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CHARLOTTE, UPON RECEIPT RE TEL, INTERVIEW DANIEL C. COLLEY, POSSIBLY DANIEL MARVIN COLLEY, POPE AFB, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., TELEPHONE THREE NINE FOUR DASH TWO SIX ONE SIX, TO DETERMINE NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARENTS AND CURRENT LOCATION OF MRS. BALDRIDGE. THEREAFTER HAVE MRS. BALDRIDGE INTERVIEWED AS SET FORTH IN RE TEL.

RICHMOND WITHHOLD INVESTIGATION SALTVILLE, VA. UNTIL CHARLOTTE ASCERTAINS ABOVE INFORMATION SINCE MRS. BALDRIDGE MAY BE LOCATED IN N. C. OR ELSEWHERE.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED EL PASO AND MEMPHIS

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI KAN CITY

544 PM URGENT 5/13/68 PHM  
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, NEW YORK  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

RE NEW YORK TEL MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

RECORDS TRANS WORLD AIRLINES (TWA) KANSAS CITY, REVEAL THAT COACH TICKET TWO TWO ZERO SEVEN ONE FIVE THREE ONE EIGHT, WAS PURCHASED APRIL SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT BY J. A. SMITH, FOR FLIGHT FROM LOS ANGELES TO CHICAGO TO ATLANTA, GA., AND RETURN FROM ATLANTA TO LOS ANGELES. TICKET SHOWS THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL LEFT LOS ANGELES APRIL SEVEN LAST FOR CHICAGO, LEFT CHICAGO APRIL EIGHT LAST FOR ATLANTA. ON APRIL NINE LAST AT ATLANTA HE EXCHANGED THIS TICKET FOR ONE GOING FROM ATLANTA TO CHICAGO TO LOS ANGELES. THE TICKET SHOWS HIM DEPARTING ATLANTA FOR CHICAGO ONE APRIL NINE LAST, AND THE RESERVATIONS TO LOS ANGELES WERE LEFT OPEN.

TWO RECORDS REVEAL THIS PURCHASER USED A CREDIT CARD IN BUYING THIS TICKET AND THAT THEY WILL HAVE FURTHER INFO REGARDING HIS IDENTITY WITHIN TWENTYFOUR HOURS.

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TWA RECORDS FAIL TO REVEAL ANY INFO REGARDING COACH  
TICKET NO. TWO THREE ZERO ONE NINE FOUR NINE FIVE THREE.

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FBI KAN CITY

336 PM URGENT 5/14/68 KSW

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES  
FROM KANSAS CITY 1P

MURKIN

RECORDS TWA, KANSAS CITY, REVEAL THAT COACH TICKET TWO TWO ZERO SEVEN ONE FIVE THREE ONE EIGHT PURCHASED APRIL SEVEN LAST BY A J. A. SMITH FOR TRIP FROM LOS ANGELES TO CHICAGO TO ATLANTA WITH RETURN FROM ATLANTA DIRECT TO LOS ANGELES ON APRIL NINE LAST WAS EXCHANGED IN ATLANTA FOR TRIP FROM ATLANTA TO CHICAGO SAME DATE WITH TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES OPEN.

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RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL THAT THIS TICKET WAS PURCHASED BY A TWA WORLD WIDE JET CREDIT CARD NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ASSIGNED TO JAMES A. SMITH, FIVE ZERO SIX THREE INAGLEN WAY, LOS ANGELES, TELEPHONE AX THREE SIX THREE THREE SIX.

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LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO CONTACT JAMES A. SMITH TO DETERMINE PURPOSE OF TRIP FROM ATLANTA TO LOS ANGELES. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI LOS ANG.

9:51AM URGENT 5-15-68 LLR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), & MEMPHIS  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

*Sub E-958*

RE KC TELETYPE MAY FOURTEEN LAST CONCERNING PURCHASE  
OF AIRLINE TICKETS BY ONE JAMES A. SMITH, FIVE ZERO SIX  
THREE INAGLEN WAY, LOSANGELES.

SMITH, INVESTIGATOR THRIFTY DRUG COMPANY FIVE ZERO  
FIVE ONE RODEO ROAD, LOS ANGELES STATED HE HAD ATTENDED  
THE FUNERAL OF DR. KING AT ATLANTA. HE STATED HE THEN  
DEPARTED ATLANTA ENROUTE TO CHICAGO VIA EASTERN AIRLINES, AND  
FROM CHICAGO TO LOS ANGELES VIA UNITED AIRLINES. HIS ORIGINAL  
INTENTION WAS TO FLY DIRECT ATLANTA TO LOS ANGELES BUT  
AT THE TIME HE WAS INVESTIGATING A CHECK CASE FOR HIS  
COMPANY IN CHICAGO AND DECIDED TO STOP ENROUTE HOME.  
SMITH STATED WHILE IN ATLANTA HE STAYED WITH HIS SISTER  
IN LAW XERONIE CLAYTON, THREE ZERO SIX CATIVO DRIVE, ATLANTA,  
AND EMPLOYEE IN THE OFFICE OF ATLANTA MAYOR IVAN, WHO  
SOMETIMES ASSISTED KING IN THE AUTHORIZING OF HIS BOOK.

NO FURTHER ACTION REGARDING SMITH BEING TAKEN AT LA.

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848M URGENT 5-13-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LOUISVILLE, AND HOUSTON  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE JOHN FALVEY, LOOK ALIKE. FOUR EMPLOYEES OF HOLIDAY INN  
NORTH, SL, TODAY ADVISED INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAME AND ADDRESS OF JOHN  
FALVEY, SEVEN NINE ONE SEVEN COLUMBINE DRIVE, LOUISVILLE, KY.,  
DRIVING SIXTY-SIX TO SIXTY-EIGHT LINCOLN CONTINENTAL CONVERTIBLE,  
GREEN WITH BLACK TOP, KY LICENSE, NUMBER UNK, STAYED AT INN MAY  
ELEVEN AND TWELVE LAST. BORE STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT.  
USED GULF OIL CREDIT CARD NUMBER [REDACTED] RE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IN NAME OF CONSTANCE Y. JOHNSON. LS ATTEMPT  
IDENTIFY AND DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS PERTINENT DATES.

