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Washington, D.C.

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Airtel

To: SAC, Norfolk

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re James F. Gregory. ✓

Enclosed for Norfolk are two copies of a post card from Gregory (no date and not postmarked) requesting that copies of wanted fliers #442 and #442A be furnished to him. One copy of the post card is enclosed for Memphis.

Norfolk should locate and interview Gregory to determine his reason for wanting the wanted fliers and to establish if he has any knowledge concerning this case.

Enc. (2) *mgw*

① - Memphis (Enc.)

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)(P)
MURKIN

Re JAMES F. GREGORY.

Re Bureau airtel to Norfolk dated 5/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted on 5/7/68, by SA H. CURTISS BURRELL at Newport News, Virginia:

JAMES F. GREGORY was contacted at his residence at 608 Ellen Road, Newport News, Va. He advised that he is employed by the Newport News, Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. He advised that he is preparing a scrapbook in regard to the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He stated that his postcard to the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., whereby he requested wanted flyers #442 and #442a, was for the purpose of their inclusion in his personal scrapbook.

GREGORY advised that he has no personal knowledge of any of the principals in the instant matter.

He was furnished copies of the afore mentioned wanted flyers by SA BURRELL.

It is noted that during the course of the interview, GREGORY advised that he feels that Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK is a hindrance to the investigation of the instant matter. GREGORY advised that soon after sending the postcard to FBI headquarters, Washington, D.C., he sent a postcard to Attorney General CLARK stating that he was "a miserable failure as Attorney General of the United States." GREGORY stated that

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he felt that RAMSEY CLARK was just not competent in general and in essence his feelings toward Attorney General CLARK were not directed toward the instant investigation in particular, but just along a political line in general.

UACB no further investigation being conducted re GREGORY by Norfolk.

Armed and Dangerous

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI KAN CITY

1230 URGENT 5/3/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RECORDS OF MSP REVEAL THE FOLLOWING TWO INDIVIDUALS
WERE RELEASED FROM THAT INSTITUTION DURING PAST YEAR AND ARE
CURRENTLY RESIDING IN ALABAMA: TOM BRITTON MSP ONE ZERO NINE
EIGHT ZERO, JASPER, ALA., WIFE BEATRICE BRITTON ONE SEVEN ONE
ZERO ALBANIA, JASPER, ALA; JAMES CURTIS WOODS LEADSDEN ALA.,
MSP ONE ONE SEVEN FOUR ZERO, SISTER MAR COOK SIX TWO SEVEN
ROTHROCK AVE., ATTALLA, ALA.

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE WILL INTERVIEW BOTH OF ABOVE TWO
INDIVIDUALS RE ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT INASMUCH AS THEY
WERE IN MSP AT THE SAME TIME AS RAY.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC. JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Birmingham tel 5/3/68 re JAMES CURTIS WOODS.

Records Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville, Florida, reflect no death record on information or dates supplied in referenced tel.

Records do reflect JAMES CURTIS WOODS died 11/7/67 at Inverness, Citrus County, Florida. He was a resident of Starnes Park, Gadsden, Alabama. He was described as white male, age 56, born Alabama, unemployed and died of a heart blockage. He was buried at the Clayton Cemetery, Clayton, Alabama.

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② - Memphis
2 - Birmingham (44-1740)
3 - Jacksonville (1 - 66-297)
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)
MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Birmingham tel 5/9/68 to Bureau, Kansas City,
Memphis and Mobile.

Re BEATRICE BRITTON, wife of THOMAS BRITTON,
Jasper, Alabama. Current Chattanooga Telephone Directory
(September 1967) lists Chattanooga telephone number 266-1408
in name ARLIE DOWNEY, 203 Winchester St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

On May 10, 1968, Mrs. ALICE DOBBS, Electric Power
Board, Chattanooga, Tenn., advised records of that office
reflect P. ARLIE DOWNEY secured service in 1937. Applica-
tion contains no background information. His address for
1945 to 1965 was 203 Winchester St. Service disconnected,
no forwarding address. January 3, 1966, Power Board Service,
203 Winchester Street, lists name WILLIAM M. FELKINS and
continues service this address. In January 1966 FELKINS
employed as used car dealer for BENNIE WICK, Stringer St.
FELKINS wife listed as MINNIE, same address, niece - Mrs.
E. J. WEBBER, 201 Winchester St., and sister - Mrs. W. F.
MINTON, no number listed, Winchester St., both Chattanooga,
Tenn. No other information appeared re FELKINS.

3 - Bureau
2 - Birmingham (44-1740)
② - Memphis (44-1987)
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On May 10, 1968, Mrs. MARGARET NANCE, Chattanooga Credit Bureau, advised files of that office reflect Mrs. ARLIE (JENNIE B) DOWNEY, last known address, 302 Winchester St., Chattanooga, Tenn. (1961), widow of ARLIE DOWNEY, who died December 17, 1958.

Credit Bureau files last report re WILLIAM MARSHALL FELKINS dated September, 1955. At that date wife listed as MINNIE, both resided 209 Winchester St., Chattanooga, Tenn. Known to files from 1940 to date of report. Employed 1953 to date of report by KEEFE Plumbing Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. Previously married to LILLIE MAE FELKINS. Unsatisfactory credit rating. Files describe FELKINS as white male, about 55 to 60 years of age. Divorce petitions filed by LILLIE MAE FELKINS vs. WILLIAM MARSHALL FELKINS September 12, 1952, and August 13, 1954. Divorce petitions filed by MINNIE HENRY FELKINS vs. WILLIAM MARSHALL FELKINS October 27, 1945, and February 21, 1949. It should be noted that 1967 Chattanooga City Directory lists MARSHALL FELKINS, wife MINNIE H. FELKINS, reside 203 Winchester St., Chattanooga, Tenn. No employment listed for either.

