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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau dated 4/30/68.

Telephone Calls by Subject RAY Enroute
from Los Angeles to New Orleans

A call was placed from Texas to Sacramento, telephone No. 422-5789, on 12/17/67.

On 5/3/68, CS SC 55-S advised that this number was listed to BETTY HUMAN, 5622 Florin Road, Apartment 72, Sacramento. Source said this service was established in November, 1967, and because of the heavy toll charges, HUMAN's employment was checked and it was determined she was a waitress at the Richfield Cafe, 7891 Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove, California. Source said in checking this number for names of collect caller or callers, it was determined that HUMAN had received over 120 calls during the past three months from an individual named SIDBURY from all over the United States.

On 5/3/68, BETTY J. HUMAN was contacted at which time she said FLETCHER L. SIDBURY, her boyfriend who is separated from his wife, is a driver with USAC Transport, main office

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being in Detroit, Michigan. She said he calls her almost daily and subsequently pays the phone bill. She displayed her last phone bill dated 4/23/68 in the amount of \$189.37. This bill reflects he called her from Abilene on 4/4/68. She also had a photograph of SIDBURY taken Easter Sunday, 1968, who she said was 56 years old and has brown eyes. He has no resemblance to the subject of this case.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone calls, Atlanta, Ga., and Atlanta teletype, 4/20/68.

Atlanta advised that on April 1, 1968, a telephone call was made to number 707-823-5911, Sebastopol, California from an outdoor telephone located on the wall of Kirkpatrick Pharmacy, 14th and Peachtree Sts., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

The following investigation was conducted by SA MERLE R. ADAMS:

AT SEBASTOPOL, CALIFORNIA

The current Sonoma County telephone directory lists #707-823-5911 to GORDEN FOWLER, 8149 Covert Lane, Sebastopol.

On 5/1/68, it was determined that this residence was vacant and inquiry of a neighbor revealed the occupants, GORDEN FOWLER and his mother, Mrs. HESTER, about a month or six weeks ago, had moved to 1985 Cooper Road, Sebastopol, Calif. They have telephone #823-6225.

Mrs. BETTY HESTER, 1985 Cooper Road, Sebastopol, advised she had moved from the 8149 Covert Lane address about the last week in February, 1968. She stated that her son, GORDEN FOWLER, is an Evangelistic Minister and he is presently traveling in Northern California. She stated he was not

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in Sebastopol during April, 1968, and she recalls that she had telephone #823-5911 disconnected on about March 1, 1968. She stated that she and her son have no relatives living in the East or the South part of the United States and she knows of no one who would be calling a disconnected number on 4/1/68 from Kirkpatrick Pharmacy, 14th and Peachtree Streets, N.E. Atlanta. She stated she knows no one by the name of JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On 5/1/68, the Business Office of Pacific Telephone advised that #823-5911 had been disconnected and the number has not been re-issued.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)
MURKIN

TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY INBOWTH
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau dated 4/30/68.

Mr. SAM BRASLEY (Protect Identity), Special Agent,
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, advised as follows on
5/3/68:

Telephone number 714-755-2498 is subscribed to by LOTA
K. FLETCHER, who resides at 326 Camino del Mar, Apartment 137,
Del Mar, California.

Telephone number 714-356-2395 is subscribed to by GENE
JOHNSON, McCabe Road, Holtville, California.

On 5/6/68, Mrs. LOTA K. FLETCHER, 326 Camino del
Mar, advised SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN that her daughter, Mrs. MILTON,
during the middle of December, 1967 was on a trip back East and
traveled through the State of Texas. She recalls having
received a telephone call from her daughter while enroute back
East from Texas.

She knows of no other telephone calls received by her
from the State of Texas.

Photographs of subject RAY were displayed to Mrs.
FLETCHER and she advised subject is unknown to her.

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Mr. EUGENE JOHNSON, McCabe Road, Holtville, California, advised SA WILLIAM E. HORNUNG on 5/3/68 that he is a cattle buyer and feeder in the Holtville, California, area and because of this business receives many telephone calls from the State of Texas from cattle buyers and brokers.

He advised that it was impossible to state any particular date that he received a call from the State of Texas as calls from this area are of a frequent nature.

Photograph of RAY was displayed to Mr. JOHNSON and he advised subject is unknown to him.

Armed and Dangerous

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) *via mail* AND SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY THREE, LAST, AND
NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY FOUR, LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS
ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

ON MAY THREE, LAST, RECORDS MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE CO.,
PHOENIX, ARIZONA, REFLECT ONLY NEW ORLEANS CALL FROM PHONE BOOTHS
IN RE EL PASO TELETYPE FOR DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND
SEVENTEEN, WAS CALL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, MADE FROM
SEVEN SEVEN TWO ZERO SIX FOUR SIX IN EL PASO TO TWO EIGHT TWO
SEVEN FIVE NINE ONE, NEW ORLEANS.

ON MAY FOUR AND MAY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, ARNOLD AND ISABELLE
THOMAS, NEGROES, THREE FIVE TWO THREE HAMBURG ST., NEW ORLEANS,
WHO HAVE TELEPHONE TWO EIGHT TWO - SEVEN FIVE NINE ONE LISTED
TO THEM, WERE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING CALL FROM EL PASO, TEXAS,

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ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. THOMAS AND WIFE COULD NOT RECALL ABOVE PHONE CALL, BUT STATED PERHAPS THEIR SON, ARNOLD THOMAS, JR., HAD MADE PHONE CALL. THOMAS, JR., RESIDES ONE FIVE ZERO EAST ONE ONE SIX PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

LOS ANGELES LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR. DETERMINE IF HE MADE PHONE CALL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN.

AIRMAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, PHOENIX AND EL PASO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

May 8, 1968

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY THREE, LAST; NEW
ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY FOUR, LAST; AND NEW ORLEANS
TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES MAY SEVEN LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT ONE FIVE ZERO EAST ONE ONE PLACE, LOS
ANGELES, CALIF., TO LOCATE ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR. DISCLOSED
THIS NON-EXISTENT ADDRESS. *Arnold - Sub - 4-613
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INVESTIGATION THIS DATE AT ONE FIVE ZERO EAST ONE ONE
ONE PLACE, LOS ANGELES, DISCLOSED THIS ADDRESS OF JOHNNIE
HAMM WHO HAS RESIDED THERE FOR PAST THREE YEARS.

NEW ORLEANS SHOULD RE-CONTACT ARNOLD AND ISABELLE
THOMAS, THREE FIVE TWO THREE HAMBURG ST., NEW ORLEANS, TO
ASCERTAIN CORRECT ADDRESS FOR ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR.

AIRMAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, PHOENIX AND EL PASO

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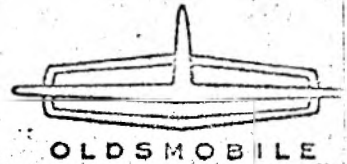
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ATHENS, ALABAMA



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February 2, 1963

Roderick C Brown
c/o B.L. Brown
318 165 St Apt 2 B
Bronx 53, N.Y.

Dear Rod:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 28th concerning our conversation at the Mobile Ala Airport last October.

Please be advised that I have a job waiting for you in Alabama as soon as you are able to make your arrangements to come here; however, I do not understand why you need \$ 75.00 when a bus ticket from New York to Alabama costs less than \$ 40.00.

I am willing to help you in any way that I can but I am not clear on this part of your letter and will expect to hear from you again.

Very truly yours,

M P Littrell
Marvin P. Littrell

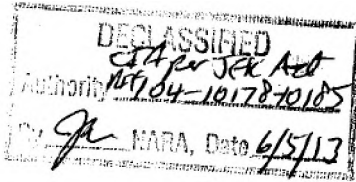
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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505



2 MAY 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT : Dr. Martin Luther KING, Jr.

1. Reference is made to this Agency's out message number 94270 dated 25 April 1968 concerning the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther KING, Jr.

2. On 16 April Roderick Claflin BROWN, a Panamanian national born [redacted] in British Honduras, voluntarily appeared at the Department of National Investigations (DENI) of the Republic of Panama and signed a deposition, the highlights of which are as follows:

(1) On 26 October 1962 he served as cook/seaman aboard the Texaco S.S. Southhampton which docked at Mobile, Alabama.

(2) While on a shore visit to the Mobile airport on the morning of 26 October 1962 in the company of two fellow Panamanian seamen, he was approached by Marvin P. LITTRELL, owner of LITTRELL Motor Co., 921-25 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama, who after ascertaining BROWN was a Panamanian seaman, asked if he knew of Dr. Martin Luther KING, Jr.

(3) LITTRELL inquired whether BROWN was interested in employment, the details of which were unspecified. He went on to describe Dr. KING as "Our greatest problem who is causing us much trouble." He gave BROWN a business card to use in the event he was interested in pursuing the employment offer.

(4) On 28 January 1963 BROWN wrote LITTRELL from New York City, stating he was interested in a job and

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requested \$75 for travel from New York City to Mobile. On 2 February 1963 BROWN received a reply from LITTRELL, restating that he had a job waiting for BROWN in Alabama, but questioning why \$75 was needed since the fare was less than \$40 by bus.

(5) After discussions with a relative and friends in New York City, BROWN suspected that the LITTRELL job offer was related with assassination plans for Dr. KING. Therefore he did not respond to the LITTRELL letter and dismissed the incident until the death of Dr. KING in April 1968. BROWN returned to Panama in 1964.

3. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the LITTRELL letter and the Spanish language deposition made by BROWN, as well as an English translation of the deposition as described in paragraph 2 of the referenced out message.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS:

Signed: James R. Hunt

JAMES ANGLETON

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3 Enclosures

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Report submitted by Roderick Claflin Brown

In Panama City at 2:45 p.m. on 18 April 1968, Roderick Claflin Brown appeared before the undersigned Chief of the Homicide Section of the National Investigation Department to submit a report dealing with the present investigation. Unsworn and without any hurry, and in complete liberty to answer or not the question put to him. Asked to identify himself, he said his name is as given, male, Honduran national, Negro, 50 years old, born on [redacted] in British Honduras; married, barber by trade, son of Charles T. Brown (deceased) and Drucilla Elizabeth Castro de Brown, with personal Identity Card # [redacted], residing at Pueblo Nuevo, Calle 5, house # 4505, room #3, lower floor.

QUESTION: Declarant, explain the reason why you have come to the Homicide Section today?

ANSWER: Because of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, about which I learned from the press, radio, and television in this country; after thinking over the problem that the United States was living through because of the crime against Dr. King, and having gone through an experience there in the United States that may throw some light on that crime. I communicated to a friend of mine here in Panama City, and he advised me to talk to Inspector Cordoba, of the National Investigation Department; the latter suggested that I present and sign a declaration to that effect, and I gave him a letter which I am keeping to have a photo-copy made so that it can be added to my declaration. On 18 April 1962 I left Tocumen airport here in Panama City, for Port of Spain, where I was to go on board the SS SOUTHAMPTON TEXACO, on which I was to be the cook. I was employed on this ship for six months: I travelled throughout Africa, Venezuela, Trinidad, Canada, and Mobile, Alabama. We arrived in Alabama on 26 October 1962 around 10:30 in the morning. We left the pier toward the Mobile airport at 12:30 P.M. along with two friends who were also sailors on their way to Panama, Pedro ROUSE, son of Dr. Pedro ROUSE, and Victor RODMAN, who lives at #5268 1st St., Juan Diaz, here in Panama City.

