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KILL GRUBBS. PHILLIPS CLAIMS THEY "CHASED GRUBBS ALL OVER THE COUNTY" BEFORE KILLING HIM.

MURPHY REPORTEDLY KILLED JOHN OLIVER YOUNGER AND BOBBY PITTMAN EAST OF BELDEN, MISS., AT MURPHY RESIDENCE, ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. THEY BROUGHT TRAILER LOAD OF "BOOZE" TO MURPHY AND WHEN ASKED FOR PAY HE KILLED THEM, SHOT HIMSELF IN STOMACH WITH TWENTY TWO CALIBER, CLAIMED SELF DEFENSE AND SHERIFF FRANK CARTER, WHO WAS CROOKED WITH MURPHY, NEVER EVEN INVESTIGATED CRIME.

PHILLIPS CLAIMS MURPHY CAN "GETAWAY WITH NEARLY ANYTHING," ALTHOUGH HAS BEEN TO BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE PRISON, BUT MAKES MORE MONEY IN PRISON THAN OUT. WHENEVER CHARGED ALWAYS TRY TO BRIBE JURY AND GENERALLY DOES, OR NEVER GETS TO JURY THROUGH BRIBES TO POLICE, SHERIFF OR JUDGES.

PHILLIPS VISITED HIS MOTHER, MRS. JETTIE L. KEY, FIVE SEVEN FIVE EAST MAIN ST., BALDWIN, MISS., FROM ABOUT APRIL EIGHTEEN TO TWENTYNINE, LAST, AND TALK AROUND TOWN ABOUT KING SLAYING WAS THAT MURPHY "GOT AWAY WITH ANOTHER ONE." PHILLIPS HAS NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION BUT BELIEVES MURPHY EITHER WAS INVOLVED IN OR KNOWS WHO KILLED KING AND GOT SOME MONEY OUT OF IT. PHILLIPS PERSONALLY FEELS MURPHY AND KKK INVOLVED IN MURKIN.

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MURPHY HAS MANY CONTACTS IN SURROUNDING STATES. DEALS WITH SHELTON IN TUSCALUSA, MAKES FREQUENT LIQUOR BUYING TRIPS TO NEW ORLEANS, AND DEALS IN "BOOZE" WITH EDDIE (LNU) AT CASA NOVA, NIGHT CLUB, CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI. MURPHY HAS MANY TRUCKS ON ROAD AND KEEPS THEM HID IN BARN. HAS UNTOLD NUMBER PLACES WHERE COULD HIDE FUGITIVE, PARTICULARLY IN UNION COUNTY AND AS SCOTT FARM.

PHILLIPS VOLUNTEERED FOREGOING AS "GOOD CITIZEN." HE HAS NOT ASKED FOR ANYTHING, BUT WHEN SPECIFICALLY QUESTIONED, SAID WOULD RETURN TUPELO AREA TO HELP BUREAU IF HAD JOB AS FRONT. HAS SIXTH GRADE EDUCATION AND APPEARS FAIRLY SHREWD FROM "SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS." SAYS HE IS KNOWN BOOTLEGGER IN MISSISSIPPI, DOES NOT WANT TO CARRY ON THIS TRADE, BUT COULD EASILY "GET INTO THE STREAM OF THINGS AGAIN." BELIEVES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DISCOVER ANYTHING IMPORTANT TO MURKIN AS ANYONE INVOLVED WOULD BE COMPLETELY CLOSED MOUTHED.

CHICAGO IS UNABLE TO REASONABLY ASSESS FOREGOING DATA FOR AUTHENTICITY OR AS TO PROSPECTS IN MURKIN. PHILLIPS DOES NOT KNOW SUBJECT RAY.

UACB, EACH RECEIVING OFFICE WILL CAREFULLY REVIEW FILES FOR ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING CARL MURPHY, JR., WITH VIEW IN MIND
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OF DETERMINING HIS PRECISE KKK RELATIONSHIP AND ACTIVITIES,
AS WELL AS SEEKING ANY POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT RAY,
EITHER THROUGH CONTACTS IN HIS TRAVELS, IMPRISONMENTS OR COMMON
ACQUAINTANCES. ESTABLISH PRECISE TRAVELS AND WHEREABOUTS PAST
SEVERAL MONTHS.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO LOCATE CARL MURPHY, JR. IDENTIFICATION
RECORD AND SUTEL DETAILS OF INCARCERATIONS TO PERMIT LOGICAL
INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO DISCOVER CONNECTION WITH RAY.