HOUSTON DETERMINE IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF CONSTANCE Y.  
JOHNSON FROM GULF CREDIT CARD OFFICE, P.O. BOX TWO ONE FOUR ZERO,  
HOUSTON, AND SET OUT LEAD TO INTERVIEW REGARDING FALVEY, UNLESS  
LOUISVILLE SOONER ADVISES NON IDENT.

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9:49 AM CDT 5-14-68 URGENT KEK

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LOUISVILLE, ST. LOUIS

FROM: HOUSTON (44-1509) 1 PAGE

MURKIN

RE JOHN FALVEY, LOOK ALIKE.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

GULF OIL CORP., SECURITY DIVISION, ADVISED GULF OIL  
CREDIT CARD [REDACTED]

ISSUED TO CONSTANCE Y. JOHNSON, SEVEN NINE ONE SEVEN

COLUMBINE DRIVE, LOUISVILLE, KY. ACCOUNT IS CURRENT WITH

BALANCE OF FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS. LOUISVILLE INTERVIEW

JOHNSON. A & D.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657)(P)

MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Memphis airtel to Richmond 5/7/68.

Enclosed for Baltimore are one copy of reairtel and one copy of WFO teletype to Memphis, 4/22/68.

RE: ROBERT E. KEMPFER  
LOOK-ALIKE

✓ Sub B-590

Check for KEMPFER at 4101 Wadsworth Court, Apt. 101, Annandale, Va., negative. KEMPFER now resides at 4226 Suitland Road, S. E., Apt. 302, Suitland, Md., Telephone 735-9490.

LEAD

BALTIMORE

AT SUITLAND, MD.

Will handle lead set out in reairtel for Richmond to interview KEMPFER and eliminate as look-alike or to determine who white individual was in automobile in WDC re WFO teletype referred to above.

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URGENT

TO: HOUSTON (44-1509), ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN.

RE JOHN FALVEY, LOOK ALIKE.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

JOHN LEE RAY FALVEY LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED BY

BUAGENT LOUISVILLE THIS DATE. FALVEY DOES NOT RESEMBLE  
SUBJECT. ELIMINATED THROUGH FINGERPRINT CHECK.

MEMPHIS AND BUREAU ADVISED AM.

1- MEMPHIS (44-1987) AM  
1- BUREAU (44-38861) AM  
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TELETYPE

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND  
SAC ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649) (2 P)

MURKIN.

AT ABOUT EIGHT TWENTY AM, MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT, DR. RICHARD W. JONES, PRESIDENT, AMARILLO CHAPTER NAACP, AMARILLO, TEXAS, RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM PERSON WHO REFUSED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF. CALLER ADVISED HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM ATLANTA AND THAT PERSON WHO MURDERED KING WAS AN INDIAN WOMAN DRESSED AS A MAN. STATED HER LAST NAME WAS JOHNSTON AND THAT SHE RESIDED FIVE NINE FOUR HILL STREET, ATLANTA, GEORGIA. CALLER STATED MRS. JOHNSTON HAD SON NAMED CHARLIE JOHNSTON WHO WORKED FOR ATLANTA FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THAT ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO HE RAN OVER A SMALL NEGRO BOY IN HIS CAR IN ATLANTA. STATED CHARLIE JOHNSTON HAD THREATS FROM NEGROES ABOUT HIS BOY, AGE EIGHTEEN MONTHS, AND THAT HE SENT HIS SON TO WHITESVILLE, N. C., FOR SAFETY.

CALLER SAID MRS. JOHNSTON RECEIVED CHECK FOR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS PAID THROUGH CITY ATTORNEY, ATLANTA.

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DR. JONES ADVISED HE THOUGHT CALLER WAS WHITE MAN FROM VOICE AND STATED CALLER ASKED THAT MATTER BE REPORTED TO FBI IN DALLAS OR MEMPHIS SINCE IF REPORTED IN AMARILLO THE "GANG" WOULD KNOW THAT HE HAD REPORTED SAME.

ATLANTA. AT ATLANTA. DETERMINE IF SUCH PERSONS EXIST AND IF ANY POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH MURKIN.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI CHICAGO

10:43 AM URGENT 5-14-68 PMS

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

LOS ANGELES (44-1574), LAS VEGAS, DENVER (157-203)

AND ALBUQUERQUE

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY NINE LAST.

RE LOOK ALIKE JAMES EARL RAY, LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT MAY THREE LAST.

REMAINING FLIGHTS UNITED AIR LINES (UAL) EIGHT FIVE  
SEVEN MAY ONE; THREE FIVE NINE MAY TWO; AND FIVE SEVEN ONE,  
MAY TWO CHECKED MAY THIRTEEN LAST WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS FOR  
CARL RAY.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES (44-1574), PHOENIX,  
LAS VEGAS, DENVER (157-203) ALBUQUERQUE, AND EL PASO.  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN

*Sub E-962*  
RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY FOUR LAST REGARDING INTERVIEW  
AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MAY THREE LAST CONCERNING  
CALL BY UNITED AIRLINES (UAL) PERSONNEL DESCRIBING INDIVIDUAL  
AS POSSIBLE LOOK A LIKE OF JAMES EARL RAY.

FOLLOWING UAL FLIGHTS CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS  
MAY SIX LAST RELATIVE TO TRAVEL OF CARL RAY, DENVER TO  
LAS VEGAS OR LOS ANGELES MAY ONE AND TWO LAST.

ONE SIX THREE BOTH DAYS, TWO FOUR ONE, MAY ONE, TWO  
FOUR THREE, MAY TWO, THREE FIVE NINE, MAY ONE, EIGHT FIVE  
SEVEN, MAY TWO.

NO RECORD AVAILABLE FLIGHTS ONE SIX NINE AND EIGHT  
SEVEN ONE.