While waiting for the airplane Mr. Marvin LITTELL called me to his table in the airport cafeteria. Up to that moment I did not know his name nor had I met him. Later on he asked me to have a cup of coffee, and he asked the following question: "Are you students or tourists?" I replied that we were neither, only sailors on our way to Panama or home. He kept asking questions, and asked if I had visited the United States previously, and whether I liked the U.S. I answered that I did not like the United States, I simply adored it, which gave way to more questions.

He asked if I would like to stay. I asked how I could do that, and he replied: "My Party is in power." Besides, he owned one or two automobile dealerships, and owned real state.

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For that reason he could get favors from the government at anytime. That is when he said: "I'll employ you, and get an apartment for you." But he then asked me a question: "Do you know Martin Luther King?" I replied that I did not, but that I had read something about him and his activities. Then Mr. Littrell said: "This man is the only problem that we have in our way; he is causing us a great deal of inconvenience." I said that our time at the airport was very limited, and we were to leave in ten or fifteen minutes, and for that reason we could not evaluate our conversation carefully.

At that moment he took one of his cards, and said: "As soon as you get to Panama write to me at this address if you are interested in working for me."

When I left his table I told Pedro and Victor about the subject of conversation, and we all agreed that what this man wanted was for us to kill Dr. Luther King, and we reached that conclusion because of the conversation with Mr. Littrell.

On that occasion we returned to Panama, but upon reaching Miami, Florida, around 10:30 P.M., I was told at the airport that I could not leave for Panama because I needed a visa in order to return. I immediately went to Immigration at the airport and reported what was happening to me, and with the aid of Immigration I was able to find the agent of the ship in which I travelled, and he got me a room at the airport hotel.

Because this happened on a weekend I had to stay at the airport until Monday, when I got to the Panamanian Embassy and got a visa; arriving in Panama on 31 October 1962.

I was in Panama during the celebration of the national holidays, and on 5 November I got a visa for New York. I stayed in Panama until 23 December and left for New York at 12:05 on 24 December and arrived in the airport in New York at 12:30 the same day.

I stayed in New York until 28 January 1963. While in New York I decided to write to Mr. Marvin P. LITTRELL to get more information about the job about which we had talked. It was then that I received the letter dated 2 February 1963, copy of which, signed by Mr. Littrell, is in the photocopy that I am giving to this office. I am keeping the original. In the letter that I sent him I asked him to send me \$75 (US), which I was to use on a trip to Mobile, Alabama.

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I did not know how much the ticket from New York to Alabama was, but I thought that \$75 was sufficient for the trip, because I had previously travelled from New York to New Orleans by train and it had cost me only \$46, and thinking that Mobile, Alabama, was farther down than New Orleans, it was going to cost more than \$45.

But this gentleman told me in his reply that he did not understand why I needed \$75, since bus fare from New York to Mobile was less than \$40. Then I took his letter and had a meeting with my relatives in New York, and they advised me not to answer the letter, let alone take the trip to Mobile, Alabama, to find out what kind of job it was. Because of the conversation that this man and I had at the airport, and this letter, my relatives understood that the only job that this man might give me was to murder Dr. Martin Luther King. If I were to go to Mobile and refuse the job I was sure that I would not leave Mobile, Alabama, alive.

It was then that I decided to follow the advice of my family. Nevertheless, I spoke with some other people in New York City to get their opinion. They had the same idea that my family had. I forgot about the matter after that, but I kept the letter.

I remained in New York until 30 May 1964, when I returned to Panama. I am not sure that this is the man who organized the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, but this may be a clue leading to the person or persons responsible for the act. He was asked the following: Has the declarant anything to add about which he has not been questioned during this inquiry? He answered: This is all that I have to say about this case.

And that being the case, this inquiry is declared completed. It was read and found in order and signed by all those concerned.

The informant

The investigator

(s) Roderick CLAFLIN Brown

Inspector Domitilo A. CORDOBA

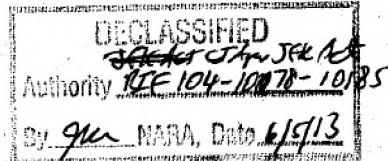
(s) Inspector Tomas ROYAL P.
Chief of the Homicide Section

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To: SAC, Birmingham

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Marvin P. Littrell.

Enclosed for Birmingham are two copies of a communication from CIA regarding information received from Roderick Claflin Brown, a Panamanian. Also enclosed are two copies of the translation of a Spanish language deposition made by Brown, as well as two copies of a letter dated 2-2-63, addressed to Brown from Marvin P. Littrell. One copy of each is enclosed for Memphis.

Birmingham, conduct necessary investigation to eliminate Littrell or to establish him as a co-conspirator in this case.

No pertinent identifiable information was located in Bureau files regarding Brown or Littrell.

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La Habra, Calif
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Dear Mr Hoover

3 I Saw this Man on April 10th, as this
enclosed letter says- I am a frustated man, what can
I Do to get him??

Told the local Police, phoned L A
2 times wrote them this letter-- What else?

They checked the License # and of course
no answer, he would Not be, having a License anyone
could trace, would He now.?

I am enclosing the pictur~~x~~ of the man
I saw-only he had a sort of baseball, cap, pulled low
on his head. I was very afraid of him, as I do NOT
carry a Gun.

Have alway had a Phtographic Mind, so will
Not need the picture back, I will soon be 65, but since
the age of 9 or 10, can reme;ber anyone- that I have had
only a glimpse of--

If You want anything more about this man
send someone to see me,,as I observed a million things
I cannot tell,you in this letter.

Kenneth McB ane/
641 Galen Dr
La Habra, California 90631

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JAMES EARL RAY

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DESCRIPTION

Age: 35
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 175 lbs.
Build: Slender
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Skin: Fair
Tattoos: None
Scars: None
Distinguishing Features: None

CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of numerous crimes, including murder, kidnapping, and armed robbery. He is currently on parole for a murder conviction.