PHILLIPS HAS PROMISED TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH CHICAGO.
HE WAS FINGERPRINTED AND PHOTOGRAPHED AT CHICAGO. DENIES ANY
PRISON SENTENCE.

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Date: 5/11/68
PLAINTEXTTransmit the following in _____
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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY TEN, LAST, CONCERNING
ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS.

RECORDS MEMPHIS OFFICE REVEAL THAT IN OCTOBER,
FIFTY EIGHT, MEMPHIS CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION
CONCERNING ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS, IDENTICAL WITH
PHILLIPS MENTIONED RETEL, ON ITSMV AND ITSP CHARGES.
AGAIN IN FEBRUARY, SIXTY, MEMPHIS CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION
RE PHILLIPS ON ITSMV CHARGES. NO ITSMV VIOLATIONS
WERE SUBSTANTIATED AND NO PROSECUTION RE ITSP INVESTIGATION
WARRANTED DUE TO TRUE NAME VARIETY OF CHECKS CASHED
BY PHILLIPS.

RECORDS AVAILABLE MEMPHIS FAILED TO REFLECT ANY
KKK ACTIVITY ON PART OF KARL MURPHY, JR., FBI NO.

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THE INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE MURPHY IN THE CASE
ENTITLED "HALL COOPER BOURLAND," ET AL; OOJ; OO: ME,"
MEMPHIS RECORDS REFLECT CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION RE
MURPHY'S ILLEGAL LIQUOR ACTIVITY IN LEE COUNTY, MISS.
NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE MURPHY'S ACTIVITIES BY
THE MEMPHIS DIVISION SUBSEQUENT TO JACKSON BEING
MADE A DIVISION. ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON,
MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS ADVISED BY AM. ARMED
AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
USM Aberdeen Miss	Carl Murphy, Jr. #NM-1318	1-14-54	vio Int Rev Liquor	3-19-54 PG sent 30 days in jail
A&TTD Jackson, Miss	Carl Murphy, Jr. #Miss-N-6663	1-14-54	vio Int Rev Laws Liquor	susp & placed on prob for 2 years \$100 fine to pay
US Marshal Aberdeen Miss	Carl Murphy Jr. #NM-1318	10-4-54	vio Probation liquor	
A&TTD Jackson Miss	Carl Murphy Jr. #Miss-N-6846	2-17-55	vio int rev Laws	3-28-55 PG sent 4 months in jail to serve
Federal Prison Camp Montgomery Ala	Carl Murphy Jr. #12,482	5-11-55	Poss UTP Whiskey	0-4-0 exp GT 8-21-55
A&TTD Jackson Miss	Carl Murphy Jr. #Miss-N-7224	1-9-57	vio of IRL	3-25-57 closed due to trans to state crt
A&TTD Jackson Miss	Carl Murphy Jr. #Miss-N-7327	1-10-58	vio IRL (liq)	see supplement
Fed Corr Inst Texarkana Texas	Carl Murphy Jr. #10875-TT	8-4-58	poss nontaxpaid whiskey	2 yrs 1-19-59 Paroled
FBI Memphis Tenn (dupl prt ret)	Carl Murphy Jr. #--	5-2-62	obstruction of Justice	TOT USM Aberdeen Miss
Navy	Carl Murphy, Jr. #417 23 71	7-20-49		
SO Memphis Tenn	Carl Murphy Jr. #35213	11-21-66	inv vice-viol registration law	

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John Edgar Hoover
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
St Hwy Pat Jackson Miss,	Carl Murphy Jr	2-23-68	DWI, running road block switched auto tag	<p>Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request. FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested.</p>

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	#Miss-N-7327 4-7-58		Plea of guilty sentenced to pay \$500-fine 2 yrs in pen to serve (sentence deferred to 6-1-58)	
			Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request. FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested.	
		SUPPLEMENT		

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All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race: White

Sex: male

Height: 5-10

Weight: 200

Hair: black

Eyes: green

Date and Place of Birth: Tupelo, Miss

Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request, FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested.