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THE BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES NOTE UAL MAINTAINS NOR PREPARES PASSENGER MANIFEST AS SUCH. ONLY RECORD OF FLIGHT IS PORTION OF TICKET TAKEN FROM PASSENGER JUST PRIOR TO BOARDING AIRCRAFT. THESE FORWARDED UAL HEADQUARTERS DAILY WHERE THEY BECOME KEYPUNCHED IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL AND ARE SOMETIMES UNAVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION FOR SIX OR SEVEN DAYS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

AM COPY BIRMINGHAM.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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Date: 4/8/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re Atlant a tel 4/7/68.

Enclosed for Memphis is one photo of  
FLOYD EUGENE AYERS.

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FBI LITTLE R

850PM URGENT 5-10-68 MHR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN

MAY FIVE, LAST, CHARLENE GROCE, CLERK, ARK. STATE REVENUE  
DEPT., LEWISVILLE, ARK., ADVISED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING PHOTO OF  
JAMES EARL RAY, IN MAY EIGHT, LAST, ISSUE OF SHREVEPORT, LA., TIMES  
NEWSPAPER, USING NAME JOHNNY R. SMITH, PURCHASED NON-TITLE SIXTY  
SEVEN DASH EIGHT ARK. TRAILER LICENSE NUMBER S T THREE NINE FIVE  
TWO FIVE ON MAY EIGHT LAST, FOR SIXTYTHREE MODEL SHERATON HOUSE-  
TRAILER, FORTY SIX FEET BY EIGHT FEET.

SMITH SHOWED SIXTYFOUR TENN. TITLE NUMBER ONE ZERO THREE NINE  
ONE NINE TWO FOUR FOR ABOVE TRAILER. NAME APPEARED AS JOHNNY R.  
SMITH WITH ADDRESS OF THREE EIGHT ZERO ZERO OR THREE NINE ZERO  
ZERO BLOCK, LAMAR ST., MEMPHIS. SMITH GAVE PRESENT ADDRESS OF  
DOGWOOD TRAILER PARK, BLYTHEVILLE, ARK. SMITH ALSO OBTAINED  
SIXTYSEVEN DASH EIGHT ARK. TRAILER LICENSE NUMBER S T THREE NINE  
FIVE TWO EIGHT, FOR SMALL TYPE TRAILER.

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SMITH IN ACCOMPANY OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAMES OF MIKE MACK AND TOM MC NYALLY, WHO ALSO PURCHASED NON-TITLED SIXTYSEVEN DASH EIGHT ARK. TRAILER LICENSES FOR SMALL TRAILERS NUMBERS S T THREE NINE FIVE TWO SIX AND S T THREE NINE FIVE TWO SEVEN.

INVESTIGATION, BLYTHEVILLE, ARK., REVEALED MAN KNOWN AS TOM MC NYALLY LEFT DOGWOOD TRAILER PARK, EARLY MONTH SIXTYEIGHT. MC NYALLY DESCRIBED AS MIGRANT SPRAY PAINTER, TRAVELING FROM CITY TO CITY OPERATING LATE MODEL PANEL OR VAN TYPE TRUCK, MAKE AND MODEL UNKNOWN, WITH SPRAY PAINT EQUIPMENT IN REAR OR CARRIED ON SMALL TRAILER.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS IN THE TEXARKANA, HOPE, AND LEWISVILLE, ARK., AREA, NEGATIVE THIS DATE.

SMITH DESCRIBED AS WM, FORTY YEARS, FIVE FOOT ELEVEN, ONE EIGHT ZERO POUNDS, MEDIUM OR HEAVY BUILD, BUSHY BROWN HAIR, PROMINENT BUSHY EYEBROWS, PALE BLUE EYES, DEEP SET, VERY NERVOUS, THREE/EIGHTHS INCH SCAR RIGHT SIDE NOSE, LIMPED ON RIGHT FOOT SLIGHTLY, WEARING WHITE SHIRT, TAN TROUSERS AND BROWN WORD SHOES, RED RUDDY COMPLEXION.

MC NYALLY DESCRIBED WM, FORTY TO FORTYFIVE, FIVE FOOT NINE, ONE FOUR FIVE POUNDS, SMALL BUILD, REDDISH, BLOND, BUSHY HAIR,  
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GRAY EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, WEARING TAN SHIRT AND TROUSERS.

BOTH MEN APPEARED TO BE CONSTRUCTION OR OUTDOOR TYPE WORKERS.

MEMPHIS ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SMITH TO SIXTYFOUR TENN. TITLE,  
AND ADDRESS ON LAMAR ST.; THRU SMITH ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY MC NYALLY.  
CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY BOTH MEN AND FURNISH  
RESULTS TO LITTLE ROCK EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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Date: 5/13/68

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Via **TELETYPE****URGENT**

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN; CR.

DIVISION MOTOR VEHICLES, RECORDS REFLECT TENNESSEE TITLE ONE ZERO THREE NINE ONE NINE TWO FOUR FOR SHERATON HOUSE TRAILER ISSUED JOHNNY R. SMITH, THREE FIVE NINE SEVEN LAMAR, MEMPHIS. LEIN BY CONTINENTAL INVESTMENT CORP. PAID OFF BY OLD REPUBLIC LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, JANUARY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN BASED ON DEATH OF SMITH, NOVEMBER TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYSIX. INFORMATION OF DEATH FURNISHED BY BROTHER, NAME AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN. POLICY NUMBER ONE ONE THREE EIGHT ZERO ISSUED FROM HOME OFFICE OF COMPANY, CHICAGO. BVS, MEMPHIS, REFLECTS SMITH DIED AT HERNANDO, MISS., AND BURIED THERE. LEADS SET FORTH TO IDENTIFY AND ELIMINATE LOOK A LIKE. CONTINUOUS ATTENTION GIVEN TO IDENTIFYING AND ELIMINATING OTHER LOOK A LIKES.

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Airtel - Little Rock (AM)

Teletype: mjh

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Date: 5/17/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
 FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Chicago, dated 5/13/68, re  
JOHNNY R. SMITH.