CAUTION

Ray is a dangerous individual and should be treated as such. He is capable of violence and may attempt to flee if confronted. If you have any information concerning this person, please notify me or contact your local FBI office. Telephone numbers and addresses of all FBI offices listed on back.

J. Edgar Hoover
Director
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FBI IS DISTRIBUTING THIS POSTER OF JAMES EARL RAY
Suspected slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on "Most W"

(Duty Officer)

La Habra Calif
4/20/68

Dear Sir:

Seems as tho I should keep still about this, but something tells me I should write your office about the Killer of Dr King- I did phone your office yesterday about this, but feel I can express myself better in a letter --

On the Morning of April 10th, 1968 about 9 or 9:30 AM, I was standing in the door of the Texaco Station at the corner of Central Ave., and Beach Blvd waiting for the Mechanics there to Service my Car, In walks this real weird man, he walked as if in a trance looking expressionless, looked almost like a sphinx he looked straight ahead, had on a cap and asked for the Keys to the mens room, as I am a native of L A can quickly pick any accent from another part of the country, he sounded like any native Californian or for that matter maybe the middle west, but definitely none other, than these two regions. He was well dressed as I said he had this cap on, a pull over Grey Shirt and lighter colored trousers, he was about 6 Ft tall he had on boots which may have made him appear taller weighed about 175#, and seemed a well built man, but when I saw this character cold chills ran up my spine and something told me to be very careful of this man, so I acted as if I paid no attention, he stayed in the mens room only a very short while, came out hung the keys exactly as they were, I mean very neat, and correct Then as he turned his back I watched him (He never drove his car into this station) it was pointed North off Beach Blvd., which is also Hiway #39- Now this car was something else-it didn't fit the man, the car was an old maybe 1952 or 1953 Chevvy 2 Dr, which was in a bad way, he had a lot of trouble getting it to go but finally did and that was the last I saw of him, the License was Calif.GWD -656- I gave this info. the next day, all they say is, they cannot trace the #, but they were still trying to do so, right before him on Hiway 39 North was La Habra Heights, I don't see how his car could have made it over thos Heights, I think then he must have turned East and headed out to Pomona and the Desert Country via the Diamond Bar Canyon Road, and is now around the Desert Country of Calif, Oh yes the man I saw had brown hair and blue eyes (which seemed almost closed) his hair of course was mostly hidden with that funny cap.

5-7-68

Airtel

To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Kenneth R. McBane - complainant.

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from McBane dated 5-2-68 with two copies each of its enclosures. One copy of the letter and one copy of each enclosure is enclosed for Memphis.

Los Angeles should immediately interview McBane for any information he has regarding the whereabouts of the subject.

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Date: 5/9/68

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

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

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles 5/7/68.

Re KENNETH R. MC BANE - Complainant

Mr. KENNETH R. MC BANE, 641 Galen Drive, La Habra, California, advised SA's FREDERICK L. BIGGERS and FRANCIS J. O'HARA on 5/9/68, that he is an employee of the U.S. Government, being a clerk at the U.S. Post Office, La Habra, California. He stated that on the morning of 4/10/68, at approximately 9:00 or 9:30 a.m., he was having some work done on his automobile in the Texaco Station at the corner of Central Avenue and Beach Boulevard in La Habra, California. While there a young man driving a very old Chevrolet, possibly a 1952 or 1953 model, two-door sedan, parked his automobile near the service station on Highway 39 heading north. He got out of the car and walked to the service station and asked for the keys to the rest room. He was in the rest room approximately one minute, hung the keys of a nail inside the service station, walked back to his car, and left. Mr. MC BANE stated that this car was in very poor condition and that he had difficulty starting it.

MC BANE described this individual as being approximately 34 years of age; 6'2"; 160 pounds; brown hair, cut very short in a crew type cut; very palid complexion; and as wearing a dark pullover sweater with tight pants and boots. Mr. MC BANE stated that this individual was also wearing a cap very low on his forehead, appeared to be fervid, and to be very dangerous.

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LA 44-1574

MC BANE stated that he saw a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in the local newspaper and chose the one that was taken in 1960 as being the one that looked like the individual he had seen. MC BANE stated that although he is 65 years of age, he has a very sharp mind and a photographic memory and a special talent for recognizing people from photographs.

MC BANE was shown wanted flyer 442-A and upon examining it closely stated that he was not sure that the person he had seen in fact did resemble the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in 1960.

LOOK FOR RAY IN OKLAHAWA FLA.
CR RECORDS FOR ADDRESS S.S. PAYMENTS
SENT TO JOHN FARRELL, ALIAS JAY FERGUSON
M.L. KING JR NEAR Ocala FLA.

FOR IDENTIFICATION
I HAVE MATCHING
CORNER.

ANY REWARD IF NOW THERE
WILL GO TO CHARITY,
ANON.

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Boyer BTB

5-7-68

Airtel

**To: SACs, Philadelphia (Enc. 2)
Jacksonville (Enc. 2)**

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

**Re E. Raymond, R.D. 2, Coudersport, Pennsylvania, -
complainant.**

Enclosed for Philadelphia and Jacksonville are two copies of an unsigned letter which was postmarked 5-3-68, at Oil City, Pennsylvania. The envelope bore the return address of E. Raymond, R.D. 2, Coudersport, Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia should immediately contact Raymond to obtain any information he may have relating to this case.

Jacksonville, conduct pertinent investigation at Ocala, Florida.

One copy of the letter is enclosed for Memphis.

① - Memphis (Enc.)

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May 22, 1968

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-789)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Sub E-911

Reference Director airtel to JK, 5/7/68;
Philadelphia airtel to Director, 5/9/68.
Re E. RAYMOND, R.D. 2, Coudersport, Pa., Complainant.
Information copies furnished Philadelphia and Memphis
due to their interest in this matter.