Scars & Marks: tattoo left forearm bird & word Mamma, pit scar rt side face

Address: in 1968-Tupelo, Mississippi

Occupation: farmer

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Date: 5/14/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 5/10/68;
and Jackson airtel to Bureau dated 5/11/68.

Re information furnished by ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS
to the Chicago Office.

A further review of Jackson file 92-11 disclosed
no information located identifying ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS
as a bootlegger in the northern district of Miss.

Inquiry in the Shannon, Miss., area disclosed
PHILLIPS never known to be the operator of a restaurant.

SAM H. ALLEN, JR., (former SA) who is well known
in the northern district of Miss. and who is currently
employed as a private detective and consultant for local
authorities in the Tupelo, Miss., area has worked closely
with the criminal element in that area for the past twenty
years and has never heard of PHILLIPS.

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2-Chicago (44-1114)
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3-Jackson (1 - 92-11)
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JN 157-9586

Further inquiry in the area indicates that PHILLIPS may be an employee of SAM FREEMAN who operated a Fish Camp in Shannon, Miss., and may have been a runner for SAM FREEMAN.

The information furnished to Chicago by PHILLIPS concerning illegal "booze" operations in and around the Tupelo, Miss., area is common knowledge to both law enforcement and private citizens in the area. This includes information that CARL MURPHY, JR. hired J. W. RILEY to kill JAMES "GRUBBY" GRUBBS.

It is the opinion of local authorities that CARL MURPHY, JR. would run anyone out of that section of the county who attempted in any way to infringe on his bootleg business.

DAVID LAMAR SCOTT, Tupelo, Miss., was a well known operator in the northern district of Miss. He has been convicted in both state and federal court for whiskey violations.

Attempts to locate CARL MURPHY, JR. for interview purposes in connection with alleged offer of \$2,500 to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. has been negative.

MURPHY has never been known to associate with racial groups or to be involved in segregation in any way. He has always been known as a bootleg whiskey operator in the northern district.

Investigation at Jackson, Miss., continuing.

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Routing Slip
0-7 (Rev. 9-25-67)

(Copies to Office checked)

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Date May 11, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

☒ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

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Enclosed is Identification Record on
Carl Murphy, Jr.

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5/20/68

A I R T E L

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to the Bureau dated 5/14/68.

Enclosed herewith for Jackson are four (4) photographs of ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS taken by FBI, Chicago. Enclosed for Memphis are two (2) photographs of PHILLIPS.

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2 - Jackson (Enc. 4)
① - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 2)
1 - Chicago

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Date: 5-6-68

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

Re: Milwaukee airtel to Miami, 4-20-68.
 Miami airtel to Memphis, 4-29-68.

Referenced Milwaukee airtel furnished information received from an individual in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who advised that on 3-28-68, while at the Sun Castle Motel, Pompano Beach, Florida, an establishment operated by a former FBI agent, he and his wife chanced to deal with a bellboy in the motel who apparently left the motel shortly after 3-28-68, and traveled to Tennessee to accept work as an electrician in an unknown city in Tennessee at a salary of \$500.00 a week. The individual providing the information believed the salary sounded absurd and after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, both he and his wife felt the bellboy resembles RAY's description and photograph.

3-Bureau
 2-Boston
 2-Memphis
 1-Birmingham (info)
 1-Kansas City (info)
 1-Milwaukee (info)
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MM 44-1854

Referenced Miami airtel set forth results of initial contacts at the Sun Castle Motel wherein it was noted that EARL B. SHIELDS was employed there through 4-1-68. SHIELDS furnished Social Security No. [redacted], and a permanent address of 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass. Boston was requested to conduct investigation at this address to eliminate SHIELDS as the subject in this matter.