On 5/15/68, Miss CARRA HUGHEY, Bureau of Vital  
 Statistics, Jackson, Mississippi, furnished the following  
 information from Death Certificate Number 18986-66:

Name: JOHNNY SMITH  
 Date of death: November 27, 1966  
 Place of death: Hernando, De Soto County,  
 Mississippi  
 Race: White  
 Sex: Male  
 Place of birth: Alabama  
 Date of birth:   
 Cause of death: Natural causes (coronary  
 thrombosis) at the De Soto  
 Motel, Hernando, Mississippi  
 Usual residence: 3587 Lamar Street, Memphis,  
 Tennessee  
 Occupation: Self-employed salesman  
 Father: JOSEPH SMITH  
 Mother: BRIDGETT MC NALLEY (maiden)  
 Marital status: Not married

② - Memphis  
 1 - Chicago 1 - Little Rock (157-1215)  
 2 - Jackson (157-9586)  
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JN 157-9586

Burial date: 12/17/66  
Place of burial: Calvary Cemetery, Nashville, Tenn.  
Funeral home: Memphis Funeral Home,  
Memphis, Tennessee

From the above information, it is apparent SMITH died of a heart attack on 11/27/66, at the De Soto Motel, Hernando, Mississippi. He was interred at the Calvary Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee, and the Memphis Funeral Home, Memphis, Tennessee, handled the funeral arrangements.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will contact the Memphis Funeral Home for any information relating to next-of-kin, it being noted that in referenced Memphis airtel, the Bureau of Vital records in Tennessee indicate SMITH had a brother listed as next-of-kin. Memphis will also attempt to determine the address of JOSEPH SMITH, listed as father of the deceased.

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FORM NO. 511

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,  
EDUCATION, AND WELFARE  
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICECERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPISTATE  
FILE NO.

REGISTRAR'S NO.

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <u>DeSoto</u>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institutional, residence before admission) a. STATE <u>Tenn.</u> b. COUNTY <u>Shelby</u>	
3. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <u>Hernando</u>		4. LENGTH OF STAY IN 1b <u>Memphis</u>	
5. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (If not in hospital, give street address)		6. STREET ADDRESS <u>3587 Lamar</u>	
7. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		8. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
10. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) <u>Johnny Smith</u>		11. DATE OF DEATH Month <u>11</u> Day <u>27</u> Year <u>66</u>	
12. SEX <u>Male</u>	13. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	14. MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>	15. DATE OF BIRTH <u>52</u>
16. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <u>Salesman</u>		17. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <u>Self employed</u>	
18. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <u>Alabama</u>		19. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <u>USA</u>	
20. FATHER'S NAME <u>Josh Smith</u>		21. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Bridgett McAlley</u>	
22. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (For, no, or unknown)		23. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	
24. INFORMANT <u>Miss Nellie Smith - Same</u>		25. ADDRESS	
26. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <u>D.O.A. - (Found dead)</u> CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GAVE RISE TO ABOVE CAUSE (b), MAKING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE (c): DUE TO (b) <u>Natural causes</u> DUE TO (c) <u>Coronary thrombosis</u> PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a)			
27. INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH			
28. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
29. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/>			
30. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18.)			
31. TIME OF INJURY Hour <u>  </u> Month <u>  </u> Day <u>  </u> Year <u>  </u> a. m. p. m.			
32. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>			
33. PLACE OF INJURY (i. e., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.) <u>DOA</u>			
34. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <u>Nashville, Tenn.</u>			
35. COUNTY <u>Memphis</u>			
36. STATE <u>Tenn.</u>			
37. I attended the deceased from <u>DOA</u> to <u>  </u> and last saw her/him alive on <u>  </u> Death occurred at <u>  </u> on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated: 28. <u>W. W. Wadsworth M.D.</u> (Degree or title) 29. ADDRESS <u>Hernando</u> 30. DATE SIGNED <u>5 Dec 66</u>			
38. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <u>Burial</u>		39. DATE <u>12/17/66</u>	
40. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <u>Calvary</u>		41. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <u>Nashville, Tenn.</u>	
42. FUNERAL DIRECTOR <u>Memphis Funeral Home - Memphis, Tenn.</u>		43. DATE RECD. BY LOCAL REG. <u>  </u>	
44. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>  </u>		45. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>  </u>	

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This is to certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original certificate.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of Dec 19 66

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 13, 1969

Ronan

Notary Public

F B I

Date: 5/22/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via A I R T E L \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Little Rock teletype to Bureau 5/10/68 and  
Memphis airtel to Chicago 5/13/68.

Enclosed for each office is a Xerox copy of a  
State of Mississippi Certificate of Death concerning JOHNNY  
SMITH. *Johnny R. - Sub E 964*

Enclosed made available on 5/21/68 by Mrs. CONNIE  
ZUGAJ, Clerk, Old Republic Life Insurance Company, 307 North  
Michigan, Chicago. The file concerning SMITH reflected no  
other pertinent information.

A+D

- ② - Memphis (Enc. 1) *✓*  
2 - Jackson (157-9586) (Enc. 1)  
1 - Little Rock (Enc. 1) (157-1215) (Info)  
2 - Chicago

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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4/10/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN  
(OO:ME)

*44-1987-213*  
Re Dallas teletype, 4/9/68.

Enclosed for ME is 1 photo of WALTER NATHANIEL ISSEL, to be displayed to witnesses as possible suspect.

On 4/10/68 SA HARVEY E. WILKINSON reviewed file at Protective Intelligence Research, U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C., re ISSEL and following info noted:

ISSEL first came to attention of USSS when CV Office, FBI, notified USSS 10/28/64 info received that one WALTER N. ISSEL had reportedly made statement that JOHNSON and KENNEDY should have been shot, and he had purchased a 50mm automatic tank gun.

On 12/1/66 USSS developed info ISSEL practices sometimes 3 hours a day with a high power rifle in his back yard.

- Wm*
- 3 - Bureau
  - ② - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 1)
  - 1 - Dallas (44-2649) (Info)
  - 1 - WFO

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*Carpenter requested*  
*Photo Rff*

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On 3/21/68 USSS developed info at CV that ISSEL currently using name of JAMES MEINER (a close friend of ISSEL who lives at Jacks Trailers Ct., Chardon, Ohio) and is living in Texas with wife or girl friend JULIA ANN HOOD, white, age 19.

On 4/5/68 ISSEL called a USSS Agent stationed in Cleveland, Ohio, at 2:15 p.m. Said he was calling from Dallas, Texas, but didn't say why.