On 5/13/68, JOYCE HARRINGTON, Post Office Clerk,
Oklawaha, Florida Post Office, advised that there is no
listing at that post office for a J. FERGUSON, or JOHN FARNELL.
She advised that JOHN FERNELL, formerly resided at Route 1,
Box 98, Little Lake Weir and now receives his mail through
Route 1, Box 259, Forest Lake Park, Oklawaha, Florida. Also
receiving mail at Route 1, Box 259 are the WILLIAMS and JESSIE
FERNELL.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were furnished to Mrs.
HARRINGTON and she advised she did not recognize anyone as
being identical to RAY.

Negative attempts were made on 5/15 and 5/17/68 to
contact anyone at Route 1, Box 259, Oklawaha, Florida, a remote
cabin settlement in a wooded area.

On 5/20/68, Mrs. BETTY WILLIAMS, Route 1, Box 259,
advised that she is a neighbor and close personal friend of
JOHN FERNELL and that they have been residents in that location
for the past six years.

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JK 44-769

Name	JOHN CARTER FERRELL, aka Jay Ferguson
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'8"
Weight	155 lbs.
Eyes	Gray
Hair	Black
DOB	
Other DOBs used	6/13/15; 6/13/16

FERRELL presented Florida Driver's License Chauffeur's License G-166213 which expires in 1969. He advised that prior to residing in Oklawaha, Fla., he resided in Miami, Fla. FERRELL advised that he travels throughout the Southeastern United States delivering pleasure craft for Scottie Craft Boat Co., which has its home offices in North Miami Beach, Fla. FERRELL stated that his travels have not taken him into Tennessee, but that he does go to Louisiana, Texas, and through Alabama in his normal run.

FERRELL advised that he was well aware of the FBI's interest in locating the slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and that he would assist in all ways possible if he could offer any positive information. He had no idea who might have offered any information that he was in any way connected with such a crime.

FERRELL was furnished photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised that he did not recognize these photographs as being identical to anyone he has met or known in the past.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/29/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJ: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to Jacksonville, 5/7/68, and Philadelphia letter to the Bureau, 5/9/68; Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/22/68.

RE: E. RAYMOND 44-1987-Sub-B-675
RD 2, Coudersport, Pennsylvania
Complainant

Information copies are furnished to Philadelphia and Memphis due to their interest in this matter.

Sub-E-911B
On 5/17/68, Mrs. DOROTHY FERRELL, Route 1, Box 259, Oklawaha, Fla., advised that she has been married to JOHN FERRELL for 12 years and that she knew him 3 years prior to their marriage in Pennsylvania. Mrs. FERRELL was advised of the nature of this investigation and she stated that to her knowledge her husband has never been active as a member of any hate group and she does not know him to be a racist of any kind.

Mrs. FERRELL advised that her husband used to be known by the name of JAY FERGUSON and that he has a sister

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named DELANCY FERGUSON who residing in Verona, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. FERRELL advised that FERGUSON was her husband's original name and he changed this to the name of his step-father, JOHN FERRELL.

Mrs. FERRELL advised that her husband works for Scottie Craft out of North Miami Beach, Fla., and he delivers boats for this company. She advised that he is expected home soon from one of these trips.

She stated that she does not know of anyone by the name of E. RAYMOND and that to her knowledge neither she nor her husband have ever been in Coudersport, Pa.

Mrs. FERRELL advised that she has been married previously and her husband has been married 3 times previous to their current marriage. She stated that they each have relatives in Pa., and that some of these relatives may be envious of her husband in that he inherited the modest estate of his aunt, whom he had been caring for when she passed away.

Mrs. FERRELL was furnished photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she has never seen an individual bearing a resemblance to these photographs.

On 5/27/68, JOHN FERRELL voluntarily appeared at the Ocala, Fla., RA, FBI, and advised that he currently resides at Rt. 1, Box 259, Oklawaha, Fla., with his wife, DOROTHY. FERRELL advised that he has been married three times before and that he has been married to his current wife for twelve years. He advised that he has resided in the Oklawaha, Fla., area for six years and that he changed his name from JAY FERGUSON to JOHN FERRELL to assume the name of his stepfather when he was a child.

FERRELL advised that as a youth, he was arrested in Pa., for auto theft and that this was his only criminal arrest record. He furnished the following information concerning himself:

JK 44-769

She advised that FERRILL permanently moved to the Oklawaha area from Miami, Florida, and that he currently works for the Scotty Craft Boat Company, Miami Beach, Florida. She advised that he is on a sea going trip to Ocean-side, Maryland presently and will return during the last week in May, 1968. Mrs. WILLIAMS advised that she knew of no other JOHN FERRILL in the Oklawaha area and that JOHN FERRILL, her neighbor, is a man of some fifty-one years, who is not outspoken in racial matters or politics. She was furnished photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that they were not familiar to her at all and that no one fitting the description of RAY has visited FERRILL'S cabin to her knowledge.

LEAD:

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION:

AT OKLAHAMA, FLORIDA:

Will interview JOHN FERRILL, Route 1, Box 259, upon his return from Ocean-side, Md.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

May-1-'68.

Mr. Hoover--

Please forgive me for bothering you--this may be just what you are looking for--and old man, who has second sight, told me that the man, who killed Dr. King, is still in Memphis, Tenn. and is within three blocks of the place where Dr. King was killed. Also the man's name is Hayes and that he has a slight limp in his right leg. The man is dangerous because he is really a coward and would shoot one in the back.

I would write to Memphis but I do believe they would not be too interested in finding the man. The discription of the man is correct--all but not having a limp.

Wishing you luck--I am --

Betty Sparks
13128 Whittram Ave.
Fontana, California.
-92335-

Betty Sparks.

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5-7-68

Airtel

To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Betty Sparks - complainant.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are two copies of a letter from Betty Sparks postmarked 5-2-68, at Fontana, California. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

Unless information in your files would preclude doing so, Los Angeles should interview Betty Sparks to determine the identity of the individual who furnished the information in her letter. That person should be interviewed for any pertinent details which he might have in his possession regarding this case.