On 4-30-68, HERB BLONSTROM, Assistant Manager, Sun Castle Motel, 1380 South Ocean Boulevard, advised he had located an application for EARL B. SHIELDS of Randolph, Mass., Social Security No. [redacted]. The application showed SHIELDS' previous employment as Plaza East, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and previous residence at 1325 N. E. 5th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

On 5-1-68, MARY BACHMAN, 1333 N. E. 5th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, advised her records show that EARL SHIELDS resided in an apartment building managed by her for approximately a two-week period. She recalled SHIELDS and his roommate, DAVID WATTIER. WATTIER rented the room 3-16-68, and rent was paid through 4-6-68. After WATTIER moved in, BACHMAN met SHIELDS who informed her that he was staying with WATTIER. WATTIER is believed to have left on 3-30-68, and Mrs. BACHMAN cannot recall specifically which dates after WATTIER departed that SHIELDS remained. She believes SHIELDS stayed another day or two but the exact length of time is unknown.

When WATTIER left he was driving a dark blue automobile, make unknown, and believed to have Florida license plates. WATTIER indicated he was from Minneapolis and was en route Indiana. While at her residence, both WATTIER and SHIELDS drove in WATTIER's auto and were believed to be employed in the same motel.

Mrs. BACHMAN and her husband, ALBERT J. BACHMAN, viewed photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and expressed the opinion that SHIELDS and GALT are not identical. Mrs.

MM 44-1854

BACHMAN described SHIELDS as 5' 10" and heavy set.

On 5-2-68, Mrs. IRA M. WOLFE, Personnel Office, Plaza East Condominium, 4300 North Ocean, Fort Lauderdale, made available her records which contained the following:

EARL B. SHIELDS, Social Security No. [redacted] of 1313 N. W. 14th Court, Fort Lauderdale, was employed at instant condominium as an outside guard from 3/5-15/68. He listed his date of birth as [redacted], height, 5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; weight, 170; brown hair, blue eyes, and marital status as divorced. SHIELDS listed previous employment at Dunworth Electric, Fort Lauderdale; Hotel Kenmore, Boston, Mass., as doorman; Yankee Fisherman, Boston, Mass., as bartender; and 1280 Beacon Street, Brooklyn, New York, as bartender. He indicated in case of emergency JOSEPHINE BUTLER, 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass., should be contacted.

DAVID H. WATTIER, Social Security [redacted] who furnished his address as 1325 N. E. 5th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, was employed at Plaza East Condominium at approximately the same time as SHIELDS, having apparently begun employment 2-13-68. WATTIER listed his DOB as [redacted] 6', 170 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. He indicated he was from Randolph, Nebraska. He listed previous employment as December, 1967, Dunworth Electric.

On 5-2-68, JOE BLEIER, Head Doorman, Plaza East, advised both SHIELDS and WATTIER worked under his supervision. Both individuals reportedly resided together and definitely came to and departed work in WATTIER's 1966 Chevelle Super Sport, light blue in color.

Both BLEIER and Mrs. WOLFE viewed photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT and both stated in their opinion SHIELDS is not identical with GALT. SHIELDS was a trouble-maker and caused employee discontent over low wages and left after an argument with the management.

MM 44-1854

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BOSTON

AT RANDOLPH, MASSACHUSETTS

If not previously done, contact JOSEPHINE BUTLER, 15 Almond Drive, and develop information to eliminate SHIELDS as a suspect in this case. Advise Miami if SHIELDS located or sufficient identifying data obtained to eliminate SHIELDS so that additional inquiries Miami need not be made.

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Date: 5/13/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 (OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Miami airtel dated 5/6/68.

The Randolph, Mass., List of Persons by Streets listed the following as residents of 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass:

JAMES BUTTE, 20, at home
JOSEPHINE, 45, waitress

Personnel, Randolph, Mass. PD, on 5/7/68, advised their records contained no information concerning EARL B. SHIELDS.

Mrs. JOSEPHINE BUTTE, 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass., on 5/8/68, advised that EARL B. SHIELDS was a roomer at her residence for about 3 or 4 months during the Spring of 1967. She said SHIELDS was an electrician and worked somewhere on Cape Cod, place unknown. When he left, she did not know where he went nor did she know his current whereabouts.