No handwriting specimen for ISSEL available  
USSS file.

Following description of ISSEL obtained from  
USSS file:

Name and aliases:	WALTER NATHANIEL ISSEL, aka Walter Nathaniel Yessel James Louis Meiner
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Birth date:	[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio
Residence:	April, 1968 4814 Frio Street Dallas, Texas Sept., 1965 7247 Middle Ridge Road, Madison, Ohio 1964 35811 Matoma Drive Eastlake, Ohio
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	150 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Peculiarities:	Attempted suicide July 25, 1956, while confined in Base Stockade, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., on larceny charge; psychiatrist care



WFO 44-703

Occupation:

Marital status:

Close relatives:

FBI Number:

Social Security Number:

Other identifying numbers:

as a "teen-ager"; expert rifle  
shot; may have WD, actually in  
to one possible act as a "homo"  
"like dogs"

Salesman - bread, encyclopedias,  
and Fuller Brushes

separated or divorced

Father deceased

Mother deceased

Step mother: GLENNA MAE ESSEL,  
Lyndhurst, Ohio (1956)

Brothers and sisters (in 1964):

LOUIS, age 31, Ohio

CARL, age 21, USAF

GAIL, age 18, Cleveland, Ohio

397 545 C

Cleveland, Ohio PD# 93328

USAF SN [REDACTED]

discharged "other than honorable"

F B I

Date: 4-11-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)  
RE: MURKIN

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS, 4-9-68.

Enclosed 2 photographs of EUGENE H. MC CORMICK ✓  
being submitted to your office for elimination purposes.

② - Memphis (Enc. 2) <sup>ON 7</sup>  
2 - Cleveland

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FBI LITTLE R

9:45AM 5-17-68 URGENT LEF

TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS

FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 2P -P-

MURKIN. (RE: DONALD W. RAMSEY, AKA BILL RAMSEY)  
RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY FOURTEEN, SIXTY  
EIGHT.

FOR INFO, SUBJECT ALONG WITH SIR DELMAR MUTT HOLLAND  
AND SUBJECT'S SON DONALD CARL RAMSEY, INTERVIEWED MAY EIGHT,  
SIXTY EIGHT, BOONE CO. JAIL, HARRISON, ARK. THREE SUBJECTS  
ARRESTED WEIGHT DIVISION OFFICERS, ASPOL, MAY FOURTEEN,  
SIXTY EIGHT, NEAR ARKANSAS-MISSOURI STATE LINE, FOR DWI.  
FIREARMS FOUND IN THEIR POSSESSION CONSISTING OF TWO TWENTY  
TWO-CALIBER RIFLES AND FOUR PISTOLS AS WELL AS A TYPEWRITER,  
CHECK PROTECTOR, AND BLANK CHECKS ALONG WITH PREPARED  
UNNEGOTIATED CHECKS FROM SEVERAL STATES. ITSP ASPECT BEING  
HANDLED SEPARATELY.

ON MAY SIXTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, DONALD W. RAMSEY ADVISED  
HE MENTIONED MARTIN LUTHER KING AND FOUR NEGROES BEING KILLED  
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LR 157-1215

IN KANSAS CITY "JUST FOR KICKS." HE SAID THE ARRESTING OFFICERS, WHEN THEY SAW HIS WEAPONS, BECAME EXCITED AND MENTIONED KING AND FACT THAT SOME NEGROES HAD BEEN KILLED IN KANSAS CITY. UNTIL THAT TIME HE HAD NOT BEEN AWARE OF ANY INCIDENT AT KANSAS CITY. RAMSEY STATES HE WAS LAST IN MEMPHIS IN SIXTY TWO BUT DECLINED TO DISCUSS HIS ACTUAL WHEREABOUTS ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, AND REFUSES TO DIVULGE HIS RECENT CHECK WRITING ACTIVITIES. ALL SUBJECTS TO BE RELEASED ARKANSAS AUTHORITIES, MAY NINETEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. FOR FURTHER INFO, ALL SUBJECTS PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED IN EXTENSIVE CHECK WRITING ACTIVITIES AND BACKGROUND CONCERNING BOTH RAMSEYS IN BUFILE NINETY FIVE DASH FOUR ZERO EIGHT NINE SEVEN. ATTEMPTS TO INTERVIEW MUTT HOLLAND AND DONALD CARL RAMSEY REFLECT BOTH UNCOOPERATIVE.

AM COPIES TO LOS ANGELES, BIRMINGHAM, AND KANSAS CITY.

END

SAB

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(RH airtel to Dir 5-10-68 RE:  
LOOKALIKE SEEN BY N. C. HIGHWAY  
PATROLMAN IN NEWTON, N.C. 4-9-68

Employee

RECHARGE

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

Date charged

Employee

Location

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI LOS ANG.

9:50AM URGENT 5-13-68 NJZ

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND LITTLE ROCK  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE DONALD W. RAMSEY, AKA BILL RAMSEY.