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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

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles 5/7/68.

Re BETTY SPARKS - Complainant

For information Birmingham referenced Bureau airtel included a letter from BETTY SPARKS, Fontana, California, in which she stated that an old man, who has second sight, told her the man who killed Dr. KING was still in Memphis, Tennessee, within three blocks of the murder cite, that his name is HAYES, and that he had a slight limp in his right leg.

BETTY SPARKS, 13128 Whittram Avenue, Fontana, California, advised SA JACK E. DE VANE, 5/9/68, that within three or four days after Dr. KING was murdered she had attended a second hand auction at Chino, California. While there, she met an old man, identity, address, and present location unknown, who told her in conversation regarding the KING murder that he had had a vision shortly thereafter and in his vision saw the man within three blocks of the place of the murder. Further the nam had a slight limp in his right leg and was going by the name of HAYES.

Mrs. SPARKS stated she had not reported this until 5/1/68, when she had directed a letter to the Bureau setting forth these facts. She said that she would have no way of identifying the old man, whom she had talked with, whom she described as being approximately 80 years of and quite feeble.

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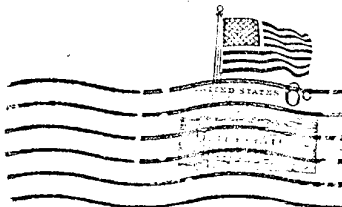
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Special Agent in Charge

Clarice Soss

7591 Colony Rd

Algonac

May have information
on Dr King's killer



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Washington, D.C.

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Airtel

To: SAC, Detroit

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Clarice Bass - suspect.

Enclosed for Detroit are two copies of a note postmarked 5-2-68, at Algonac, Michigan, indicating that Clarice Bass, 7501 Colony Road, Algonac, may have information regarding the victim's killer. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

Detroit should interview Clarice Bass for any information pertinent to this investigation.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989) (P)
MURKIN

Re: Clarice SASS ✓ Suspect

Re Bureau airtel to Detroit, captioned as above,
5/7/68.

On 5/9/68, an attempt was made to contact CLARICE SASS with negative results.

On 5/10/68, Mrs. CLARICE SASS, 7591 Colony Road, Algonac, Michigan, advised she did not send any communication to the FBI, Washington, D. C., regarding the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. She viewed photostat copies of this communication and stated this is definitely not her writing and displayed several pieces of material bearing her writing, which does not appear similar with the writing on the communication sent to the Bureau.

Mrs. SASS stated this must be someone's idea of a "sick joke" and she has no information regarding the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and has no idea who may have sent such a communication to the FBI.

She viewed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she does not know anyone resembling this photograph.

She reiterated that she has no information regarding this matter and had no idea why anyone would send such a communication to the FBI and sign her name and address.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (44-1987)

FROM : ASAC C. O. HALTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/8/68

GEORGE H. CASTLEMAN, SR., Director of Sales, Dean Truck Lines, Inc., 123 East Virginia, Memphis, Tenn., residence address 1576 Lehr Drive, Tel. 398-5957, telephonically communicated with me from his home the morning of May 8, 1968. Mr. CASTLEMAN, who is the father of GEORGE H. CASTLEMAN, JR., an Agent assigned to the Omaha Office, is recovering from an operation and will be at his residence for several weeks.

One of CASTLEMAN's salesmen who works for Dean Truck Lines, Inc., and a salesman who works for another line were in Wilmoth's Restaurant, 1985 South Third St., Memphis, Tenn., Monday afternoon, May 6, 1968. Both of these men observed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY which appeared in the Press-Scimitar, May 7, 1968. After seeing the photograph, both salesmen recalled that an individual they observed leave Wilmoth's Restaurant at about 3:30 PM on Monday, May 6, 1968, closely resembled the photograph of RAY. The individual in question at the restaurant left with a woman and is believed to have entered a Volkswagen.

CASTLEMAN did not care to disclose the names of the salesmen, stating they did not desire to be interviewed in the FBI Office or by the police. CASTLEMAN stated, however, that in the event FBI Agents wanted to interview the salesmen, he could have the salesmen at his residence.

I did not push CASTLEMAN for the names of these salesmen but do not feel that we should permit CASTLEMAN to set the conditions under which we will conduct our interviews.

- L E A D -

Recommend Agents show photographs of the subject at the Wilmoth Restaurant, 1985 S. Third, Memphis, Tenn.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CR

Re memo to File 44-1987 from ASAC dated 5/8/68 concerning displaying of photographs at Wilmoth Restaurant, Serial 44-1987-SUB E-914.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY taken 3/28/65, 1960, 9/8/66 and 1968 were displayed to Mrs. KATHERINE BOYUKA, Manager, Wilmoth Restaurant, 1985 South Third Street, and Mrs. BARBARA LITTLE, Cashier, Wilmoth Restaurant, on 5/10/68 with negative results on all photographs with exception of the 1960 photograph of RAY appearing in Wanted Flyer 442-A. Both Mrs. BOYUKA and Mrs. LITTLE advised that they believed that the person in the above-mentioned photograph was very similar to a man who has been in the Wilmoth Restaurant and was last seen there about two weeks ago. Neither Mrs. BOYUKA nor Mrs. LITTLE could furnish any information about the man in the restaurant as they did not know his name or residence, and could not furnish physical description of the unknown man. Both women said the characteristic sm which made them believe the man in the restaurant was ~~identical~~ SIMILAR to the man in the 1960 photograph was his "cold blue eyes."

Mrs. BOYUKA and Mrs. LITTLE said they would notify the FBI immediately should the above-mentioned man come to the Wilmoth Restaurant again.