She described SHIELDS as follows:

3 - Bureau (RM)
 1 - Birmingham (info) (RM)
 1 - Kansas City (info) (RM)
 ② - Memphis (RM)
 2 - Miami (RM)
 1 - Milwaukee (info) (RM)
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White male, about 5 feet 11 inches, 170 pounds, receding brown hair, blue eyes, 2 inch scar under right side of nose, age about 38.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was exhibited to Mrs. BUTTE and she stated that SHIELDS positively was not RAY and that he did not resemble him.

On 5/10/68, EARL B. SHIELDS telephonically contacted the Boston FBI Office and said that he could be reached at 110 Squantum St., Milton, Mass.

SHIELDS was interviewed on 5/10/68 and advised the following:

He said that he left Pompano Beach, Florida, on 4/2/68 and that he is an electrician. He travelled to Chattanooga, Tennessee, with a fellow worker, EARL HARE, Pompano Beach, Florida, to secure a job with the TVA. He arrived at Chattanooga the same night. Union Hall told him there was no immediate work. He left Chattanooga, Tennessee, on 4/3/68 and went to Hamilton, Ohio, and checked into the Country Club Motel on Route 4 on 4/3/68. He secured work through the Union with Armco Steel Corp., Middletown, Ohio, where he worked for about two weeks.

SHIELDS is staying at the residence of his brother, 110 Squantum Road, Milton, Mass., before departing for New York City, N.Y., to seek employment.

The following is a description of SHIELDS:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB	<input type="text"/>
POB:	Boston, Mass.
Height:	5 feet 10½ inches
Weight:	165 pounds
Hair:	Brown, receding
Eyes:	Blue

BS 157-644

Complexion: Dark, tanned

Scars and Marks: 1 inch scar left jaw;
2 inch scar under right
side of nose

Inasmuch as SHIELDS has accounted for his whereabouts on 4/4/68 and is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, no further action is contemplated.

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Date: 5/7/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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TO SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM: NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN, CR

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY THREE, SIXTY EIGHT. RE FULL COVERAGE OF RELATIVES TOLL CALLS

NJ TELEPHONE TWO TWO TWO THREE NINE SEVEN SIX WHICH WAS CALLED ON APRIL NINE SIXTY EIGHT FROM VIRGINIA HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., IS LISTED TO A. A. CONNERS JR, THIRTY ONE MORRIS AVE., LONG BRANCH, NJ. INQUIRY AT ABOVE ADDRESS REVEALED APARTMENT HOUSE WHERE CONNERS AND FAMILY LIVED WHILE HE WAS STATIONED AT FT. MONMOUTH. NEIGHBORHOOD NEGATIVE RE SUBJECT.

INVESTIGATION AT FT. MONMOUTH INDICATES CONNERS, A SPECIALIST FIVE IN USARMY DEPARTED APRIL TWENTY TWO, SIXTY EIGHT ON ORDERS FOR VIETNAM AND IS TO REPORT TO OAKLAND ARMY TERMINAL, CALIF., ON JUNE FIVE SIXTY EIGHT. CONNERS HAS BEEN GRANT THIRTY DAYS LEAVE EN ROUTE AND CAN BE LOCATED AT RURAL FIVE, QUINCY, ILL.

SPRINGFIELD CONTACT CONNERS RE ANY CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT OR SUBJECT'S FAMILY → ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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DALLAS AIRTEL MAY FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, REFERENCED BUTEL
TO DALLAS MAY FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, RELATIVE TO BERNARD MALFAIT
AND SET OUT FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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STANISLAW SLAWIK (NOT STANISLAR FLAWIK AS SET FORTH IN
REFERENCED TELETYPE) AN ESTABLISHED SOURCE OF THE DALLAS OFFICE
AND OWNER OF THE OLD WARSAW RESTAURANT, THREE NINE ONE FOUR
CEDAR SPRING ROAD, DALLAS, TEXAS, TODAY ADVISED THAT BERNARD
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MALFAIT (NOT BERNARD HALFANT AS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED
TELETYPE) IS THE ASSISTANT CHEF AT HIS RESTAURANT AND HAS
OCCUPIED THAT POSITION IN EXCESS OF ONE YEAR. SLAWIK STATED
HE CAN ACCOUNT FOR MALFAIT'S WHEREABOUTS ON A DAILY BASIS
DURING THAT PERIOD UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF APRIL WHEN MALFAIT
WENT DIRECTLY TO MEXICO CITY WITH RESERVATIONS AT THE MARIA
CRISTINA HOTEL, MEXICO CITY, MADE BY SLAWIK THE DAY PRECEDING

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**CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY
RE: MURKIN**

MALFAIT'S DEPARTURE FROM DALLAS.