Newspaper clippings appearing in Credit Bureau files report arrest April 27, 1949, for MINNIE FELKINS, 801 West Sixth St., rear, Chattanooga, Tenn., for possession of illegal whiskey. Newspaper clipping appeared same file dated March 29, 1951, listed arrest of MARSHALL FELKINS, then 34 years of age, residence 446 Manufacturers Road, Chattanooga, Tenn., in connection with the death of ULES LANDRESS, same address. FELKINS first arrested for felonious assault for striking LANDRESS on head with stick of stove wood. After LANDRESS died following day, charge changed to murder.

May 10, 1968, TAGNER BAILER, Director, Identification Division, Chattanooga Police Department, advised MINNIE FELKINS, Chattanooga PD No. 16218, white female, DOB [redacted] POB Daus, Tenn., 5'1", 241 lbs., wife of WILLIAM MARSHALL FELKINS, same address, arrested 4/25/59, charge of possession of unstamped whiskey. This charge dismissed Chattanooga City Court April 27, 1959. Chattanooga PD unable to locate arrest record for WILLIAM MARSHALL FELKINS. Note Chattanooga PD files reorganized 2 to 3 years ago and not uncommon to be unable to locate particular file even though arrest known to have occurred.

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On May 10, 1968, Mrs. EDNA CAMP, Hamilton County Criminal Court Clerk's Office, Chattanooga, Tenn., advised files of that office reflect charges against WILLIAM MARSHALL FELKINS presented to Hamilton County Grand Jury 4/24/51 on charge of murder. Grand Jury returned no bill.

Chattanooga City Directories 1961 and 1964 through 1966 do not list any record for WILLIAM MARSHALL FELKINS or MINNIE FELKINS. Chattanooga City Directories 1962-63 list MARSHALL FELKINS, wife MINNIE, reside 209 Winchester St., Chattanooga, Tenn. No employment listed for either.

203 Winchester St., Chattanooga, is neighborhood of extremely low income white residents of buildings which are severely deteriorated. Limited anonymous inquiry on 5/10/68 in neighborhood failed to locate anyone who knew identity of residents at 203 Winchester St. or who had resided in the neighborhood in excess of two months.

BENNIE WICK, 107 Peerless Ave., North Chattanooga, formerly Stringer St., operates small used car lot, mostly junked automobiles. WICK has questionable reputation and not advisable to contact if desired to be kept confidential.

Anonymous inquiry was made by Special Agent on 5/10/68 at residence at 203 Winchester St. Inquiry was made re DOWNEY family, in whose name telephone is listed, and also specifically concerning a THOMAS DOWNEY who recently was involved in an automobile accident and currently resides 215 Winchester St.

Mrs. WILLIAM MARSHALL (MINNIE) FELKINS, 203 Winchester St., Chattanooga, advised the house at this residence is the property of Mrs. ARLIE DOWNEY, a widow who has no children. Mrs. DOWNEY was reported to have suffered a stroke some two years ago and was left with some mental damage. She is currently residing with her sister at another address in Chattanooga.

Mr. and Mrs. FELKINS are reported to have resided at 203 Winchester St. for the past two years. They maintain the telephone at this address under the name of ARLIE DOWNEY (deceased). FELKINS formerly employed by BENNIE WICK, used car dealer, but due to extremely poor health has not been employed in any capacity for the past 18 months or more.

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FELKINS was at residence at time of anonymous inquiry. He appeared extremely feeble, made no comment, and possibly senile.

Knoxville indices re all above-listed **DOWNEYS** and **FELKINS** negative. No additional inquiry being made re **FELKINS** pending Bureau, Memphis or Birmingham request.

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI RICHMOND

635PM URGENT 5/10/68 DWS
TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, MOBILE
FROM RICHMOND (44-657) 3P

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL MAY NINE LAST.

C AND P TELCO, HOPEWELL, VA., RECORDS INDICATE NUMBER FOUR FIVE EIGHT DASH FOUR SIX ONE FIVE SUBSCRIBED TO BY CHARLES W. CLARK, ESPOSITO PLACE, HOPEWELL, VA. RICHMOND INDICES INDICATE ON JANUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, C. W. CLARK, THREE ZERO FIVE BROWN AVENUE, HOPEWELL, SIGNED LEASE WITH ONE J.J. UNGER, THEN A MEMBER OF UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA), KKK, HOPEWELL, LEASE FOR UKA UNIT THIRTY-SIX, KLAVERN. INDICES FURTHER REFLECT ON JANUARY NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN CLARK AND WIFE APPEARED HOPEWELL SCHOOLBOARD TOGETHER WITH OTHER NON-SCHOOLBOARD MEMBERS, NUMEROUS KNOWN KLANSMEN.

RH THREE THREE EIGHT DASH R ADVISED CLARK NOT A MEMBER OF UKA THIRTY-SIX PRESENTLY.

RH THREE FOUR ZERO DASH R ADVISED CONVERSATION HEARD IN UNIT TWELVE OF UKA HOPEWELL ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AGO RELATING ONE DOT CLARK, FORMERLY A MEMBER OF INSTANT UNIT, HOWEVER, SHE QUIT AT LEAST A YEAR AGO.
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CREDIT CONDUCTED PETERSBURG AND HOPEWELL REFLECT CLARK RESIDING GREATER PETERSBURG DASH HOPEWELL AREA SINCE APRIL, NINETEEN THIRTY-NINE. UNTIL NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, CLARK RESIDED BROWN AVENUE, HOPEWELL, VA.