ON MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT, CALIFORNIA PAROLE AGENT C. L. MANDELLA, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, FURNISHED PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF LETTER WHICH DONALD W. RAMSEY, AKA BILL RAMSEY, BOONE COUNTY JAIL, HARRISON, ARKANSAS WROTE TO LAWRENCE E. LAYMON AT THE ADDRESS OF A FRIEND OF LAYMON'S MRS. ETHEL SPICHTIG, BOX TWO FOUR THREE, GROVER CITY, CALIFORNIA. LAYMON IS BEING SOUGHT BY MANDELLA AS PAROLE VIOLATOR. RAMSEY WAS RELEASED FROM CALIFORNIA MEN'S COLONY, WEST FACILITY, LOS PADRES, CALIFORNIA, NOVEMBER ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AND SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ARREST IN ARKANSAS, WAS  
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DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE BY CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES MAY THREE LAST AS THEY CHOSE NOT TO EXTRADITE. NATURE OF LETTER FROM RAMSEY TO LAYMON INDICATES THE TWO ARE FORMER PRISON ASSOCIATES; THAT RAMSEY AND ONE MUTT HOLLAND WERE ARRESTED FOR RUNNING GUNS AND WHISKEY AND THAT RAMSEY IS CONFINED IN BOONE COUNTY JAIL, HARRISON, ARKANSAS. ONE PORTION OF RAMSEY'S LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE BIG HEAT IN WASHINGTON, D. C. IS SEEKING ME OUT ON LUTHER KING AND FOUR NIGGERS SHOT TO DEATH IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. HAD SOME HIGH POWERED RIFLES WITH SCOPES AND SOME PISTOLS. THE HEAT SAYS ONE OF MY RIFLES COULD BE THE ONE THAT GOT KING. THEY PROVED I WAS IN MEMPHIS THAT NIGHT SO I AM JUST SWEATING IT OUT. THIS LETTER IS SMUGGLED OUT NOT CENSORED. MUTT WENT HAZY ON ME BUT IS GETTING BETTER, FLUSHED A COUPLE HUNDRED DOWN THE TOILET - TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF AND ALL THAT JAZZ. HE HAS A CHECK BEEF IN SAN CLEMENTE RIGHT NOW. CALIFORNIA WANTS HIM FOR THAT AND OTHER THINGS. I GOT ABOUT TWENTY THOUSAND OUT IN PAPER IN EIGHTEEN STATES MOST OF IT FEDERAL, BUT SO FAR JUST A P.V. HOLD FROM CALIFORNIA. THE KING AND KC BUSINESS AND

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LA 44-1574

THIRTY DAYS HERE FOR CONCEALED WEAPONS, BIG FINE FOR GUNS  
AND WHISKEY." ANOTHER PORTION OF THE LETTER READS:

"I BOUGHT A NEW CAR FORD BUT WORE IT OUT SIXTY THOUSAND  
MILES - WILL LET THE FINANCE COMPANY TAKE IT NOW. I'LL  
PROBABLY BE SLOUGHED UP FOR QUITE A WHILE. I WILL FIGHT  
ALL THE WAY - NOTHING TO LOSE NOW. I WILL BE HERE TIL  
MAY NINETEENTH UNLESS FEDS RELEASE TO CALIFORNIA."

LITTLE ROCK AT HARRISON, ARKANSAS - INTERVIEW RAMSEY  
RE MURKIN, POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS, AND RE FOUR NEGROES  
KILLED IN KANSAS CITY. INTERVIEW MUTT HOLLAND WHO WAS  
APPARENTLY ARRESTED WITH RAMSEY ALONG SAME LINES.

BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY ADVISED AIR MAIL.

END

SAB

FBI MEMPHIS

SC  
April 22, 1968<sup>(37)</sup>

Department of The Army  
Brig. General Alexander, L. S.  
Washington, District of Columbia

Honorable Sir:

I hope this letter reaches you  
and you are in the best of health.  
When I left Detroit last June, 22, 67,  
I did not know where to contact you.  
I served as a private under your  
command at L. S. M. R., Pa. in 43 & 44.  
At the time I was Private Mary Kiersey Brown,  
A-902277.

If you want to contact me for  
any reason my permanent address  
Boyer BF

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is below.

As I write this letter I am  
moved to enclose a clipping  
from our local paper and add  
to it that Saturday<sup>(30)</sup>, about 9:00 PM  
at the Chicken Shack or at least  
(out by Olthorp and Dr. Congress where  
fried chicken is sold), I heard three  
men talking and one answered Ray  
description. This one said he could  
not read and what was the paper  
saying. I am not going to the  
F. B. I., for here I am telling you,  
and I know you are well qualified  
to judge this for me.

Respectfully,

Mary J. Kassar  
5015 Loring Drive  
Austin, Texas 78745

May 13, 1968

**AIRTEL**

**TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (Enclosures - 2)**  
**FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI**  
**MURKIN**

**Re Miss Mary S. Karrouf.**

Enclosed for San Antonio are two copies of a letter directed to the Department of Army by the above named individual dated 4/22/68. One copy of the letter is enclosed for Memphis.

San Antonio should immediately interview Miss Karrouf for any knowledge she may have in her possession relating to this case.

For San Antonio's information, a newspaper clipping enclosed with the letter was taken from the April 21, 1968, issue of the "Austin American Statesman" which was related to the subject being added to the list of the Bureau's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives.

① - Memphis (info) (Enclosures - 1)

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Boyle RB

May 8, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover,

On April 3rd my son William set out for a hitch-hiking trip to Florida. His aim was to see Ft. Lauderdale. He is a college student at the Univ. of Conn. He visited his Aunt in Lake Alfred a couple of days, Ft. Lauderdale and Miami a couple of days, and then decided to see the Florida Keys. On April 10th he was part way down on the Keys at a place called Marathon. A man picked him up there in an old beat up foreign car. As they jogged along the man told him, William, that he had just got out of jail that morning in Miami and that he had had the car only two hours. He also said he did not have any plans and didn't know what he was going to do at Key West when he got there. As this did not seem very desirable company William asked to be let out at the first traffic light in Key West. That was the last William saw of the man.

The other day we were talking about all this and it occurred to me that this could have been Galt, the man that shot Martin Luther King. William said he could have been in his thirties but otherwise he can't remember what he looked like.

At this late date this may not be any help to you but it was a bit coincidental time wise and thought you should know about it.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth E. Jones

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Bryce RB

May 13, 1968

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN (Enclosures-2)  
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI  
MURKIN  
Re Ruth C. Jones - Complainant

Enclosed for New Haven, Memphis and Miami are two copies of a letter from the above named individual dated 5/8/68, indicating that her son may be in possession of information regarding the subject. New Haven should immediately contact Mrs. Jones and her son to obtain all pertinent information. At time of interview with Mrs. Jones, orally acknowledged receipt of her letter.

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1 - Miami (Enclosures-2)

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AIRTEL -

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO:ME)  
Re RUTH C. JONES - Complainant

*Sub E-970A*

Re: Bureau airtel to New Haven, 5/13/68.

WILLIAM W. JONES, home address 557 Israel Hill Road, Shelton, Conn., who is a Freshman, residing in Room 416 Eaton House, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn., was contacted May 17, 1968, at which time JONES stated he went to Florida by hitch-hiking during spring vacation from the University of Connecticut.