**INASMUCH AS BERNARD MALFAIT HAS BEEN ELIMINATED AS
A SUSPECT IN THIS CASE, NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN IN THIS
REGARD IN DALLAS.**

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) (2P)

MURKIN

44-1987-965
LETTER DATED MAY THREE, LAST, RECEIVED AT NOGALES, ARIZONA,
RESIDENT AGENCY, MAY SEVEN, INSTANT, FROM CAPT. BAUDELIO
JAIMÉ GLEZ OF GUASIMOPA, SONORA, MEXICO. GLEZ STATED THAT
AN AMERICAN TOURIST POSSIBLY RESEMBLING RAY APPEARED AT
GUASIMOPA, WHERE HE IS RESIDING WITH WIFE, SEVEN YEAR OLD SON
AND ELEVEN MONTH OLD BABY. STATED HE HAS GOVERNMENT PENSION
AND IS DRIVING WHITE BUICK.

44-1987-965
GLEZ STATED MANUEL CRUZ RAMIREZ, OPERATOR OF TIRE REPAIR
SHOP IN GUASIMOPA, IS ALSO ACQUAINTED WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL.
GLEZ STATED WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN NAME AND LICENSE NUMBER
OF VEHICLE AND STATED WAS SUSPICIOUS OF THIS PERSON COMING
TO LIVE AMONG THE YAQUI INDIANS AND BECAUSE STATED HAD
CROSSED THE BORDER ABOUT THE FIFTEENTH OF APRIL AT DOUGLAS,
ARIZONA, WHICH IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT ROUTE TO GUASIMOPA.

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

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Y THREE, LAST, RECEIVED AT NOGALES, ARIZONA,

RESIDENT AGENCY

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GLEZ DESCRIBED THIS PERSON AS ABOUT THIRTYTHREE YEARS OF AGE,
SIX FEET, LIGHT BLUE EYES, LIGHT BROWN HAIR.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE LEGAT, MEXICO, IN ORDER
THAT APPROPRIATE INQUIRY THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES MAY BE
MADE TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF THIS PERSON.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

PENDING. MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU APRIL TWENTYNINE,
LAST, AND BALTIMORE TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES AND MIAMI MAY
FOUR, LAST.

RE: TELEPHONE BOOTH ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES
MAX MENDELSON INTERVIEWED, MIAMI, THIS DATE AND ADVISED
HE WAS IN LOS ANGELES DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT,
AND RESIDED ONE SEVEN TWO SEVEN GARFIELD PLACE, APT. SIX
WITH HIS SISTER AND USED TELEPHONE IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL TO
CALL HIS DAUGHTER. MENDELSON VIEWED PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES
EARL RAY AND WAS UNABLE TO RECALL SEEING HIM.

AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - Kansas City (44-760) (AMRM)
① - Memphis (44-1987) (AMRM)
1 - Miami
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReWFOairtel 5/2/68.

On 5/6/68, IRMA NOTE, J. Ray McDermott and Co., Inc., Houston Club Building, advised as follows:

The McDermott Co., office and operation, Houston, is part of the oil division and is a domestic operation.

The International Division of McDermott is at New Orleans.

New Orleans handle lead, re airtel.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-10673)
- 1 - Albuquerque (Info)
- 1 - WFO (Info)
- 1 - Houston

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO : DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM : SAC SACRAMENTO (100-427)

MURKIN, CR, OO MEMPHIS

RE LOOK-ALIKE A. D. (UNDERLINE D) STANG, JR.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO SACRAMENTO, MAY SEVEN INSTANT.