ARREST CHECKS CONDUCTED GREATER HOPEWELL DASH PETERSBURG AREA REFLECT FOUR TRAFFIC CITATIONS. CREDIT CHECK INDICATES CHARLES WASHINGTON CLARK, AND WIFE DOROTHY GILLIAM HAVE SATISFACTORY CREDIT RATING. CLARK EMPLOYED AS A CARPENTER FOR PERRIN DASH ESPOSITO BROTHERS, HOPEWELL, VA. AS FOREMAN. PD RECORDS HOPEWELL INDICATE CLARK PAGE FORTYFIVE IN NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT. PLACE OF BIRTH ESSEY, KING AND QUEEN COUNTY, VA. DISCREET NEIGHBORHOOD INQUIRY REFLECTS CLARK, WIFE, AND TWO TEENAGE DAUGHTERS MOVED TO ESPOSITO PLACE ADDRESS OCTOBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. CLARK'S STEPSON SONNY (LNU) AND STEPSON'S WIFE, UNKNOWN. NEIGHBOR INDICATES WIFE OF SONNY (LNU) FROM ALABAMA CITY PRIOR TO MOVING TO HOPEWELL THREE TO FOUR MONTHS AGO. NEIGHBOR INDICATES WIFE OF SONNY RECENTLY QUIT EMPLOYMENT

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DRUG FAIR, HOPEWELL. MANAGER DRUG FAIR HOPEWELL INDICATES ONLY ALABAMA NATIVE WHO RECENTLY QUIT EMPLOYMENT IS ONE D. E. CATLETT, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA. CREDIT RE CATLETT NEGATIVE AT HOPEWELL AND PETERSBURG.

UAC NO FURTHER INQUIRIES BEING MADE.

INSERTS TO FOLLOW TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT KNOXVILLE AND KANSAS CITY.

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FBI RICHMOND

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM RICHMOND (44-657)

MURKIN, OO MEMPHIS.

REMYTEL MAY TEN LAST.

ON MAY ELEVEN INSTANT, CHARLES W. CLARK, FORTYTWO HUNDRED
ESPOSITO PLACE, PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY, VA., APPEARED PETERSBURG RA.
CLARK ADVISED HIS DAUGHTER WAS TOLD BY A NEIGHBOR'S CHILD THAT SHE HAD
OVERHEARD HER PARENTS MENTION THAT FBI INQUIRY WAS MADE RE OCCUPANTS
OF FORTYTWO HUNDRED ESPOSITO PLACE. CLARK ACCOMPANIED AT RA BY
ROBERT BRITTON, HIS STEPSON. CLARK REQUESTED INFO WHETHER FBI INQUIRY
MADE AND PURPOSE OF SAME. BRITTON STATED FATHER, THOMAS BRITTON, *SUB E-851B*
IS A PAROLEE AND HE SPECULATED AUTHORITIES POSSIBLY LOOKING FOR HIS
FATHER. DUTY AGENT AT PETERSBURG RA ADVISEG CLARK AND BRITTON
THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF REPORTED FBI INQUIRY. CLARK REQUESTED HE
BE ADVISED IF INQUIRY MADE AND PURPOSE.

KANSAS CITY, KNOXVILLE AND MOBILE ADVISED BY AM.

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FBI ST LOUIS

450PM URGENT 5-3-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44:775) 1P

MURKIN.

SUSPECT RICHARD L. BREY. ✓

JOSEPHINE JONES, CLERK, ONE HOUR MARTINIZING CLEANERS,
FIVE SIX THREE ONE DELMAR, SLMO, TODAY ADVISED AN INDIVIDUAL
NAMED BREY, WHO LOOKED LIKE SUBJECT, ENTERED SHOP. SHE NOTED
HE DROVE A SIXTYFOUR CHEVROLET, BEARING CURRENT MO. LIC.
P.S. ZERO DASH THREE TWO SIX. ✓ CHECK REVEALS LICENSE ISSUED TO:
RICHARD L. BREY, ONE FIVE ZERO FIVE WEST WORLEY, COLUMBIA, MO.

KANSAS CITY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION. R.

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FBI ATLANTA

642P EDT 5/3/68 URGENT VSC

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

2P

MURKIN

INVESTIGATION RE STOLEN AUTOMOBILES, ATLANTA, DURING
PERTINENT PERIOD REFLECTS 'FIFTY TWO-DR MAROON FORD, VIN
BOAT ONE TWO SIX ONE ONE SIX, 'SIXTYSEVEN GEORGIA ONE DASH
ONE SEVEN THREE SEVEN FIVE, REPORTED STOLEN TO ATLANTA POLICE
BETWEEN HOURS TWELVE THIRTY AM AND EIGHT AM, APR. SIXTH, LAST,
FROM TWELVE EIGHTYONE SIZEMORE AVE., NW, ATLANTA, WHILE IN
CUSTODY OF RAYMOND CLAYTON. CAR NOT INSURED AND NO KEYS IN
IGNITION AT TIME OF THEFT. CAR OWNED BY DENNIS CLAYTON, PRESENTLY
IN USMC, CONFINED TO MEMPHIS NAVAL HOSPITAL WITH ULCER
CONDITION SINCE FEBRUARY OR MARCH, LAST, AFTER RETURN FROM VIETNAM.

RAYMOND CLAYTON IS EMPLOYED BY CHECKER CAB CO., ATLANTA,
HOWEVER, INTERVIEW FAILS TO REFLECT ANYTHING OF SIGNIFICANT RE CAP-
TIONED MATTER. SIZEMORE AVENUE ON OUTSKIRTS OF DOWNTOWN ATLANTA
AREA AND NOWHERE NEAR ANY OF THE PERTINENT AREAS WHILE SUBJECT IN
ATLANTA. SIZEMORE IS SLUM AREA OF BOTH WHITE AND NEGRO FAMILIES.

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interview -*

Assign lead to Price

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D. Clayton not
available til
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AT 44-2386

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED TO RELATIVES OF CLAYTON
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. INASMUCH AS DENNIS CLAYTON IN MEMPHIS
DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, HE SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED RE CAPTIONED
MATTER TO ASCERTAIN IF POSSIBLY MET SUBJECT RAY IN MEMPHIS AREA.

A & D. P

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FBI MEMPHIS

5/9/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987-SUB E-853) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CR

Re Atlanta teletype, 6:42 P. M., 5/3/68.

DENNIS CLAYTON, USM [REDACTED] was located and interviewed 5/8/68 at the Naval Air Station Hospital, Millington, Tenn. He is convalescing there from an ulcer and stated he served 1½ years in Vietnam.

