HAS MADE VERY LIMITED IRREGULAR VISITS WITH DAUGHTER, MRS. CECILIA LEWIS, OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS. THESE VISITS LAST FROM A FEW HOURS TO NO MORE THAN TWO OR THREE DAYS.

NILES BECAME MEMBER OF AMERICAN NAZI PARTY (ANP) ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY TWO AND ASSOCIATED CLOSELY WITH GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL FROM THAT DATE UNTIL ABOUT TIME OF ROCKWELL'S DEATH. NILES WAS GENERAL FLUNKY OF ANP AND SERVED AS ROCKWELL'S VALET AND COOK. NILES LEFT ANP, ARLINGTON, VA., WHERE HE HAD BEEN LIVING IN SPRING OF NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. NILES WAS CONFINED SHIELDS NURSING HOME, OBERLIN AVENUE, LORAIN, OHIO, FOR PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT ENTIRE SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN. CHIEF PSYCHIATRIST DURING THIS PERIOD WAS DR. (FNU) FIECKS OF LORAIN, OHIO.

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ON RELEASE FROM SHIELDS NURSING HOME, LATE AUGUST, SIXTY SEVEN, NILES VISITED LEWIS IN CHATTANOOGA FOR TWO OR THREE DAY PERIOD. LEWIS DID NOT HEAR FROM NILES FROM AUG. SIXTY SEVEN, UNTIL HE APPEARED UNANNOUNCED CHATTANOOGA ON JAN. TEN LAST. NILES REPORTED HE HAD BEEN LIVING AT ANP HEADQUARTERS, DALLAS, TEXAS. NILES REMAINED IN DRUNKEN STUPOR AT HOTEL PLAZA, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., JAN. TEN TO NIGHT OF JAN. THIRTEEN LAST, WHEN MR. LEWIS PAID HIS HOTEL BILL, PURCHASED BUS TICKET AND PLACED NILES ON BUS ENROUTE ARLINGTON, VA. WITHIN FEW DAYS FOLLOWING HIS DEPARTURE, LEWIS RECEIVED INFORMATION NILES CONFINED TO PSYCHIATRIC WARD, EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL, DRAWER A, BUILDING TEN, WILLIAMSBURG, VA., WHERE HE REPORTEDLY WAS STILL CONFINED AS OF MAY TWO INSTANT.

LEWIS ADVISED HE AND WIFE RESIDED GRAND BAY, ALA., MAY, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE UNTIL SEPT. SIXTY-SIX, WHERE LEWIS EMPLOYED AS TEACHER. ON FEW OCCASIONS DURING THIS

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PERIOD, ROCKWELL, NILES AND CURRENT LEADER OF ANP, KAYLE (PHONETIC), WOULD STOP BY LEWIS' RESIDENCE FOR NILE TO HAVE BRIEF VISIT WITH HIS DAUGHTER. LEWIS STATES DOES NOT BELIEVE NILES CAPABLE OF RESORTING TO TO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE BUT HAS INDICATED REPEATEDLY HE WANTS TO BE MARTYR. LEWIS FIRMLY BELIEVES NILES WANTS TO BE KILLED AS MARTYR FOR SOME CAUSE. NILES HAS THREATENED SUICIDE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

LEWIS AND WIFE HAVE CONTINUALLY BEEN EMBARRASSED BY NILES FOR NUMBER OF YEARS AND ON LAST VISIT, JAN., SIXTY-EIGHT, WOULD NOT PERMIT HIM IN THEIR RESIDENCE. LEWIS COULD ONLY FURNISH GENERAL INFORMATION RE NILES ACTIVITIES. ALTHOUGH LEWIS MARRIED CECILIA NILES IN NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT, HE DID NOT MEET NILES UNTIL ABOUT SIXTY-TWO OR SIXTY-THREE. LEWIS STATES ANY DISCUSSION WITH HIS WIFE, NILES' DAUGHTER, PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISTRESSES HER. LEWIS REQUESTED THAT HIS WIFE NOT BE

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INTERVIEWED RE NILES. LEWIS VERY COOPERATIVE BUT DOES NOT WANT TO CAUSE HIS WIFE ANY MORE GRIEF OVER ACTIVITIES OF HER FATHER AND DEFINITELY DOES NOT WANT INQUIRY AT CHATTANOOGA THAT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THEIR GOOD REPUTATION AND HIS EMPLOYMENT.

LEWIS STATED NILES HAD PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOP IN UNKNOWN CITY DURING WORLD WAR 11, THEN SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN ALASKA FOLLOWING WORD WAR 11, ALSO REPORTED TO BE LEADING SALESMAN IN U.S. FOR AMERICAN CORPORATION, SELLING ENCYCLOPEDIAS IN VICINITY OF CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI, OHIO, NINETEEN SIXTY-ONE OR SIXTY-TWO. HE THEN SUFFERED ONE OF HIS MORE SEVERE MENTAL DISORDERS, FOLLOWING WHICH HE JOINED ANP ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO OR SIXTY-THREE.