A. H. STANG, JR., A. H. STANG LUMBER COMPANY, REDDING, CALIF.,
INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED HE IS HOLDER OF P. O. BOX ONE SIX SIX ZERO,
REDDING, CALIF., AND THAT HE WAS IN PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO, AT LOS
GLORIAS MOTEL ON APRIL NINETEEN LAST. STANG WELL KNOWN IN REDDING,
CALIF.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS, INFORMATION
RECEIVED THROUGH LEGAT, MEXICO CITY, REPORTING A. D. (UNDERLINE D)
STANG, JR., AT ABOVE MOTEL, WAS IDENTIFIED AS LOOK-ALIKE OF JAMES EARL
RAY.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS. P.

- 1 - Kansas City (AM)
- 1 - Memphis (AM)
- 1 - Sacramento

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO - Memphis)

Re San Francisco teletype to Sacramento and Seattle dated 5/6/68.

Re: Look-Alike Greyhound Bus Passenger
From San Francisco North on 4/29/68

For information of Memphis, this pertains to a reported look-alike passenger on a Greyhound Bus from San Francisco north bound to Seattle on 4/29/68, in which a woman stated that on 4/29/68, she traveled from San Francisco to Seattle by Greyhound Bus and she left San Francisco at Gate 22 of San Francisco Bus Depot at 10:20 pm. While there she saw a man resembling JAMES EARL RAY enter her bus after waiting at Gate 23. She stated she believed him to have transferred to her bus from another bus rather than originating at San Francisco because of the appearance of the ticket he presented.

She also advised she did not recall seeing him after she left Portland, Oregon, on the same bus.

3 - Bureau
2 - Kansas City
② - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Portland
1 - San Francisco (Info) (173-65)
1 - Seattle (Info)
2 - Sacramento
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On 5/6/68, investigation at Redding, California, determined that driver of bus from San Francisco to Redding was a Mr. HARRY WATKINS, who, upon interview, advised that he does not have any recollection of any such person.

Investigation also determined that HARRY WATKINS was relieved at Redding, California, as driver of this bus by one TIMOTHY NAUTA, who is a relief driver out of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and who can be contacted through the Greyhound Bus Company at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

The woman reporting this information described the individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	35-40 years
Height	5'8" to 5'10"
Build	Thin
Hair	Dark brown, badly in need of haircut, with definite widow's peak.
Remarks	Unshaven and wore mustache which covered most of upper lip.
Eyes	Blue
Clothing	Wore buckskin-colored shirt and pants, also sweater or jacket.

LEAD

PORTLAND OFFICE

AT KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

Will contact TIMOTHY NAUTA to determine if he has any recollection of such an individual.

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May 8, 1968

AIRTEL

TO: SACs, Birmingham (44-1740)
Charlotte
Indianapolis
Memphis

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

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ReBHAirtel to the Bureau dated 4-30-68.

Bureau has taken the matter of having an article published in the "Journeyman Barber," which is published monthly by the Journeyman Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmetologists and Proprietors International Union of America (JMBP), 1141 North Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind., and "Master Barber and Beauticians Magazine," published monthly by the Associated Master Barbers and Beauticians of America (AMBB), 219 Greenwich Road, Charlotte, N. C., re subject James Earl Ray under advisement. The publication of such an article should be held in abeyance at this time.

44-1987-419
The Charlotte and Indianapolis Divisions should contact the publishers of the respective magazines to determine if the mats supplied by the Bureau would be suitable for an article to be included in the publication. You should also determine if any cost to the Bureau will be involved.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

circulation info

Sub E-926

Re Bureau airtel to Birmingham dated 5/8/68.

THOMAS H. BROUGHTON, Editor, Master Barber and Beautician Magazine, 219 Greenwich Rd., Charlotte, N. C. (telephone 366-5177), advised he has an 11,000 copy circulation nation-wide and would be glad to publish an article regarding subject JAMES EARL RAY as a public service with no charge to the Bureau. He stated he uses offset printing and the mat provided could not be used but he can use a glossy photo and reproduce the printed matter. He suggested two other publications to reach two additional barbers:

1. Men's Hair Stylists, 16 West 46th St., New York City, New York.

2. Professional Barber, 54 West 46th St., New York City, New York.

No lead is being set out for New York until a decision has been made by the Bureau regarding instant publication.