DENNIS CLAYTON stated he purchased the 1950 Tudor maroon Ford, 1967 Georgia plates 1-17375, in March of 1968. He purchased it merely to use around Atlanta and never brought it back to Millington with him. He recalled he purchased the car from a friend, FRANK FULLINGTON, who lives somewhere on Eva Drive in Atlanta.

CLAYTON stated he left the car with his brother, RAYMOND CLAYTON, and he was aware that the car had been stolen. DENNIS CLAYTON stated he was in the hospital on 4/4/68 and never saw JAMES EARL RAY. He was shown a number of pictures of RAY and stated he did not know RAY and never saw him. CLAYTON could furnish no information relative to this matter.

2 - Atlanta
② - Memphis

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Re Serial 44-1987-SUB E-853.

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI CLEVELAND

844 PM URGENT 5-3-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND NORFOLK
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 3P

MURKIN

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE MAY TWO, LAST, TO DIRECTOR,
CLEVELAND, MEMPHIS, RICHMOND AND NORFOLK.

INVESTIGATION, SHIELDS NURSING HOME ⁰ THREE NINE ZERO FIVE
OBERLIN AVENUE, LORAIN, OHIO, REVEALS FRAND NILES, BORN
FEBURARY TWENTYFOUR, TWO, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, FROM AUGUST
SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN - OCTOBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AT WHICH
TIME HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE LORAIN CONVALESCENT HOME.

MR. AND MRS. SHIELDS OWNERS; MRS. SARANN SCHNITZLER BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATOR, AND MRS. CATHLEEN KLIER NURSING ADMINISTRATOR,

ALL VIEWED PICTURES OF RAY AND ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT CONTACT
NILES WHILE A PATIENT AT THE HOME. ALL REMEMBERED NILES WELL
AND STATED HE WAS AN ALCOHOLIC SUFFERING FROM SEVERAL PHYSICAL
AILMENTS INCLUDING EMPHYSEMA, HEART TROUBLE AND ASTHMA. HE
WAS ALSO SUFFERING SEVERE DEPRESSION AND WAS PRIMARILY TREATED

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FOR THIS LATTER AILMENT THROUGH MEDICATION. HE WAS ADMITTED FROM ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS TREATED FOR THE DEPRESSION BY ELECTRIC SHOCK. ALL DESCRIBE NILES AS SLIGHTLY IRRATIONAL, ALWAYS TALKED OF THE AMERICAN NAZI PARTY AND PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS SIXTYSEVEN, SENT THE HOME A CHRISTMAS CARD FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, BEARING A LARGE SWASTIKA. HE OFTEN STATED HE DID NOT LIKE NEGROES AND JEWS AND THE OPERATORS OF THE HOME FELT HE SHOULD BE COMMITTED TO A STATE HOSPITAL. HIS ONLY VISITORS ON TWO OCCASIONS WERE PERSONS FROM ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WHO TRIED TO HELP HIM. HIS RESIDENCE WAS LISTED AS STOP ONE THREE TWO, WESTLAKE ROAD, VERMILLION, OHIO, AND HIS LAST EMPLOYMENT WAS WITH THE AMERICANA ENCYCLOPEDIA COMPANY PRIOR TO JANUARY, SIXTYSEVEN.

DR. WILLIAM J. FEICKS, ^DPSYCHIATRIST WHO TREATED NILES, ADVISED HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM HIM SINCE OCTOBER SIX, SIXTYSEVEN. HE RECALLED NILES SUFFERED FROM SEVERE DEPRESSION AND ALTHOUGH HE TALKED AS THOUGH HE MIGHT HARM SOMEONE THE DOCTOR DOUBTED THAT HE HAD ANY POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE. THE DOCTOR DID NOT

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RECOGNIZE PHOTOS OF SUBJECT RAY AND NEVER HEARD NILES MENTION
KING. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING
NILES IN CLEVELAND.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO KNOXVILLE AND RICHMOND.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) (P)
RE: MURKIN

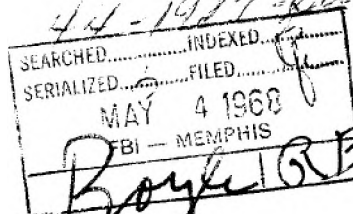
Re telephone calls by subject RAY en route from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, 4/30/68.

REX DEMPSEY school teacher, 1515 Cortez, Hurley, New Mexico, phone subscriber 2537-2180 advised on 4/30/68 that he believes that they received a call on Sunday, 12/17/67, in the evening from their son-in-law, EDWARD KENNETH CHASON. DEMPSEY stated CHASON was a truck driver for a company at that time, name of company unknown. DEMPSEY believes CHASON now drives with uncle (name unknown) at St. Petersburg, Florida.

DEMPSEY stated CHASON makes a practice of phoning them, usually collect, when he passes through the Southwest area on Interstate U. S. 10. DEMPSEY advised that he usually drives from Hurley down to Deming, New Mexico, to meet CHASON after the call. DEMPSEY stated that these calls are usually received from Van Horn, Texas, or Lordsburg, New Mexico. DEMPSEY cannot recall specifically receiving a call from Marfa, Texas.

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2-Los Angeles
2-Sacramento
2-Dallas (44-2649)
②-Memphis (44-1987)
2-Albuquerque
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Approved: _____ Sent: _____ M Per: _____
Special Agent in Charge

AQ 44-715

DEMPSEY stated he does recall making a trip to Deming to get CHASON during the December snowstorm, as school was closed Monday, December 18, and on the 18th, he was in Deming with CHASON.

Mrs. FRANCES DEMPSEY, wife, stated she believed the call came at the same time that her husband had stated.

CHASON presently lives at 875 22nd Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida.

CHASON is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	23
Height	5' 7" - 8"
Hair	Blond
Wife	PHYLLIS DEMSEY CHASON

Marfa, Texas, is approximately 297 miles southeast of Deming, New Mexico.

5/1/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

MURKIN

REBUTEL, APRIL TWENTYNINE, SIXTYEIGHT, TO NEW
YORK AND PHILADELPHIA.