REGISTRATION CAR, HOTEL PLAZA, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., REFLECTS NILES REGISTERED AS FRANK H. NILES, THREE FIVE ZERO SIX LINDERWOOD AVE., DALLAS, TEXAS, ARRIVING NINE TWENTY-EIGHT P.M. JAN. TEN LAST AND DEPARTING TEN THIRTY TWO P.M. JAN. THIRTEEN LAST.

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CLEVELAND AT LORAIN, OHIO, REVIEW RECORDS AT SHIELDS NURSING HOME AND INTERVIEW DR. (FNU) FIECKS RE NILES.

~~RICHMOND~~  
*New York* AT WILLIAMSBURG, VA., WILL VERIFY FACT FRANK H. NILES HAS BEEN PATIENT AT EASTERN STAE HOSPITAL, WILLIAMSBURG, FROM JAN. LAST TO PRESENT. DETERMINE FROM ATTENDING PHYSICIANS AND REVIEW OF RECORDS ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION RE BACKGROUND AND MENTAL CONDITION. NOTE: REFERENCED BOSTON TELETYPE ADVISED BUREAU INSTRUCTS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES OF NILES FOR PAST FEW MONTHS BE DETERMINED AND CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN RE POSSIBILITY NILES COULD BE CO-CONSPIRATOR THIS CASE.

NO INVESTIGATION REQUESTED OF DALLAS.

BASED ON FACT NILES HAS BEEN CONFINED MENTAL HOSPITAL JAN. LAST TO PRESENT, NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED KNOXVILLE DIVISION RE THIS MATTER.

UACB, MRS. CECILIA NILES WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED RE HER FATHER AS REQUESTED BY MR. LEWIS.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO DALLAS.

NILES HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

END.

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FBI MEMPHIS



5/8/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268) (P)

MURKIN

RE: SUSPECT FRANK G. NILES

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Re Knoxville teletype to Bureau 5/2/68 and Cleveland teletype to Bureau 5/3/68.

The following investigation was conducted at Williamsburg, Va., by SA H. CURTISS BURRELL:

On 5/3/68 Mrs. WYOLENE POINTER, Superintendent, Office, Eastern State Hospital, Williamsburg, Va., furnished their file on FRANK HENRY NILES, patient # 43520. A review of this file revealed the following information:

NILES was committed at Eastern State Hospital on 1/17/68 under a regular commitment by Special Justice DANIEL GRINNAN, City of Richmond, Richmond, Va.

He was diagnosed as being a psychoneurotic reactive - depressive reactive.

He was allowed one pass, which was issued for the period of 4/24-26/68, when he listed his destination as being 6150 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Va. He has missed no scheduled roll calls at Eastern State Hospital.

Very little background information has been acquired by Eastern State Hospital. On several occasions they have sent personal background questionnaires to Mrs. CECILIA HOPE LEWIS at 5099 Tinelawn Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee. They have received no replies from Mrs. LEWIS.

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1-Cleveland (44-565) (info)  
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Their files revealed that NILES was confined at the St. Joseph Hospital, 205 West 29th St., Lorain, Ohio, from 8/28/67 to 8/11/67.

NILES is described as a white male, born [redacted], 131 pounds, 5'9" tall, blue eyes, gray hair, with mustache.

The admitting doctor was W. H. BATTE.

His attending physician is Dr. MARTIN PALMAZ.

Interview of Dr. PALMAZ revealed that NILES is an alcoholic currently assigned to the Alcoholic Vocational Rehabilitation Section of the Eastern State Hospital. It is noted that this area is not secured at all times. Dr. PALMAZ advised that NILES is a definite racist but has had no violence exhibited toward any of his fellow Negro inmates. Dr. PALMAZ described his feelings as being merely a general prejudice. He is described as being very polite but in definite need of a great deal of activity to keep his mind occupied. Dr. PALMAZ advised that he has a very deep-seated hostility toward life in general and that things need to go his way at all times. Dr. PALMAZ considers him to have definite suicidal tendencies. Dr. PALMAZ advised he has never heard NILES make any comments regarding any of the racial or Nazi leaders in the United States.

Dr. PALMAZ noted that NILES wrote a letter to the Social Security Administration recently in regard to his Social Security account, number [redacted], which he felt was delinquent.

It was noted that since March 30, 1968, NILES has been allowed to work at the Howard Johnson's Restaurant, off the Eastern State Hospital's grounds, in Williamsburg, Va. Since that time and to date, he has worked five and six days a week, 40 hours per week, and is paid \$58.