After arrival in Florida, he spent some time in early April, 1968, in Lake Alfred, visiting an aunt and thereafter visited Fort Lauderdale and Miami. He decided to visit the Florida Keys and on April 10, 1968, while he was hitch-hiking there, he was picked up in Marathon, Florida, by a white male driving an "old, beat up" foreign automobile, make unknown. Its color was greenish and fading. JONES advised during the ride the driver who did not reveal his identity, informed JONES he had been released from jail that day. This individual did not name the jail but JONES felt it was located in Miami, Florida. JONES stated that the man did not reveal why or for what period he was incarcerated. This individual stated that he was driving to Key West, Florida, seeking work.

3- Bureau (44-38861)  
②- Memphis (44-1987)  
2- Miami  
2- New Haven (157-818)  
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JONES stated he did not care to remain in the company of this individual and left the car at the first traffic light in Key West. He advised he had no definite reason to believe the driver was JAMES EARL RAY and he noted it was Mrs. JONES' idea to contact the FBI.

WILLIAM JONES advised he has seen photographs of RAY or ERIC GALT as he has read about him and he did not believe there was anything about the man who gave him a ride that would make him think it was RAY.

JONES described the driver as being in his 30s, 5'10", 185 pounds, with medium to heavy build. He had brown, slightly grey hair and his complexion was light to medium. No particular accent was noted and JONES stated the man "looked broke and bummy". He wore a white T shirt, dark brown pants and had no luggage.

In view of the foregoing, no further investigation is being conducted.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1868 Columbia Rd. N.W., Apt. 310

Washington, D.C. 20009

May 10, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I thought you would have found the assassin of Martin Luther King before now so I haven't presented this possible clue.

My brother-in-law <sup>John Kinsella</sup> was an FBI agent in Buffalo, N.Y. a couple of years ago until he retired and transferred to the New York State Police as a crime analyst. He died of cancer recently and a dozen FBI agents came to his funeral. He told me that no matter how outlandish <sup>44-1987-Sub E-241</sup> it was, the FBI would look into it.

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*Boyle R.P.*

Well, for what it is worth, here it is. I was driving to work on Friday, the morning after King was shot. I stopped

at a red light on Irving Street, at Sherman Street, N.W. A beetle Volkswagen painted (repainted) a peculiar yellowish green pulled up beside me on the one-way street about 15 feet away from me.

I saw that his headlights were on in broad daylight, <sup>(at the time no other travelers were showing this deference to King)</sup> so I supposed he had been driving all night and had neglected to turn off his lights. I started to lean over and wind my window down and call to him about his lights, but to my surprise he wound his window down first and waited for me to speak. He appeared nervous and watching for challengers.

I told him that I didn't know whether he knew it or not but his lights were on. He said, "I know it!" rather gruffly and then added, "Thank you!" He resembled "Ray" although his face appeared fuller. He had a pasty complexion with a fresh red scar in the middle of his left cheek as though

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a boil had been lanced.

Now here is the way I look at it. He was tipped off in prison in Missouri that on account of his successful assassination of President Kennedy, another job was being offered, to assassinate King. (Where else would a small time hoodlum get all that money except by a big job like Kennedy's assassination) His escape from prison was arranged by this powerful group of Catholic and Colored haters.

He bought a deer rifle but was told by a brother (non-soul brother) that it was not powerful enough and exchanged it for a 30.06 with telescopic sights, and went to the neighboring rooming house in Memphis to await King. (Incidentally, don't rule out the possibility that King was a part of the plot, because he expected

to be killed when he returned to Memphis and by being a martyr he could best further his ends and those of his colleagues.

This fellow, Ray or Galt, who was discharged from the Army for being inept, is still inept and it will get him in the end, but for the present he is carrying out instructions of his fellow conspirators. Like the game "hare and hounds" he dropped clues like his rifle and drove off in a white Mustang Convertible that stuck out like a sore thumb.

When he reached a rendezvous in Memphis, he switched cars with a conspirator who drove the Mustang to Atlanta to throw the hounds off his (Ray's) trail. Ray took the yellowish green beetle Volkswagen (the model doesn't change and there are millions of them on the road) and drove north.

The time was just right for him

encountering me at 7:30 a.m. the next  
 day (Friday) in Washington. He was  
 keeping off the main highway where  
 the police might catch him.  
 For some unknown reason he had  
 made a trip to Montreal a short time  
 ago. Now the reason is known - to  
 establish his identity and have a  
 place to hole up in a foreign country  
 where the FBI would not be looking  
 for him. He could either remain in  
 hiding or take off from there for Europe.  
 He probably has a hundred thousand  
 dollars with him.  
 I believe you could find him  
 in the red light district of Montreal,  
 or possibly Paris. If you go along with  
 the Kennedy assassination, he has  
 established a M.O. I believe you could  
 find out from his associates in Chicago from  
 someone like Don Venturi, and from the fact they  
 had been in Ottawa. Don't forget to ask them.

5-14-68

Airtel

To: SAC, Washington Field

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Paul J. Hanlon - complainant.

Enclosed for Washington Field are two copies of a letter from Paul J. Hanlon dated 5-10-68. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

Washington Field should interview Mr. Hanlon to determine all information he has in his possession regarding the suspect he observed. At the time of interview orally acknowledge receipt of his letter.

For your information and assistance, John D. Kinsella was a former Special Agent who entered on duty with the Bureau 12-29-41 and retired 5-6-66.

1 - Memphis (info) *Wm*

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FBI WASH DC

1137PM URGENT 5-15-68 CABJEB

TO DIRECTOR \44-38861\ AND  
MEMPHIS\ AND LOS ANGELES \PLAINTEXT\  
MEMPHIS\ AND LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM SAN JUAN \157-61\ 4P

MURKING.

RE NEW HAVEN TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND SAN JUAN MAY FIFTEEN  
INSTANT.