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8:23PM URGENT 5-8-68 DPK

TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMANT TODAY CLAIMED
FEMALE DRIVING SIXTY EIGHT CHEVROLET TUDOR, TENNESSEE LICENSE
LP SIX ONE FOUR THREE, HAD DATED RAY WHILE IN LOS ANGELES AREA
AND WAS NOW AT MOTEL NEAR WESTERN AND SANTA MONICA, LOS ANGELES.
INVESTIGATION THAT AREA REFLECTS NO SUCH CAR.

MEMPHIS ASCERTAIN REGISTERED OWNER AND WHERE LOCATED
IN LOS ANGELES.

END

DND

FBI MEMPHIS

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Darrell W. Baker
4406 27th Avenue
Nashville
68 Pontiac Lemons Coupe
VIN 237378 P 227894

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William

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FBI ST LOUIS

031PM URGENT 5-2-68 JAH

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

LOOK ALIKE - UNIDENTIFIED MALE DRIVING CAR WITH TENNESSEE
LICENSE AN FIVE SEVEN FIVE NINE ZERO.

VERA FUCHS, FOUR ONE NINE ROSE LAKE, KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI,
ADVISED BETWEEN FOUR TWENTY TWO AND FOUR TWENTY SIX SHE
OBSERVED A WHITE MALE WITH CREW CUT, DRIVING AN FIVE TWO FORTY
FOUR POINT EAST WAS RESEMBLED SUBJECT. FUCHS ADVISED AUTO WAS
A SMALL LIGHT COLORED AMERICAN MODEL BEARING TENNESSEE LICENSE
NUMBER AN FIVE SEVEN FIVE NINE ZERO.

STOPPED AT COLUMBIA CHECK LICENSE RECORDS ASSIST. LEADS,
AND CONTACT OWNER OF AUTOMOBILE.

END

CAF

FBI MEMPHIS

*Memphis
leads - no
incorrect license #*

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Date: 5-3-68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO: ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1p)

MURKIN; CR.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU MAY TWO, LAST, CONCERNING
TENN. LICENSE KN FIVE DASH SEVEN FIVE NINE ZERO.TENN. LICENSE PLATES HAVE TWO LETTER PREFIXES FOLLOWED BY
FOUR NUMBERED DIGITS. SINCE RETEL CONTAINS A TENN. LICENSE
NUMBER WITH FIVE NUMERICAL DIGITS, ST. LOUIS DIVISION IS
REQUESTED TO ADVISE MEMPHIS IF THERE IS AN ERROR IN THE
TENN. LICENSE PLATE NUMBER FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-773)

MURKIN

RE TEL THIS DATE.

RE: TERRY LUC. (N FIVE SEVEN NINE ZERO).

VERA FUCHS RECONTACTED. CONSULTED ORIGINAL MOSES WRIS LIST
LICENSE AS ABOVE. BUT CONCLUDED HAD MADE MISTAKE IN LISTING AND
HAD NO WAY OF DETERMINING CORRECT NUMBER FOR.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

ACLS FOR ANOTHER HQ

OX:CP. OAF

FBI MEMPHIS

*KN 5790 not
filed at Shelby Co or
MV B, Nashville or
5/6/68. - make check
Sat later date.*

*assign lead to
Darlington*

*Terry Lyle Leggett
2946 N. Garfield Rd.
Mpls. -
67 Ford VIN
2Z622114519
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FBI ST LOUIS

1035 AM URGENT 5-11-68 GMC

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO AND JACKSON

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE, MAY TEN, LAST.

RE ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS.

ONLY IDENTIFIABLE ST. LOUIS INDICES REFERENCE TO CARL MURPHY, JR. IS JACKSON FD THREE FIVE SIX, JULY TWENTYTWO, SIXTYFIVE, JACKSON FILE ONE THREE SEVEN- TWO FOUR SIX, REQUESTING REVIEW OF NAVY RECORD UNDER SERIAL NUMBER FOUR ONE SEVEN TWO THREE SEVEN ONE, AND ST. LOUIS REPLY AUGUST EIGHTEEN, SIXTYFIVE. PRESUME JACKSON HAS FURNISHED CHICAGO FULL INFO.

ONLY ST. LOUIS REFERENCE TO ANY ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS IS MEMPHIS AIRTEL FEBRUARY ELEVEN, SIXTY, ITEMS, MEMPHIS FILE TWO SIX - ONE SIX EIGHT EIGHT SIX. AGE TWENTYFOUR AT THAT
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TIME. MEMPHIS ADVISE CHICAGO ANY FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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ME SCF

FBI MEMPHIS

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FBI WASH DC

1249 PM URGENT 5-11-68 JMS

TO ATLANTA BIRMINGHAM JACKSON MEMPHIS ST LOUIS CHICAGO
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

RECTEL MAY TEN LAST RE CARL MURPHY, JR.

RECORD LOCATED FOR A PERSON BY NAME OF CARL MURPHY JR.
UNDER FBI NUMBER FIVE FOUR THREE ONE SIX SEVEN B WHO
IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET TEN
INCHES, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, GREEN EYES,
BORN TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI. REVIEW OF
IDENTIFICATION RECORD CONTAINS NO PLACES OF INCARCERATION
IDENTICAL TO THAT OF SUBJECT RAY. IDENTIFICATION RECORD
ON MURPHY BEING FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

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ME SCF

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) Attn: Identification Division
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago tel 5/10/68 concerning information furnished
by ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS.

Enclosed herewith to the Identification Division is
a copy of the fingerprints of PHILLIPS. Bureau requested to
furnish identification record of PHILLIPS to Jackson and Memphis
and Chicago.

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1001PM URGENT 5-10-68 MMA

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, AND MEMPHIS
FROM MOBILE

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TEL INSTANT CONCERNING ROBBERY WAYNE PHILLIPS

MOBILE INDICES CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH CARL

MURPHY, JR., DISCUSSED IN RETEL. NO ACTION INDICATED FOR
MOBILE BASED ON RETEL.