On 5/3/68 JAMES HAMILTON, Manager, Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Williamsburg, Va., was interviewed and advised that NILES was employed at his restaurant from 3/30/68 to the present time. He noted that he was at all times on duty during the period 4/3-6/68. His days off during the instant period were April 2 and 9, 1968. HAMILTON advised that NILES is very well liked and gets along well with all the Negro help.

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It was noted that NILES returned to the Eastern State Hospital after his work days during the instant period and at all times during his period of employment at the Howard Johnson's Restaurant. He has missed no roll calls at Eastern State Hospital.

No further investigation being conducted concerning NILES at Norfolk.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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4-48 PM DEFERRED 6-7-68 CKH

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1986)

NORFOLK 4(44-286)

RICHMOND

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN; CR.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY TWO LAST AND  
NORFOLK AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY SIX LAST RE FRANK HENRY  
NILES.

*Sub E-743C*

*miss. Franklin Edwards Lewis*  
FRANKLIN EDWARD LEWIS, FIVE FIVE ZERO NINE PINELAWN  
AVE., CHATTANOOGA, TENN., ADVISED THIS DATE HE RECEIVED  
POSTCARD FROM FATHER-IN-LAW, FRANK HENRY NILES, POST  
MARKED JUNE THREE, WILLIAMSBURG, VA., STATING: " I AM  
LEAVING HOSPITAL TOMORROW. I AM GOING TO HEADQUARTERS  
IN ARLINGTON, VA. SIGN DAD."

*Sub E-743D*

INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED ABOVE OFFICES IN VIEW  
OF PARTY AFFILIATION OF NILES WITH AMERICAN NAZI PARTY.

A & D.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Mrs. Viola V. Borys  
38 Church, St.  
Waterloo, N.Y.  
April 22, 1968

Dear Sir;

I am not sure how to start this. But it concerns the one you are looking for. Thurs. 18 of April, I done some shopping. I bough 4 new dresses. Later that day my neighbor wanted to see them, this is a res-  
turant near my home. I went over and later in the evening a man came in. He tried to talk to me and find out where i lived. I thought it was just one those guys looking for a pick up. He later wanted to dance with me. He wanted slow music, i said i didn't want to dance. So ~~later~~ later just he and the owner and i were there. I was trying to leave so he could not follow me, So i got near the door and talk-  
ed to the owner for a minute, then i ran out fast and got home and left my four dresses on the table. So i went right back and this man was in his car going down the Street. I went in to get my dresses and one was gone. So i ask the owner and she didn't know. She had left the roome and the man left. So my son and i got in our car and went to find him. We seen the car and gave chase he would not stop for us we pulled beside him and blew the horn and called to him, he turned up a sidesteet near the cemetary. So i had to wait for traffic to turn around. When i got turned around i spotted him. So i went after hom again this time he stoped. So i ask about my dress he said he did't have it. I tild him he was the only one who could of took it. I said i wanted it back, or i was turnin g him in. I said if he return it noX~~XXXX~~tiX~~XXXX~~ question would be ask. So i left and called the owner of the resturant and told her what happened. Than iwent to our local police. When i returned back to the place, The owner said while she was talking to me she heard the door closed but she looked out but no one was there. When she came back the dress was hanging over the chair. I was told the same car was pulling away. While i was talking to our local police the officer saw the car i toldhim about turn up our way. So we were pretty sure it was him who took the dress. But now to get to what i wanted to tell you is i showed the pictures to my son, there were six different shots of James Earl RAY, i ask my son if any of them looked like any one he saw, He pointed one out said it looked like the one who took my dress. I could not say for sure if it was him or not. This man ask me my name i gave him my first name, he said his name was Dave. He has a red sports car with black top. Licence number was, 0A-5660 GM Or atriump or what ever you call that make of car, Up to date model. I am sorry that i had to go in so maney details. Please do not give out my information. Do hope you get him soon. If you need me for any more information, you have my address.

Thank you  
Mrs Viola V. Borys

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*Bayle* *CRB*

Ps. One thing this man keep asking if i am around 10:30 nights even after iacused him of the theft.  
This man changes so in his pictures

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4-26-68

Airtel

To: SAC, Buffalo

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Mrs. Viola V. Borys.

Enclosed for Buffalo are two copies of a letter from Mrs. Viola V. Borys. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

Buffalo should immediately interview Mrs. Borys for any information she can furnish concerning the identity of the unknown individual whom she believes may be identical with the subject, James Earl Ray.