ON MAY ONE, INSTANT, MRS. ANNE GREENMAN, W. S.
PONTON CO., UPPER DARBY, PA., ADVISED COST OF A CIRCULAR TO
LAUNDRIES IN U.S. IS TWENTY DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS PER
ONE THOUSAND. THERE ARE FOURTEEN THOUSAND LAUNDRIES, TOTAL
COST TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTYSEVEN DOLLARS.

NO COMPLETE LISTING OF ROOMING HOUSES EXISTS BUT COST
WOULD BE TWENTY DOLLARS AND FIFTYCENTS PER THOUSAND.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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April 26, 1968

FROM THE DESK OF
MAURICE A. HARR,
CAPTAIN
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

4-21-68

FROM: Los Angeles, Calif.

MEMO: Galveston Police

Attached is a memo received from Los Angeles last week with reference to James Earl Ray & our translation.

1. James Earl Ray loves Western & terror pictures. His favorite movie place in L.A. was Cameo Theatre on S. Bway. He has sat besides me several times in the movie but I never knew he was wanted*.

* Wanted men are posted so high in post office that they aren't really easy to see. Didn't spot him because of it. This man likes the sea; always a different green grass, glamour & color, and a warm atmosphere. The answer is Galveston - a colorful place. It would be nice if you would get him; good publicity, too.

2. He will be found in such movie theatre, not high sounding ones, like Paramount, etc. He was there only in afternoons until dark. I noticed him as he appears unassuming, quiet, not troublesome. These are reasons he has not been apprehended.

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FROM THE DESK OF
MAURICE A. HARR,
CAPTAIN
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

3. I believe he is in Galveston. Be on the lookout for him. He always sits in the last row, center, whenever I have seen him, so he didn't have to move and be seen.

T. T. Ross
P. O. Box #17252 (17)
West 7th & Burlington Avenue
Los Angeles, Calif.

mark:rk

4-21-78

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* Wanted men are used to high
w. Top but coffee that they didn't
really want to see future, didn't
enjoy them because of it.

This man likes the sea,
always a different green grass,
glacier & water, and the morning
atmosphere. The man is
a beautiful man.
I would be much at your
good luck. - Good, probably.
Two.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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*See City Direct
and City Direct*

NOTES OF INVESTIGATION STATION

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA - 50086

5/2/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
RE: MURKIN

Enclosed to Los Angeles, Memphis and Kansas City each one copy of a letter dated 4/21/68 addressed to Galveston, Texas, Police Department from T. T. ROSS, P. O. Box 17252, West 7th & Burlington Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

This letter was furnished to SA CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR. by Captain MAURICE HARR, Galveston Police Department, Galveston, on 5/1/68.

LOS ANGELES:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Contact T. T. ROSS, P. O. Box 17252, West 7th & Burlington Avenue, for all information he has concerning JAMES EARL RAY, WF #442-A.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

2 - Los Angeles (encl 1)
2 - Memphis (encl 1) *me*
2 - Kansas City (encl 1)
1 - Houston

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

(OO: Memphis)

Re Memphis teletype to Miami dated 4/30/68.

Re: Alterman Transport Lines Delivery Man

Referenced teletype stated that JAMES L. THOMAS, 5632 Ewing Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised the Minneapolis Office that an unidentified individual resembling a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY delivered a variety of seafood of Michael's Restaurant, Minneapolis, on 4/30/68. This individual was driving an Alterman Transport Lines truck bearing 1967 Florida license 1-0-614. Alterman Transport Lines home office was determined to be Miami, Florida.

DAVID ALTERMAN, proprietor, Alterman Transport Lines, Miami, Florida, advised that Alterman truck bearing 1967 Florida license 1-0-614 left Miami on 4/27/68 and was driven by DONALD EUGENE ABPLANALP. GLEN HECTOR BOWCOTT accompanied ABPLANALP on this trip as a helper. Company records indicate that both men were working in the greater Miami, Florida area on 4/4/68 and they were eliminated as suspects in this matter on that basis.

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3 - Bureau (RM)
1 - Kansas City (44-766) (RM) (Info)
1 - Minneapolis (157-450) (Info) (RM)
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1 - Birmingham (Info) (RM)
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PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO : PHOENIX

FROM: NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

MR. AUSTIN VOLDRIDGE, FOUR FIVE ZERO KINGS HIGHWAY,
MIDDLETOWN, N. J., TELEPHONE SIX SEVEN ONE DASH ONE THREE
NINE THREE, CONTACTED THIS OFFICE TO STATE THAT ON HIS WAY TO WORK
ON MAY ONE INSTANT HE HAD SEEN A MAN THE "SPITTING IMAGE" OF
JAMES EARL RAY DRIVING A LATE MODEL WHITE CHEVROLET. THE CAR
BORE ARIZONA LICENSE J P A FOUR ZERO ONE OR J P A FOUR ZERO NINE
VOLDRIDGE NOTED THAT THE CAR'S RIGHT FRONT FENDER WAS CRUSHED
NEAR THE HEADLIGHT.

PHOENIX DETERMINE TO WHOM CAR REGISTERED AND
SET FORTH INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

1 - MEMPHIS (AM)

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Date: 5/7/68

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

DIRECTOR (AIRMAIL)
TO: OMAHA
FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) (2P)

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

Sub B-859
NEWARK BY TELETYPE MAY SIX LAST ADVISED THAT MR. AUSTIN VOLDRIDGE, FOUR FIVE ZERO KINGS HIGHWAY, MIDDLETON, NEW JERSEY, CONTACTED THE NEWARK OFFICE STATING THAT ON HIS WAY TO WORK ON MAY ONE LAST HE HAD SEEN A MAN WHO WAS THE "SPITTING IMAGE" OF JAMES EARL RAY DRIVING A LATE MODEL WHITE CHEVROLET BEARING ARIZONA LICENSE EITHER JPA FOUR ZERO ONE OR JPA FOUR ZERO NINE AND THAT THE RIGHT FRONT FENDER OF THIS VEHICLE WAS CRUSHED NEAR THE HEADLIGHT.