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Date: 5/11/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

MURKIN

Re Chicago tel May 10, 1968, re CARL MURPHY, JR.

Information furnished to Chicago Office by
ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS, is set out in Memphis file 92-554,
Jackson file 92-11, Bureau file 62-9-33, captioned "CRIME
CONDITIONS IN MISSISSIPPI (NORTHERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT)".

The information concerning the alleged offer
by CARL MURPHY, JR., to ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS, to do KING
in, for \$2,500, is being investigated.

CARL MURPHY, JR., was a PCI of the Jackson
Division through 1965, at which time he was discontinued
as a PCI due to lack of information being furnished,
(Jackson file 137-246).

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MURKIN.

PERSON IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS, WHITE,
MALE, BORN [REDACTED] AT BELDEN, MISS., SIX FOOT ONE,
ONE EIGHTYFIVE LBS., DIRTY BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES, CONTACTED CHICAGO
PD, WAS TURNED OVER TO CHICAGO FBI AND EXTENSIVELY INTERVIEWED
EARLY MAY TEN, INSTANT.

PHILLIPS APPEARS EMOTIONALLY BALANCED. HE FREELY
IDENTIFIED AND DISCUSSED IN DETAIL MANY OF THE PERSONS MENTIONED
IN REPORT OF SA SAM H. ALLEN, JR., MEMPHIS, APRIL TWO FOUR,
SIXTYTWO, IN CASE "HALL COOPER BOURLAND; ETAL; OOL," BUFILE
SEVEN TWO DASH ONE THREE NINE ZERO, MEMPHIS SEVEN TWO DASH THREE
THREE, FROM WHICH CHICAGO CONCLUDES HE OBVIOUSLY IS WELL
ACQUAINTED WITH PERSONS HE DISCUSSED.

PHILLIPS SAYS HE RAN RESTAURANT SHANNON, MISSISSIPPI,
UNTIL ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, WHICH WAS REALLY FRONT FOR ILLEGAL
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WHISKEY SALE. HE PAID FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS MONTHLY TO SHERIFF, ONE HUNDRED TO JUSTICE OF PEACE AND ONE HUNDRED TO CONSTABLE, BUT BUSINESS GOT SO BAD HE HAD TO QUIT BECAUSE COULD NOT PAY PROTECTION.

THE BIGGEST ILLEGAL "BOOZE" OPERATOR IS CARL MURPHY, JR., (SEE RREP SA ALLEN), WHITE, MALE, BORN [REDACTED] LEE COUNTY, MISS., FIVE FOOT TEN, ONE NINETY LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, HAZEL EYES, RESIDENCE ROUTE ONE, TUPELO, MISS. PHILLIPS HAS KNOWN MURPHY ALL HIS LIFE AND ENGAGED IN "BOOZE" DEALS WITH HIM. AFTER MISSISSIPPI WENT "WET", PHILLIPS WANTED TO SELL ONLY TAXED LIQUOR WHILE MURPHY DEMANDED SALE OF BOTH TAXED LIQUOR AND "MOONSHINE."

PHILLIPS STATES THAT ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, CANNOT BETTER FIX DATE, MURPHY TALKED TO HIM AT A SERVICE STATION SOMETIME AFTER "SELMA MARCH" BOOK PUBLISHED, AND OFFERED HIM TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO "HIT KING," WHICH OFFER DECLINED. PHILLIPS KNOWS NO SPECIFIC REASON WHY MURPHY WOULD WANT TO KILL KING, UNLESS FOR MONEY, AS MURPHY WILL DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY. IN ADDITION PHILLIPS BELIEVES MURPHY HIGH IN WHITE HATE GROUP, PROBABLY KU KLUX KLAN, AND FRIENDLY WITH IMPERIAL WIZARD SHELTON IN TUSCALUSA, ALABAMA.

ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO GROUP OF LAWYERS IN TUPELO, MISS.,
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INCLUDING PETE MITCHELL, JOHN SHANDS (WHOSE BROTHER IS CITY JUDGE), AND (FNU) ROGERS, GOT UP A BIG MEETING, HANDED OUT LITERATURE, AND IT WAS WELL KNOWN IN THE AREA THIS WAS ACTUALLY KKK GROUP ALTHOUGH CALLED SOME OTHER UNRECALLED NAME.

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PHILLIPS SAID THAT IN ABOUT SIXTYTWO, MURPHY HIRED J.W. RILEY TO KILL JAMES "GRUBBY" GRUBBS, WHO HAD "BOOZE" TERRITORY BUT WOULD NOT BUY FROM MURPHY. RILEY SHOT GRUBBS WITH SHOTGUN, MURPHY WAS PRESENT, AND DAVID SCOTT DROVE CAR. RILEY AND MURPHY WERE INDICTED, RILEY WAS CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO TWELVE YEARS FOR MANSLAUGHTER. RILEY SERVED FOUR YEARS, GOT OUT, AND WAS KILLED BY FBI AGENTS IN SHOOT OUT AFTER HICKORY FLATS, MISS., BR. PHILLIPS SAYS WORD IS THAT MURPHY SET UP RILEY ON BR AND FOR COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

PHILLIPS DOES NOT BELIEVE SCOTT WAS TRIED FOR MURDER AND IN PAST FEW YEARS SCOTT, WHO REMAINS CLOSE TO MURPHY, SUDDENLY OBTAINED FARM, CATTLE AND HOME ABOUT ONE AND ONE - HALF MILES SOUTHWEST OF BELDEN, MISS. PHILLIPS SAYS PERSON JUST DOES NOT BECOME SO AFFLUENT THESE DAYS IN MISSISSIPPI WITHOUT "REAL CROOKED CONTACTS."

PHILLIPS CLAIMS USED TO WORK FOR GRUBBS AND WAS TOLD BY SCOTT BEFORE KILLING TO TAKE OFF FOR ST. LOUIS, AS THEY WERE GOING TO
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