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RE: MRS. VIOLA V. BORYS

The Bureau by communication dated April 26, 1968,  
furnished a copy of the following letter from Mrs. VIOLA  
V. BORYS:

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Dear Sir;

I am not sure how to start this. But it concerns the one you are looking for. Thurs. 18 of April, I done some shopping. I bough 4 new dresses. Later that day my neighbor wanted to see them, this is a res-  
turant near my home. I went over and later in the evening a man came in. He tried to talk to me and find out where i lived. I thought it was just one those guys looking for a pick up. He later wanted to dance with me. He wanted slow music, i said i didn't want to dance. So later later just he and the owner and i were there. I was trying to leave so he could not follow me, So i got near the door and talk-  
ed to the owner for a minute, then i ran out fast and got home and left my four dresses on the table. So i went right back and this man was in his car going down the Street. I went in to get my dresses and one was gone. So i ask the owner and she didn't know. She had left the room and the man left. So my son and i got in our car and went to find him. We seen the car and gave chase he would not stop for us we pulled beside him and blew the horn and called to him, he turned up a sidesteet near the cemetary. So i had to wait for traffic to turn around. When i got turned around i spotted him. So i went after hom again this time he stoped. So i ask about my dress he said he did't have it. I told him he was the only one who could of took it. I said i wanted it back, or i was turnin g him in. I said if he return it noXQXHXtIX. question would be ask. So i left and called the owner of the resturant and told her what happened. Than iwent to our local police. When i returned back to the place, The owner said while she was talking to me she heard the door closed but she looked out but no one was there. When she came back the dress was hanging over the chair. I was told the same car was pulling away. While i was talking to our local police the officer saw the car i toldhim about turn up our way. So we were pretty sure it was him who took the dress. But now to get to what i wanted to tell you is i showed the pictures to my son, there were six different shots of James Earl RAY, i ask my son if any of them looked like any one he saw, He pointed one out said it looked like the one who took my dress. I could not say for sure if it was him or not. This man ask me my name i gave him my first name, he said his name was Dave. He has a red sports car with black top. Licence number was, OA-5660 GM Or atrium or what ever you call that make of car, Up to date model. I am sorry that i had to go in so maney details. Please do not give out my information. Do hope you get him soon. If you need me for any more information, you have my address.

Thank you  
Mrs Viola V. Borys

Ps. One thing this man keep asking if i am around ~~10:30~~ 10:30 nights even after iacused him of the theft.  
This man changes so in his pictures

The following investigation was conducted by SA(A)  
DON FRITZ HEIM:

Mrs. VIOLA V. BORYS, 38 Church Street, Waterloo, New York, advised on May 1, 1968, that the individual referred to in her letter to the Bureau on April 22, 1968, is not known to her personally, and she has not seen him since. She stated she had never seen this person before, does not know where he lives, or what his employment might be. She stated she has made inquiries concerning this individual; however, has been unable to determine his identity.

BORYS described this individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30-35
Height	5'6"
Weight	140-150
Hair	Black, wavy
Speech	Normal (no accent)

She advised that this individual was driving a red MGB, year not known, containing New York License OA 5560.

On May 1, 1968, a check of the New York State registrations through the Seneca County Sheriff's Office, Waterloo, New York, indicated New York License OA 5560 is issued to DARWIN STONE, 581 Geneva-Waterloo Road, Waterloo, New York, for a 1965 black Austin-Healey. His employment was shown as Seneca Army Depot (SAD), Romulus, New York.

On May 1, 1968, Mrs. PHILIP STONE, 581 Geneva-Waterloo Road, Waterloo, New York, advised that DARWIN STONE is her son, and that he currently owns a red MGB automobile, New York License OA 5560. She stated her son is only home on weekends, as he currently attends the University of Syracuse, Syracuse, New York.

On May 2, 1968, EUGENE HELFARD, General Investigator, Provost Marshal's Office, Seneca Army Depot, Romulus, New York, advised the only record at SAD concerning STONE is that he worked as a civilian employee from February, 1967 to September,

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1967, has Social Security No. [REDACTED], and was born [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. When STONE left SAD, he indicated he was going back  
to college.

On May 2, 1968, EDWARD DAILOR, Collections Manager,  
Credit Bureau of Geneva, New York, advised that DARWIN STONE,  
581 Geneva-Waterloo Road, Waterloo, New York, has been known  
to his files since December, 1960.

F B I

Date: 6/18/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
 FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)  
 MURKIN  
 (OO: Memphis)

ReBuairtel to all SACs and Legats, dated 5/7/68,  
 instructing that 15 copies of all inserts be prepared for  
 Memphis in this case.