JPA FOUR ZERO ONE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED. THE LAST REGISTERED OWNER IN ARIZONA OF LICENSE JPA FOUR ZERO NINE IS FOR FIFTYFIVE FORD FOUR DOOR SEDAN IN NAME RICHARD S. SNYDER, FORMERLY OF TUCSON, WHO FILED WITH POST OFFICE FORWARDING ADDRESS AUGUST FOURTEEN SIXTYSEVEN OF GENERAL DELIVERY, CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA, ZIP SIX NINE ZERO TWO TWO.

OMAHA AT CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW

KFJ:lss

1 - Phoenix
① - Memphis (AM)

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M

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Date: _____

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)PAGE TWO
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RICHARD S. SNYDER AND DETERMINE IF HE MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH
SUBJECT RAY AND IF HE NO LONGER HAS THIS LICENSE PLATE,
ASCERTAIN DISPOSITION OF SAME.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI OMAHA

5:07 PM CST URGENT 5/8/68 IJS

TO MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM OMAHA 44-310 1P

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE PHOENIX TEL MAY SEVEN LAST.

RICHARD S. SNYDER RECEIVED MAIL THROUGH GENERAL DELIVERY,
CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA, FOR SHORT WHILE IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND
DEPARTED WITHOUT LEAVING FORWARDING ADDRESS. EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH
WHEREABOUTS OF SNYDER NEGATIVE. ALL MAIL TO SNYDER WAS RETURNED TO
SENDER AFTER HIS DEPARTURE. SNYDER NOT BELIEVED IDENTICAL TO RAY
PER CAMBRIDGE POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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*Get Omaha
to state why
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Date: 5/9/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPEE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: OMAHA (44-310)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

RE OMAHA TEL TO MEMPHIS MAY EIGHT LAST.

RE: RICHARD S. SNYDER ✓ADVISE MEMPHIS THE PRECISE MANNER IN WHICH SNYDER WAS
ELIMINATED.ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.
END.RFB:LF
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Approved: _____

R. Jensen
Special Agent in Charge

Sent

4:16 P M

Per

RB

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI OMAHA

10:12 A.M. 5-10-68 URGENT TH
TO MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM OMAHA 44-310 1P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE OMAHA TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS MAY, EIGHT, LAST, AND MEMPHIS
TELETYPE TO OMAHA MAY NINE, LAST.

RE RICHARD S. SNYDER.

CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA, IS A TOWN OF ONE THOUSAND INHBITANTS
HAVING A POST OFFICE STAFF OF THE POSTMASTER AND ONE CLERK.
BOTH EMPLOYEES AT POST OFFICE WERE EXHIBITED PHOTOGRAPHS
OF RAY AND BOTH STATE SYNDER NOT IDENTICAL TO RAY, AND DID
NOT RESEMBLE RAY IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER. PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY
WERE ALSO EXHIBITED TO OTHER CITIZENS OF CAMBRIDGE WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS.

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Airtel

Air Mail

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)
RE: MURKIN
CR

Re Savannah airtel to Birmingham dated 4/17/68.

Mr. RICHARD WILLIAMSON, 10 Cardinal Road, Savannah, Ga., reappeared at the Savannah Office on 4/30/68 at which time he confidentially advised that he had another nephew, DAVID KENNEDY, residing in Birmingham, Ala, and who is a member of the National Guard in the State of Alabama. He stated that while he does not know KENNEDY's address, he is aware of the fact that KENNEDY has expressed bitterness toward the Negroes in the area in view of his claim that they caused him to be called to active duty in the National Guard on several occasions to quell disturbances.

He pointed out that in addition, he has another nephew, (FNU) RAY, who is married to a sister's daughter by the name of ALVINA and that they reside in Birmingham, Ala., at an unknown address. He said that the only reason he was bringing this information to the attention of this Office regarding RAY was because of his last name being the same as subject RAY being sought in this case.

He pointed out that to the best of his recollection, RAY is white male, between 28 and 32 years of age, slender build, approximately 5'8".

2 - Birmingham
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2 - Savannah
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FBI ATLANTA

10:29PM URGENT 5-7-68 LEE

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CHARLOTTE, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM ATLANTA 44-2336

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY SEVEN INSTANT.

EXPANDED AIRLINE CHECKS FOR DATES APR. SEVEN THROUGH APR. TEN SIXTYEIGHT CONTINUING. SOUTHERN AIRLINE COMPLETED AND NEGATIVE. DELTA AIRLINE CHECKS CONTINUING. TELETYPE SENT MIAMI TO CONDUCT EASTERN AIRLINE.

PIEDMONT AIRLINE RECORDS REFLECT (FNU) RAY ON EASTERN AIRLINE FLIGHT SIX EIGHT THREE ORIGINATING NASHVILLE ON APR. SIX LAST TO ATLANTA. RAY BOOKED THROUGH TO FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., ON APR. SEVEN; HOWEVER, PASSAGE CANCELED AND PIEDMONT HAS NO RECORD OF HOW RAY LEFT ATLANTA.

PIEDMONT RECORDS ALSO REFLECT (FNU) MC BRYDE BOOKED PASSAGE MAR. TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., TO ATLANTA ON FLIGHT EIGHT FOUR SEVEN APR. FIVE LAST; EASTERN AIRLINE FLIGHT ONE ONE ONE, ATLANTA TO BIRMINGHAM, AND RETURNED VIA UNITED AIRLINE FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN ZERO ON APR. EIGHT LAST. SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO FAYETTEVILLE ON APR. EIGHT; HOWEVER, PIEDMONT RECORDS REFLECT ONLY PASSAGE FROM FAYETTEVILLE TO ATLANTA ON APR. FIVE LAST.