*any decision yet?
Mo. RB*

3 - Bureau
1 - Birmingham (Info.)
② - Memphis
2 - Charlotte
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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(OO: ME)

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 4/30/68.

Referenced airtel requested Little Rock Office to interview KEN DAVIS, 1701 North Avalon, Apartment 213, West Memphis, Arkansas, concerning the complaint he had sent to the President of the United States about a hitch-hiker he had dropped off at Memphis, Tennessee, on the day of instant murder and alleged possible FBI indifference to instant matter.

Several attempts were made to locate DAVIS and, on May 7, 1968, Mrs. BOYNE DODD, Manager of the Avondale Apartments at the above address, advised SA JAMES W. SKELLEY that KENNETH A. DAVIS resides in Apartment 213 by himself. She described DAVIS as an elderly person whose actions she considers very peculiar. She indicated that his general appearance and actions indicate that he might possibly be mentally disturbed. She stated that DAVIS was definitely not what she would consider normal. She advised that he is employed at the Memphis Publishing Company, Memphis, Tennessee, the exact capacity not known. She advised that the Memphis Publishing Company prints the Memphis, Tennessee, newspapers, "Memphis Press-Scimitar" and "The Commercial Appeal."

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Little Rock
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Bureau requested the guy to get straight - Have LR do so. This went to B on 4/19/68. Boring. Bureau should answer if necessary. RB

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LR 157-1215

A review of the letter DAVIS sent to the President reflected it was obviously written prior to the identification of JAMES EARL RAY as the subject of instant matter and, therefore, any information he might be able to add to that set forth in the letter would be of no value as to instant matter.

It is also felt that any adverse attitude he might have had towards the FBI has now been eradicated by the identification of RAY as the subject of this case.

The interview of DAVIS is not being done as requested in view of the fact he is employed by the printing company that prints the two leading newspapers in Memphis, Tennessee, and there being some question as to his mental condition, UACB.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/10/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, Little Rock (157-1315)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Little Rock airtel to Bureau, 5/8/68.

Referenced airtel sets forth information about
KENNETH A. DAVIS.

For information of Bureau and Memphis, Mrs.
BOYNE BOBB, Manager of Avondale Apartments, advised SA
JAMES W. SKELLEY that DAVIS moved from Apartment 213,
1701 E. Avalon Street, West Memphis, Arkansas, as of 5/9/68,
owing ten days' rent. She determined from the moving
company that he was moving to 1385 Jefferson, Apartment 98,
Memphis, Tennessee. ///

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Little Rock
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*Memphis Lead
assign to Ramsey*
*Not covered per
serial Sub E - 927*

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TELETYPE

TO : TAMPA
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: JAMES O'CONNOR

ANNA MARIA MOLA (PROTECT IDENTITY) AUDITING-PAYROLL
CLERK, WILLMARK SERVICE SYSTEM, INC., SEVEN TWO WEST TWO THREE
ST., NYC, ADVISED TODAY THAT SHE BELIEVED FROM PHOTOGRAPHS
IN HER FILES THAT AN EMPLOYEE OF HER COMPANY IS IDENTICAL
WITH SUBJECT RAY. *Sub B-228
A-362*

EMPLOYEE IS DESCRIBED AS JAMES O'CONNOR, WHITE, MALE,
DOB , SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

WIFE, ELLEN, NEE WALKOW.
O'CONNOR RECEIVES MAIL AT NINE FIVE LAKE SMART DR., LUCERNE
PARK, WINTERHAVEN, FLORIDA. MOLA DESCRIBES O'CONNOR AS
SUPERVISORY TYPE EMPLOYEE WITH INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL UNDER
HIS SUPERVISION.

TAMPA ELEMINATE OR IDENTIFY O'CONNOR AS SUBJECT RAY.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. *44-1987-Sub E-928*

- ① Memphis (AM)
1- New York
1- ADIC-MALONE
1- Section #23

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