Transmitted herewith for Memphis are 15 copies  
 each of inserts bearing the following captions:

"TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT  
 JAMES EARL RAY ENROUTE FROM  
 LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS"

"GUESTS OF THE PROVINCIAL MOTEL,  
 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,  
 DECEMBER 17-19, 1967"

"CHARLES DUNHAM  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING"

"PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT  
 ORDERED BY JAMES EARL RAY  
 FROM SUPERIOR BULK FILM  
 COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
 UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT"

"DARK BLUE MUSTANG  
 GEORGIA LICENSE  
 2D 112-56"

② - Memphis (Encs. 165) (AM)  
 1 - Buffalo  
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E "DRIVER OF 1964 OR 1965 FORD,  
FLORIDA LICENSE 4W 69100"

G "INVESTIGATION CONCERNING EARL EVERETT RAY,  
DECEASED UNCLE OF JAMES EARL RAY"

"EASTERN AIRLINES  
CHECK AT BUFFALO"

E "INFORMATION FROM  
MRS. GLADYS MEEHAN"

E "THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR.; INFORMATION  
FROM MRS. JESSIE KILGRAS,  
PENFIELD, NEW YORK  
NOVEMBER 13, 1967"

✓ "MRS. VIOLA V. BORYS" Sub-E-744, 744A  
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4/26/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3861)  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

ReKctel, 4/24/68, and Hctel, 4/25/68.

JUDY CAROL PETERS, nee Thomas, aka Judy Carol  
Aeby, 10205 W. Hardy, Houston, no telephone, interviewed  
this date and furnished the following information:

She was married to MEAL EDGAR AEBY for approximately  
two years in 1960 and 1961. When he was arrested and returned  
to Missouri in 1961, she came to Houston and has not seen  
AEBY since that time. She last contacted him on 4/19/62,  
advising him of the birth of their daughter. She has divorced  
AEBY and has not corresponded with him since that date.  
Subject RAY is unknown to her and she has not been contacted  
by any of AEBY's associates during the past six years. She  
stated AEBY does not know her exact address and could not  
locate her himself.

The only relative of AEBY who subject RAY might  
contact would be brother AUBREY AEBY, Dallas. She does not  
know the whereabouts of AEBY's relatives and never closely  
associated with them.

PETERS promised complete cooperation and will  
immediately advise the FBI of any information received re  
subject RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau  
1 - Chicago (Info)  
1 - Dallas (Info)  
1 - Kansas City (Info)  
① - Memphis (Info)  
1 - Oklahoma City (Info)  
1 - Houston  
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-989),  
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN - CR, OO: MEMPHIS

RE DETROIT TELE. TO CHICAGO AND INDIANAPOLIS, APRIL TWENTY  
FIVE LAST.

INMATE RAYMOND SHERMAN ROBBINS INTERVIEWED US PENITENTIARY,  
TERRE HAUTE, IND., TODAY. ADVISED MEL (LNU) BLOND-HEADED AND YOUNGER  
THAN JAMES EARL RAY. ROBBINS STATED PHOTOS OF RAY AND WALTER T.  
RIFE DEFINITELY NOT IDENTICAL TO MEL; FURTHER HAS NEVER SEEN  
EITHER BEFORE. ROBBINS STATES MEL LAST SEEN BUS STATION, DETROIT,  
MICH., MAY SIX SIXTYSEVEN.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1- Chicago (44-1114)  
①- Memphis (44-1987)  
1- Indianapolis  
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175-6 Park Place  
Brooklyn New York  
April 23, 1968

Mr. Edward J. Hoover,

The Bureau of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation,  
Washington D.C.,

Dear Sir

I met a fellow at 432 Howard <sup>and</sup> on the  
corner of Prospect Place, Brooklyn.  
The same description of the sniper  
that took the life of Dr. King.  
He pulled out of his pocket a rent check  
and I read the check of \$200 and the name  
of the 2nd Ford Wagoner.  
He told me that he found it and said  
Turn on the Back of it he replied I can  
cash it, I told him probably.  
Then he showed me Sale Papers of 2 Cars  
one had the same name on it, and the other  
I didn't know.  
He replied Can I sell this I said probably.  
Give me a cigarette, I gave him one.  
That's all I know.

Yours Truly  
Lindy B. Conder

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Airtel

To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Andy B. Cousen.

Enclosed for New York are two copies of a letter from Cousen dated April 23, 1968. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

New York should immediately interview Cousen for any additional information he may have in his possession regarding the individual he talked with who may be identical with the subject, James Earl Ray.

① - Memphis

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Dear Sir

Enclosed is a letter that I am  
deliberately using to contact The  
F.B.I. Head Director J. E. Hoover  
To keep this from going through a  
lot of offices & hoping you will  
cooperate in forwarding this to the  
Director Mr. Hoover & myself.

Thank you  
Allen A. Blatz

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122-3, Deso-dwan,  
Santa Maria, Calif  
93454  
Room #4

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I'm an effort to do this in a gentle way & do a duty. I'm not trying to get any name for myself. I don't think this letter registered I do not know that it will reach you in person & I only want to talk or contact someone high up or yourself & of your confidence however I think I have something of interest to you after reading this A.M. Papers & this Galt Person. I'm not looking for any name for myself. I don't want anymore physical damage however if I have been some help to you you could help me in some of my problems that would help others as well as myself. I am sending this letter in a round about way so that you can get to me without anyone knowing what is going on I will want



To the Acting Director of the F.B.I.  
 I will give you with information  
 and have said this is not correct  
 stuff & yours will be given to the  
 Bureau of your need investigation.  
 Very sincerely,  
 William Allen Davis

4-26-68

Airtel

To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Glenn Alvin Platz.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are two copies of a letter from Platz addressed to the Bureau and two copies of a letter from Platz which was addressed to the Postmaster General postmarked April 18, 1968. One copy of each is enclosed for Memphis.