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MRS. JOSEPH HERTELL, ATLANTA, ADVISED THAT ON MAY FOUR SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE IN STUCKEY'S CARRIAGE INN, JEKYLL ISLAND, AND CHECKED OUT THIS DATE AND NOTED ONE OF THE BELLHOPS, A WHITE MALE ABOUT THIRTY, BROWN HAIR, AND BLUE EYES, RESEMBLED SUBJECT RAY. HE DID NOT WEAR UNIFORM AND APPARENTLY WAS NOT EXPERIENCED AS A BELLHOP. HE WAS EVASIVE WHEN ASKED QUESTIONS BY MR. HERTELL CONCERNING AN EMPLOYMENT IN ATLANTA.

MRS. ESTELLE PETERS, PIEDMONT LAUNDRY, ONE ONE SIX EIGHT PEACHTREE ST., NE, ATLANTA, SHOWN LATEST PHOTO OF SUBJECT BUT BELIEVES PHOTO OF SUBJECT WITH BOWTIE THE BEST.

CHARLIE STEPHENS, UNITED CAB CO., ATLAANTA, SHOWN LATEST PHOTO OF SUBJECT AND STATED DOES NOT RESEMBLE ANY PASSENGERS HE HAS HAD IN HIS CAB.

ONE JAMES EDWARD HILL, EMPLOYED BY SOUTHERN DETECTIVES, ATLANTA, AS GUARD AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK, PULLED A GUN ON A DOCTOR IN THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN NARCOTICS. HILL WAS ARRESTED AND INTERVIEWED IN ATLANTA CITY JAIL. HE ADMITTED BEING ADDICTED TO DEMEROL AND STATED HE WAS IN DIRE NEED OF A FIX AT THAT TIME AND ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN IT FROM THE DOCTOR. HILL IN NO WAY FITS DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT. HE WAS SHOWN PHOTOS OF SUBJECT AND DENIED KNOWING SUBJECT BY PHOTO, NAME, OR KNOWN ALIASES. HILL STATED HE IS UNFAMILIAR WITH AMPHETAMINE NARCOTIC.

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PAGE THREE

CHARLOTTE, AT FAYETTEVILLE. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY (FNU) MR. BRYCE.

// MEMPHIS, AT NASHVILLE. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY EASTERN AIRLINE //
PASSENGER RAY.

SAVANNAH, AT Jekyll ISLAND. IDENTIFY BELLHOP DESCRIBED BY
MRS. JOSEPH HARTELL, EMPLOYED AT STUCKEY'S CARRIAGE INN.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. R.

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5/2/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN

Re Jacksonville airtel to Bureau 4/30/68;
Jacksonville telephone call to Tampa 5/1/68; Tampa
telephone call to Bureau 5/1/68.

Re BAILEY SANDLIN, Orlando, Fla. - Complainant

For the information of the Bureau and interested offices, the following investigation was conducted at Orlando, Florida, by SAs THOMAS J. WILKES and GORDON W. TINDLE. BAILEY SANDLIN, Insurance Adjuster, 1906 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida, telephonically advised SA WILKES on 4/25/68 that at approximately 8:55 a.m., 4/25/68, he drove up in front of his office and noticed a man sitting in a 1967 or 1968 dark blue, 4-door Chevrolet. He stated the only numbers of the Florida tag he could recall were 7W-15 with rest of numbers unknown and he could not recall how many digits were in the tag number. He advised the Chevrolet was parked in the carport at his office. He said the man who resembled JAMES EARL RAY, pointed a snubnosed revolver at him, and said, "You ain't seen me" and drove east on Colonial Drive to the next street (Vern Drive) where he turned right. SANDLIN stated he got into his car and tried to follow the individual but never saw the Chevrolet again.

3-Bureau
1-Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
1-Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
1-Jacksonville (44-769) (Info)
2-Tampa (157-3231)
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It was noted by SA WILKES during the telephone call from SANDLIN that his voice had been unusually hesitant between words and sentences, however, at the time it was believed to be due to excitement.

J. R. SMITH, Detective Bureau, Orlando, Florida Police Department, was immediately informed of the above by SA JAMES B. HAWLEY.

Upon arriving at 1906 West Colonial Drive, BAILEY SANDLIN was interviewed in person by SAs TINDLE and WILKES. As the interview progressed, it became evident through SANDLIN'S behavior and by his own admission that he was under the influence of liquor. He stated that he was an alcoholic and that during the morning of April 24, 1968, his girlfriend, CHARLOTTE Mc DANIEL had tried to commit suicide in his apartment at 77 East Amelia, Orlando, Florida. SANDLIN asserted he became upset at this and had been drinking beer and Vodka from the morning of April 24, 1968 through the time the agents contacted him in person.

Every effort was made to ascertain if there was any truth in SANDLIN'S statements, however, he continually changed his description of the suspect and varied the sequence of events as well as the times they were alleged to have occurred.

On April 25, 1968, Mrs. ANN WAGNER, 1904 West Colonial Drive, and Mrs. ALFRED PENKACIK, 1919 West Colonial, who are located immediately adjacent to SANDLIN'S office advised that from at least 8:00 a.m. until they were contacted by the agents there had been no other car in SANDLIN'S carport except his Dodge. Both women were positive no Chevrolet, described above, had been in or near SANDLIN'S office that day since at least 8:00 a.m.

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On April 25, 1968, Mrs. MARGARET TAYLOR, widow of Deputy Sheriff PHILIP TAYLOR, 1113 Santa Anita, advised agents she is the secretary to SANDLIN and that she had received a call from him that morning. She stated he sounded very unusual and she wondered if he had been drinking. She asserted that SANDLIN had previously told her he was an alcoholic and was active in alcoholics anonymous. He has also told her that when he drinks, he has hallucinations thinking he has achieved great success. Mrs. TAYLOR further stated that SANDLIN told her during his phone call that morning that when he arrived at his office he had been accosted by a man in a car in the carport of his office who stuck a gun in his face. According to SANDLIN, this had caused him to be upset.