FOR INFO LOS ANGELES LUZ E. GOMEZ AGE ONE NINE\ AND  
[REDACTED] AGE ONE SIX\ ADVISED AGENTS OF NEW HAVEN  
INSTANT DATE THEY OBSERVED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AT SAN JUAN  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT\ SIX THIRTY AM\ MAY FOURTEEN LAST\ WHO  
THEY FEEL IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY. INDIVIDUAL TRIED TO  
PURCHASE TICKET AT PAN AMERICAN COUNTER TO JAMAICA OR ARUBA.  
BOTH DESCRIBED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AS HIGHLY NERVOUS\ MOVING LIPS  
CONSTANTLY AND PULLING LOBE OF RIGHT EAR\ THIRTY-FIVE\ FIVE NINE  
OR FIVE TEN\ SLENDER BUT STRONG BUILD\ NO HAT\ BROWN HAIR TINTED  
REDDISH BLOND\ TEETH NORMAL BUT UPPER CENTER APPEARED TO PROTRUDE  
SLIGHTLY AS LIPS WERE MOVED OVER THEM\ EARS PROTRUDED SLIGHTLY  
RIGHT MORE THAN LEFT\ EYES BLUE\ ROUND\ AND PIERCING\ COMPLEXION  
MEDIUM\ NO SCARS NOTED\ WORE MEDIUM-BROWN SUIT\ LIGHT BLUE SHIRT\  
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Boyle BB  
Hester H

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TIE AND PLAIN BLACK SHOES\ AMERICAN IN APPEARANCE. CARRIED LIGHT TAN SUITCASE WITH LARGE HANDLE. IO FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO EXHIBITED GIRLS WHO FEEL CERTAIN ALL FEATURES OF SUBJECT RESEMBLE THOSE OF UNKNOWN WITH EXCEPTION OF HAIR OF LATTER WHICH IS LONGER.

JOSE RUIZ PAN-AM RESERVATIONS AGENT\ SAN JUAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ADVISED MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT THAT HE RECALLS PERSON BEING FIRST IN LINE AT RESERVATIONS BOOTH AT SIX FIFTEEN AM\ APRIL FOURTEEN LAST WHO TRIED TO PURCHASE TICKET FOR MONTEGO BAY\ JAMAICA BUT BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR PROOF OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP TICKET WAS NOT SOLD\ THIS PERSON STATED HE WOULD STAY AT AIRPORT AT JAMAICA AND NOT LEAVE PLANE BECAUSE HE WANTED TO CONTINUE ON TO LOS ANGELES\ CALIFORNIA. UNKNOWN HAD MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE ORDER FROM PAN-AM\ NEW YORK AND WAS TOLD HE COULD PURCHASE DIRECT FLIGHT TO LOS ANGELES ON DELTA AIRLINES. RUIZ DESCRIBED UNKNOWN AS FORTY TO FORTY FIVE YEARS\ FIVE EIGHT\ ONE SEVENTY TO ONE SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS\ THIN FACE\ BROWN HAIR\ NO GREY\ ACTED CRAZY\ KEPT LAUGHING\ HAIR LONG CREW CUT. WEARING TAN PANTS\ BROWN-MAROON SPORT COAT. PHOTO TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY ONE NINE SIXTY EIGHT OF RAY EXHIBITED TO RUIZ\ WHO STATED THERE

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IS RESEMBLANCE\ HOWEVER HE IS NOT POSITIVE OF IDENTIFICATION.  
RUIZ ADVISED HE IS POSITIVE THAT INDEX FINGER AND MIDDLE  
FINGER LEFT HAND ARE MISSING. STATED SCARS APPEAR TO BE OLD  
AND NOT NEW SCARS. RUIZ STATED THAT UNKNOWN EXHIBITED  
DRIVERS LICENSE WITH PHOTO\ BUT DOES NOT RECALL NAME.  
PHOTO ON DRIVERS LICENSE HAD EYES CLOSED AND HE RECALLED WANTED  
FLYER OF PERSON BEING SOUGHT BY FBI WITH EYES CLOSED AND LATER  
HE LOOKED AT WANTED FLYER AND FEELS PERSON RESEMBLES PHOTO OF RAY.

ABRAHAM BREN TICKET AGENT\ DELTA AIRLINES\ SJ INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT\ SAN JUAN ADVISED MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT THAT HE RECALLS  
SELLING TICKET TO PERSON WITH PAN-AM MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE ORDER AND  
LOCATED TICKET IN NAME OF ROGER SODERHOLM. SODERHOLM PURCHASED  
DELTA TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SIX DASH ONE ZERO ONE DASH ONE FOUR  
SIX DASH ZERO THREE SIX\ WITH PAN-AM MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE ORDER NUMBER  
ZERO TWO SIX DASH ZERO ZERO ONE DASH ONE TWO SIX DASH SIX THREE FIVE  
DATED MAY THIRTEEN LAST AT NEW YORK IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED  
FIFTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHTY EIGHT CENTS. DELTA TICKET ISSUED AND  
ALSO ISSUED WAS DELTA MISC CHARGE ORDER NUMBER ZERO ZERO SIX DASH  
ZERO NINE ONE DASH ZERO ZERO ZERO DASH ZERO ZERO ONE IN THE AMOUNT  
OF TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY THREE CENTS.  
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SODERHOLM DEPARTED SAN JUAN ON DELTA FLIGHT EIGHT FIVE NINE AT EIGHT FIFTY AM\ MAY FOURTEEN LAST AND SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN LOS ANGELES AT TWO ZERO FOUR PM\ \LOS ANGELES TIME\ SAME DATE.

BREN DESCRIBED SODERHOLM AS IN THIRTYS\ FIVE-SEVEN TO EIGHT INCHES\ ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS\ THIN FACE\ SOUTHERN ACCENT\ MEDIUM BUILD\ RESEMBLED PHOTO OF RAY\ BUT NOT POSITIVE SODERHOLM IS IDENTICAL WITH PHOTO.

BREN ADVISED ORIGINAL TICKET PURCHASED WAS PAN AM TICKET ZERO TWO SIX DASH FOUR EIGHT ZERO DASH SIX TWO ONE DASH FIVE SIX FOUR FIVE SIX EIGHT ISSUED MAY SEVEN LAST IN CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES WILL LOCATE ORIGINAL PAN-AM TICKET\ IDENTIFY ROGER SODERHOLM AND RESOLVE IDENTITY.

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