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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS

RE DALLAS LONG DISTANCE CALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

ON MAY TWENTY-SEVEN INSTANT DALLAS PCI THOMAS ALEXANDER CARGILE, JR. ADVISED SA CHARLES T. BROWN, JR., OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON MAY TWENTY-SIX LAST CARGILE WAS ON TRIP TO SOUTH TEXAS AND STOPPED IN A SERVICE STATION IN SMALL TOWN. WHILE HIS CAR BEING SERVICED A "FRIEND" OF CARGILE'S, WHOM CARGILE DESCRIBED AS GAMBLER AND SOMETIMES THIEF, CAME INTO SERVICE STATION. CARGILE STATED HIS FRIEND TRAVELS CONTINUOUSLY AND STATED HE HAD JUST COME FROM MONTERREY, MEXICO. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION CARGILE'S FRIEND MENTIONED HE SAW A MAN WHO APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY WORKING AS BARTENDER IN CLUB NEAR THE "CHEVROLET HOUSE" IN MONTERREY. CARGILE'S FRIEND SAID IF WAS NOT RAY "IT MUST BE HIS BROTHER." CARGILE QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER THE "CHEVROLET HOUSE" MEANT A HOTEL, MOTEL OR CHEVROLET DEALER IN MONTERREY. CARGILE SAID

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HE PRESUMED CHEVROLET AUTOMOBILE DEALER MEANT. CARGILE ASKED HIS FRIEND WHY HE HAD NOT REPORTED THIS INFORMATION TO AUTHORITIES, AT WHICH TIME FRIEND STATED "HE DID NOT WANT TO BE INVOLVED." CARGILE REQUESTED TO FURNISH IDENTITY OF HIS FRIEND, AT WHICH TIME CARGILE STATED PREFERRED NOT TO IDENTIFY THE MAN SINCE THE MAN WOULD KNOW WHO HAD FURNISHED INFORMATION IF HE IS CONTACTED. CARGILE SAID ALTHOUGH HE HAS KNOWN THIS MAN FOR SOME TIME HE IS IN A CONTINUOUS TRAVEL STATUS AND HE DID NOT KNOW HOW TO REACH HIM.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM. (P)

5/28/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 5/22/68.

Search of current directories, city and telephone, on 5/24/68 disclosed NOAH L. and NORMA E. LANE reside 687 Valerie Lane, Whitehall (Columbus), Ohio. Employment is recorded as attendant, Great Eastern Pure Oil, 4600 E. Main Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Records Credit Bureau of Columbus, Inc., searched 5/24/68 by Mrs. CARLA JACQUES, disclose residence of NOAH LANE to be 687 Valerie Lane. He is listed as employed as mechanic, Glenn Davis Pure Oil Station, Main and Hamilton Road, since 5/65. He has a "B" credit rating.

Neighborhood inquiry and investigation at Glenn Davis Pure Oil 5/24/68 disclosed LANE no longer employed there and he was not at his residence all day. Whereabouts was not ascertained on 5/24/68.

NOAH LANE was located and interviewed 5/27/68. He is employed Purdie Metals, Inc., 650 N. 4th Street, Columbus, Ohio. He claims not to know current whereabouts of his nephew, DALE WHITMAN, and has not seen him for more than one year. About four months ago LANE said he had heard WHITMAN was living at Del Ray Beach, Florida, then about three weeks ago he was allegedly living near his mother, Mrs. GORDON YOST, or Mrs. WHITMAN, at Boca Raton, Florida. He said the family is not close knit but should be learn of the whereabouts of DALE WHITMAN he promised to notify the contacting agent.

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1-Cleveland (Info)
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

RE: MURKIN

Re Miami teletype to Director, Cleveland and Cincinnati dated 5/22/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA FRANK G. DOUDS on 5/24/68:

Mr. RYD JAY LANE, 5094 Kusmaul Ave., Champion, Ohio, telephone 847-9466, on interview advised he had not seen his nephew in over a year. At that time, he had stopped overnight with his wife and baby, traveling from Melrose Park, near Chicago, Illinois to the home of relatives of his wife, somewhere in West Virginia. He stated he felt sure if his nephew, DALE WHITMAN, comes through this area, he would stop. He stated he knows nothing about his nephew's relatives in West Virginia and where they reside or their names.

He stated prior to going to Florida and before his nephew separated from his wife, they resided at 1415 16th Ave., Melrose Park, Ill.

He stated if DALE WHITMAN stopped at his residence or at the following relatives, he would advise so that WHITMAN could be interviewed:

ROBERT LANE, 3620 Rio Vista Rd., Leavittsburg, Ohio

Mrs. JESSE OSBORNE, 433 Champion Ave. E, Champion, Ohio

3 - Bureau
1 - Cincinnati
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NOAH LANE, 687 Valerie Lane, Whitehall, Columbus, Ohio

RAY LANE, 2380 Valley Road, RD, Niles, Ohio

Mrs. JESSE OSBORNE, aunt of DALE WHITMAN and RAY LANE, uncle of DALE WHITMAN, on interview advised they have heard nothing from him in over a year. They stated they would advise if he stopped through this area enroute to some other destination so that he could be interviewed.

ROBERT LANE, 3620 Rio Vista Rd., Leavittsburg, Ohio, on interview, advised he has heard nothing from his nephew in over a year. He stated he would not stop at his home, but if he came through the area, he would stop and see BRYD or RAY, his brothers.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: HERBERT H. EATON - COMPLAINT *Sub B-843*

Re Bureau airtel dated 5/22/68.