Los Angeles, unless information in your files would preclude doing so, should interview Platz for any information he may have in his possession regarding this case.

Platz is not identifiable in Bureau files.

① - Memphis

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel dated 4/26/68.

Re: GLENN ALVIN PLATZ

The following investigation was conducted 4/29/68:

GLENN ALVIN PLATZ is not known at 122 South Broadway, Santa Maria, California, which is Dilbeck's Shoe Store, located in a commercial area.

Mrs. MAE BENSON, manager, Bradley Hotel, 100 South Broadway, Santa Maria, California, was unable to identify PLATZ as a present or former guest at the hotel. No other living quarters are located in the 100 block of South Broadway.

No record of PLATZ was located in the Santa Maria City Directory, Santa Maria telephone directory, Santa Maria Credit Bureau, U. S. Post Office at Santa Maria, Santa Maria Police Department or the Santa Maria Sub-Station of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office.

No further efforts are being made to locate PLATZ.

3 - Bureau (AIR MAIL)  
② - Memphis (44-1987) (AIR MAIL)  
1 - Los Angeles  
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Date: 5/9/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel captioned as above dated 4/26/68 re GLENN ALVIN PLATZ and Los Angeles airtel dated 5/1/68 captioned as above re GLENN ALVIN PLATZ.

Re GLENN ALVIN PLATZ: *Sub E-148*

GLENN ALVIN PLATZ, 722 South Broadway, Room 4, Santa Maria, California, advised on 5/7/68 that he had previously corresponded with the Post Office Department advising he had information which may be of value to the FBI regarding the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

PLATZ stated he was employed for about two months during 1966 as a maintenance man at the Sovereign Hotel and Apartments, Santa Monica, California. He could not recall the exact dates of his employment. He continued that when he observed the name and photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT in the newspaper shortly after the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, it "rang a bell" and he felt sure he had seen GALT sometime in the past, most likely at the Sovereign Hotel. He continued that it was possible he may have seen GALT in Hollywood or somewhere else in the Los Angeles area since he remained in Los Angeles until the early part of 1967 when he moved to San Clemente, California.

3 - Bureau  
 1 - Memphis  
 2 - Los Angeles  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

LA 44-1574

PLATZ suggested the possibility that the subject, JAMES EARL RAY might have grown a beard and is hiding out with hippies. He stated he had no further information to furnish the FBI.

No further investigation is being conducted regarding information furnished by PLATZ inasmuch as the subject was incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary during the period of time PLATZ stated he had observed subject.

APRIL 26, 1968

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC, DETROIT  
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

THE MAIN FILE OF KING'S ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND  
THE FOLLOWING THREATS NOTED:

REFERENCE DETROIT FILE ONE HUNDRED-THREE ONE FOUR ONE  
EIGHT WHEREIN A TELETYPE WAS SENT TO THE BUREAU SIX EIGHTEEN  
SIXTYSIX, REPORTING AN ANONYMOUS CALL ALLEGING A PLOT TO KILL  
KING. THE PLOTTERS WERE SAID TO BE CONNECTED WITH THE KKK  
AND EMPLOYED BY CADILLAC PLANT NUMBER ONE AT DETROIT AND THE  
GRAND DRAGON OF THIS KLAN IS POSSIBLY INVOLVED. YOUR OFFICE  
IDENTIFIED A PIPE FITTER AS THE "GRAND DRAGON."

DETROIT AIRTEL FOUR TWELVE SIXTYFIVE, ENTITLED "MINUTEMEN,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING, INTERNAL SECURITY," ADVISED THAT ONE  
JIM WHITE, AKA JAMES A WALLINGTON, ONE THREE FIVE NINE TWO  
BERWYN, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, ALLEGEDLY MADE A THREAT AGAINST KING.

ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT,  
YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THE  
ABOVE MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

② - MEMPHIS

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**TELETYPE SAC, DETROIT**  
**RE: MURKIN**

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS. COPIES MAILED TO MEMPHIS.**

F B I

Date: 5/1/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU TEL APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST, TWELVE THIRTY TWO PM.

IN RE TEL DETROIT REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF JOHN HOLLIS DAVIS, ~~GRAND~~ GRAND DRAGON OF UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA), EMPLOYED CADILLAC MOTOR CO., DETROIT, AND JAMES A. WALLINGTON, AKA., JIM WHITE REPORTEDLY "MINUTEMEN" MEMBER IMPLICATED AS CONSPIRATOR WITH RAY, ASSAILANT OF KING.