Mrs. TAYLOR also declared that she talked with the landlord and occupants of the other half of the building, in which SANDLIN'S office is located and Mrs. WILLIAM MURRELL, 1904 West Colonial Drive had advised her that she had arrived at the office at the same time as SANDLIN and there was no car in the carport at that time. During the afternoon of April 25, 1968, RONALD E. KRIGLER, Krigler and Associates, Insurance Adjusters, Deland, Florida, telephonically advised SA WILKES he was SANDLIN'S employer. He stated he had gone to SANDLIN'S office a short time previous that same day, in answer to a phone call from Mrs. TAYLOR where he found SANDLIN passed out due to drunkenness. He stated he closed the office, took SANDLIN home and put him to bed.

JAMES FULLER, Detective Sergeant, Orlando PD was apprized of the above.

About mid-morning, April 25, 1968, BAILEY SANDLIN, 1906 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida, telephonically advised SA ROBERT C. RALL at the Orlando Resident Agency that he had previously telephoned the Orlando Residence Agency on the same morning and he had been contacted by two agents whose names he could not recall. He related he was recontacting the resident agency since the individual whom he had talked with the previous time had telephoned him and threatened him.

TP 157-3231

SA BALL contacted the Orlando PD and was met at 1908 West Colonial Drive by Sergeant STRAUB of the Orlando PD and during a short conversation with SANDLIN he stated he was fearful of his life since the previous described individual had threatened to return to his office and to kill him.

During the conversation with SANDLIN it was obvious to SA BALL that SANDLIN had been drinking and such opinion was confirmed by Sergeant STRAUB. SANDLIN was shown the identification order for JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the individual depicted thereon resembled the individual who had threatened him earlier that same day. Due to the obvious intoxicated condition of SANDLIN, no further attempt was made to interview him.

Due to the above set forth facts, no further action has been taken.

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Date: 5/2/68

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Dallas airtel to Jacksonville 4/20/68
regarding suspect at eating establishment U.S. 90,
Tallahassee, Fla., 4/1-2/68.

The description furnished by Mrs. JOHNSON in
referenced airtel indicates that this eating establishment
is the Dobbs House located at 685 W. Tennessee Street,
and this location is on U.S. 90 approximately 1/2 block
east of the FSU campus and located next to a large
building, that of the Travelodge Motel.

On 4/25/68, Mr. PHIL JOBEL, employee, Dobbs House,
685 W. Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, Florida, was
contacted and exhibited WF #442-A. He advised that he
has previously seen a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in
the local newspaper and has not observed him or anyone
meeting his description at that location to the best of
his knowledge. He advised that all of the other employees
of the Dobbs House are aware and have observed RAY's
photograph in the local newspapers as they have discussed
this matter amongst themselves and he stated he feels
sure that if anyone had observed anyone meeting the
description of RAY or appearing similar to RAY, they
would have contacted the local FBI or local authorities.
He advised that he was employed at the Dobbs House as
of 4/1/68 and could furnish no information concerning an
individual reportedly observed in that vicinity on or
about that date which resembled RAY.

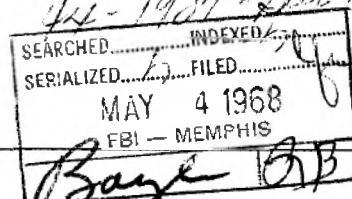
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1 - Dallas (44-2649) (Info)
2 - Jacksonville
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Approved: RCXmt

Special Agent in Charge

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JK 44-769

On 4/26/68, Mrs. JACQUELINE HOFFMAN, Travelodge Motel, W. Tennessee Street, located next door to Dobbs House Restaurant, was exhibited WF #442-A and advised that she had previously observed a photograph of RAY in the local newspaper and to the best of her knowledge no one meeting his description or appearing similar to him has ever stayed at that motel. She advised that all of her maids are aware of his status and she knows they have observed his photograph as he has been discussed amongst the employees at the motel and anyone meeting that description or appearing similar to RAY would have been reported to the FBI and/or local authorities.

It is to be noted that this is a business area and the complete block of this area is individual stores and businesses. The time related in re airtel of approximately midnight or after, would have meant that all of the stores and businesses in the area, with the exception of the Dobbs House and the Travelodge Motel, would have been closed as these are the only two business establishments in the area open after midnight. However, on 4/26/68, WF #442-A was exhibited to employees of numerous businesses in the area without effecting any identification or obtaining any additional information.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/2/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Albany, Jacksonville, Miami, and Memphis dated 4/30/68, regarding 1967 Cadillac DeVille, Florida License 1W1791361.

Referenced teletype requested Jacksonville to obtain original registration for above vehicle and forward to Laboratory for handwriting comparison with subject JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/1/68, Mr. ARCH LIVINGSTON, Director, Department of Motor Vehicle, Tallahassee, Fla., advised that he would be unable to release Florida Title Number 6626956, which covers 1967 Cadillac convertible, VIN F7112795, in the name of MICHAEL ST. PIERRE inasmuch as this document is a permanent record in his files. He stated that in order to release this document, a subpoena duces tecum would be necessary.

Mr. LIVINGSTON made available photostatic copy of instant Florida Title.

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1 - Memphis (44-1867)
1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
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JK 44-759

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is photostatic
copy of this document.

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5/2/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1984) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

(OO: Memphis)

Re Atlanta teletype to the Bureau dated 4/30/68,
and Kansas City teletype to the Bureau dated 5/1/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are two boat
rental agreements between Crafts Limited, Inc., Ft.
Lauderdale, Florida, and MICHEL ST. PIERRE dated 9/2-3/67,
bearing renter signature, MICHEL ST. PIERRE. Also enclosed
are three Shell credit card invoices in payment of above
contract plus gas and oil, also bearing signature of MICHEL
ST. PIERRE.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to determine
if these items contain any latent fingerprints identifiable
with those of JAMES EARL RAY. Thereafter it is requested
the handwriting comparisons be performed to determine if
the signatures of MICHEL ST. PIERRE on enclosed items were
written by JAMES EARL RAY.

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