OFFICIALS CADILLAC MOTOR CO., ADVISED APRIL THIRTY LAST DAVIS ON APRIL FOUR LAST EMPLOYED AT CADILLAC SEVEN FIFTY EIGHT AM TO FOUR THIRTY PM THAT DATE.

JAMES A. WALLINGTON MENTIONED ABOVE, REPORTED "MINUTEMEN" MEMBER, WHO IN NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE REPORTEDLY MADE THREATS AGAINST KING, REPORTED AS OF MARCH SIX LAST, ACCORDING TO USAF AIRMEN RECORDS, RANDOLPH AFB, TEXAS, CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO SEVEN SEVEN SIX TACTICAL AIR LIFT SQUADRON, CHING CHUAN KANG AIR BASE, TAIWAN (CHINA).

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**ARMED AND DANGEROUS**

*AM copy for Memphis*

Approved: [Signature] Sent 3 21 M Per [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge



PLAINTEXT

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC NEW ORLEANS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

THE FOLLOWING THREAT IS CONTAINED IN THE KING FILE:

BY LHM DATED JUNE SIXTEEN SIXTYFIVE YOUR OFFICE REPORTED A REMARK ALLEGEDLY MADE BY ONE NOEL GRAY, SOUTH UNIVERSITY STREET, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, THAT THE NEGRO RACE NEEDED A NEW "MONUMENT" AS CHRIST HAD BEEN DEAD TWO THOUSAND YEARS AND IT WOULD BE BETTER IF KING OR JAMES FARMER WERE KILLED.

ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF NOEL GRAY MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS.

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② MEMPHIS

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P.O. Box 53.

Ellington Mo.

F.B.I.  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

I am not a fortuneteller nor I am not a witch, but I do see a few things and hear a few things sometimes, and I have seen the slayers of Rev. Martin Luther King. Their names are ANNIE COLEMAN, and OLLIE OLTELO.

Now if you can find these two women you will have your killers. Ollie Oltelo lives at Overland California, and Annie Coleman lives at Oakland California.

Please let my name and whereabouts remain unanimous.

Yours Truly

*Anna Dawson*

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Airtel

To: SACs, St. Louis  
San Francisco

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Enclosed for St. Louis and San Francisco are two copies of a letter from Anna Dawson, postmarked April 23, 1968, at Ellington, Missouri. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

St. Louis should immediately interview Anna Dawson for any additional details she may have concerning the identities of Annie Coleman and Ollie Oltelo, and why she believes those individuals might be associated with this case. Set out appropriate leads.

① - Memphis

44-1987-Sub E-451A

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Date: 5-3-68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

RE: MURKIN  
CR  
OO:ME

ReBuairtel to SL and SF, 4-26-68.

On 5-1-68, Mrs. ANNA DAWSON, PO Box 53, Ellington, Mo., was contacted by SA WILLIAM R. BURTON. She was questioned concerning her knowledge of ANNIE COLEMAN and OLLIE OLTELO, how they were associated with the matter, and any details concerning their identities or further location. Mrs. DAWSON replied that she had a direct communication with God and that God had told her who the killers of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. were and also had told her to notify the FBI. She related that God had also given her the names of the two ladies and also their addresses. She stated that she has never heard either of these two names before, knows nothing whatsoever of their background or occupation, and could furnish no other additional information.

No further investigation is being conducted by SL; no leads being set out.

2 - Memphis  
2 - San Francisco  
2 - St. Louis  
WRB:amb  
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*1cc Fred Bureau  
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Special Agent in Charge

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**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**  
**OO: MEMPHIS**

Re Bureau airtel to SF and SL dated 4/26/68 and  
LSairtel to ME 5/3/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of reSLairtel  
which includes results of investigation conducted re complainant  
ANNA DAWSON.

In view of contents of re SLairtel, no further  
investigation is being conducted by receiving offices  
regarding this aspect of the investigation.

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

NOTE: See ME 44-1987-

3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)  
1 - San Francisco  
1 - St. Louis (44-775)  
② - Memphis  
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April 26, 1968

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC LOS ANGELES  
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (38861)

MURKIN.

A REVIEW OF THE MAIN FILE ON KING NOTED THE FOLLOWING  
THREAT:

BY AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ATLANTA OFFICE ADVISED ON  
NOVEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTYSEVEN THAT HAROLD J. THOME, POSSIBLY  
MENTAL, HAD BEEN ATTEMPTING TO HAVE AN AUDIENCE WITH KING  
IN ATLANTA. HE HAD REPORTEDLY THREATENED NEIGHBORS IN THE  
PAST WITH A SHOTGUN. YOU ADVISED BY AIRTEL NOVEMBER TWENTY,  
SIXTYSEVEN THAT THOME RESIDES ONE ZERO FIVE TWO ZERO HILL  
HAVEN STREET, TUDUNGA, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS A MACHINIST AT  
PHOTOSONICS COMPANY, EIGHT TWO ZERO MARIPOSA, BURBANK,  
CALIFORNIA.

ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT,  
YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF THOME MIGHT  
BE IMPLICATED AS ANCONSPIRATOR.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - MEMPHIS

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PLAIN

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TEL TO LOS ANGELES APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST.  
INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES TO LOCATE HAROLD J. THOME,  
POSSIBLY MENTAL, DETERMINED THOME NOT PRESENTLY IN LOS ANGELES  
AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

ON APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST, SON STEVEN J. THOME, GLENDALE,  
CALIFORNIA ADVISED THOME LEFT LOS ANGELES IN LATE NINETEEN  
SIXTY SEVEN AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN AS FATHER WAS CONSTANTLY  
TRAVELING. HAS RECEIVED TWO COLLECT TELEPHONE CALLS FROM  
FATHER SINCE CHRISTMAS, ORIGIN OF EITHER CALL UNKNOWN TO HIM.  
SON STATED FATHER WILL NOT CONTACT FORMER WIFE, FRANCES E.  
THOME, OR SON, TIM, AS ALIENATED FROM THEM, AND REFUSED TO

1 - Memphis (AM)  
1 - Atlanta (AM)

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FURNISH CURRENT ADDRESS FOR MOTHER, STATING SHE KNEW NOTHING AND HE DID NOT WANT HER INTERVIEWED. STEVEN THOME STATED BARNETT BUICK COMPANY, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA SEEKING FATHER.

JOSEPH POWERS, BARNETT BUICK COMPANY, ADVISED UNION BANK, WHICH FINANCED CAR, SEEKING THOME.

PAUL ZANDER, COLLECTION MANAGER, UNION BANK, SHERMAN OAKS, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED BUICK AUTO REPOSSESSED IN ATLANTA BY AUTO RECOVERY BUREAU, TWO SIX EIGHT ZERO GORDON ROAD, SW, ATLANTA ON JANUARY FIFTEEN LAST, AND AGENCY WOULD HAVE THOME'S ADDRESS AND EMPLOYMENT AT THAT TIME. ZANDER STATED THOME TOURING UNITED STATES FROM APPROXIMATELY MID-NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN UNTIL CAR REPOSSESSED, STATED THOME HAD UNION OIL AND SHELL OIL CREDIT CARDS AND UNITED STATES CREDIT BUREAU HANDLING COLLECTION ON UNION CREDIT CARD.

ON MAY ONE INSTANT, WILLIAM REYNOLDS, UNIT MANAGER, US CREDIT BUREAU, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED AGENCY HAD ONE GASOLINE PURCHASE ON UNION OIL CARD SINCE JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT WHICH WAS PURCHASE OF GASOLINE ON MARCH EIGHT OR NINE NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT IN VAN HORN, TEXAS.



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FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA ADVISED THOME APPEARED SCLC HEADQUARTERS, ATLANTA ON NOVEMBER SIX, SIXTY SEVEN, URGENTLY REQUESTING AUDIENCE WITH KING FOR UNKNOWN REASON. LA FURNISHED BACKGROUND OF THOME TO ATLANTA, INCLUDING FACT HE WAS HOSPITALIZED TWICE FOR MENTAL DISORDER (SCHIZOPHRENIC PARANOID). BUREAU INSTRUCTED THOME BE INVESTIGATED AS POSSIBLE CONSPIRATOR IN MURKIN.

ATLANTA CONTACT REPOSSESSOR FOR BACKGROUND AND POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS OF THOME.

THOME SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS, AS HE ONCE THREATENED NEIGHBOR WITH SHOTGUN.

MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

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MURKIN

REBUTEL TO LOS ANGELES APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST, LOS  
ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU MAY ONE LAST.

REBUTEL ADVISED HAROLD J. THOME, MENTAL CASE, HAD BEEN  
ATTEMPTING TO HAVE AUDIENCE WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING IN  
ATLANTA IN NOVEMBER LAST. THOME REPORTEDLY THREATENED  
NEIGHBORS IN PAST WITH SHOTGUN. BUREAU INSTRUCTED ALTHOUGH  
RAY HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ASSAILANT, INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE  
CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF THOME IMPLICATED AS CONSPIRATOR.

LOS ANGELES FILES REFLECT IN SEPTEMBER LAST, SON  
STEPHEN THOME STATED FATHER HAD WRITTEN PRESIDENT JOHNSON  
AND POPE NUMEROUS OCCASIONS OPPOSING WAR IN VIETNAM AND HAD  
BEEN ARRESTED FOR PULLING GUN ON POLICE OFFICERS. FORMER

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