On 5/24/68, HERBERT H. EATON, 1001 Plum St., Durham, N. C., N. C. College Chaplain, was contacted by SA CHARLES S. MILLER re contents of letter to Bureau dated 5/20/68. EATON stated he would make contact with his source on Sunday, 5/26/68, and arrange for a meeting with SA CHARLES S. MILLER.

On 5/27/68, EATON reported arrangements for contact with source that night.

On 5/27/68, CLARENCE ROYSTER, Rt. 1, Box 1103, Clarksville, Va., Oxford, N. C. Telephone Number 919-593-5205, a Negro male, approximately 47 years old, who requested his identity protected, advised on 4/3/68, at approximately 9:00 p.m., he went to the Puckett Grocery and Drug Store at Stovall, N. C., where he awaited the return of a drugist to fill a prescription. He waited for approximately 30 minutes. During part of this time, he heard the grocer, MELVIN PUCKETT, a white male, in his 60's, talking with a white farmer, also in his 60's, approximately 6' and medium size, in overalls. PUCKETT was discussing the recent declaration of ROBERT KENNEDY as a candidate for President.

ROYSTER said he had not paid close attention to the conversation until he heard PUCKETT say something about a man "carrying on down yonder." He then continued saying in effect "that big mouth down there won't live to carry out what he aims to do the day after tomorrow." He continued to say "they have a man on the way down to take care of him who wouldn't miss because he was a good shooter." *44-1987-Sub E-1031*

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2 - Charlotte

① - Memphis (44-1985) (INFO)

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ROYSTER stated that from previous acquaintance with PUCKETT, he was aware PUCKETT did not like the late President KENNEDY or his brother. At no time did ROYSTER hear any mention of the name of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and he did not have any specific information as to the identity of the intended victim nor the name of the person "they" sent to shut him up. ROYSTER emphasized that he had reported the information to his minister, FLOYD EATON, Creedmoor, N. C., on a confidential basis on the possibility that it might have bearing on the assassination of Rev. KING, but he, ROYSTER, had no additional information in the matter whatsoever. ROYSTER added further that he had been the only other individual present in the store at the time of the conversation. At about the time the above comments were made, MELVIN PUCKETT'S brother, ULYSSES C. PUCKETT, came to the store and filled the prescription and ROYSTER left.

ROYSTER expressed the opinion that PUCKETT was a member of the local unit of the KKK. He based this opinion on the fact PUCKETT has a Citizens Band Radio in the store and one of the numbers on his list was that of the KKK.

ROYSTER further reported that three PARHAM brothers operated a garage at Bullock, N. C., known as the Bullock Garage. He understood DAVE PARHAM left Bullock, N. C., about two days prior to 4/4/68, driving a red Mustang. He was gone for approximately one week before returning driving a light blue Mustang. He stated DAVE, a white male, in his 30's or 40's, who, insofar as he knew, had moved to the vicinity of Bullock during the summer of 1967. ROYSTER stated that he thought possibly DAVE PARHAM could have been the person referred to by PUCKETT although he was unaware of any association whatsoever between PUCKETT and PARHAM. Furthermore, he had heard some conversation indicating DAVE PARHAM had been gone during the week of 4/4/68, on duty with the National Guard.

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CHARLOTTE

AT STOVALL AND BULLOCK, N. C.

**Will conduct appropriate investigation re PUCKETT
and PARHAM and keep the Bureau advised.**

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5/29/68

AIRTEL

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

ReBuairtel to Charlotte 5/22/68, re HERBERT H. EATON,
and CE airtel to Bureau 5/28/68. ✓

On 5/28/68, MELVIN PUCKETT, Puckett's Grocery Store, Stovall, N. C., advised that he and his brother, ULYSSES, operate a combination drug store and grocery store in the Stovall Community, of Granville County, N. C. PUCKETT stated that he cannot recall any conversation in which he was alleged to have participated on 4/3/68, concerning the announced candidacy of BOBBY KENNEDY nor could he recall making any statement to the effect that "That man won't live to carry out what he aims to do, we have a man on the way to get him." PUCKETT advised that he often discusses current events with customers and that he would be unable to even guess the identity of the farmer with whom he was speaking on 4/3/68. PUCKETT advised that the statement as described above, does not sound familiar to him and that he could not imagine any conversation where he would have made or even recall hearing such a statement.

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PUCKETT stated that the only group that he is a member of is the Stovall Baptist Church. He stated he had no further information which could shed any light on the conversations in referenced Bureau airtel.

On 5/28/68, ROBERT HYLER, Grocery store owner, Bullock, N. C., advised he is acquainted with the PARHAM Brothers who own and operate the Bullock Garage. HYLER advised that the PARHAM brothers have operated this garage since 2/68; to the best of his knowledge are law-abiding citizens. He advised he believes there are three brothers, D. A. PARHAM, LEWIS PARHAM and GRAHAM PARHAM. HYLER advised that all three brothers reside in Granville County, N. C.

On 5/28/68, DAVID A. PARHAM, JR. was contacted at his place of employment, the Bullock Garage, Bullock, N. C., and he advised that he and his brothers have been operating the garage since early in 1968, and that he is the mechanic, LEWIS is employed by IBM Corporation in Durham, N.C., and his brother, GRAHAM is a farmer in Granville County, N.C.

PARHAM advised he does not nor ever has owned a Mustang of any color; however, he was driving a red Camaro, Chevrolet, around the beginning of April, 1968, for a couple of days. He advised that he did not leave Granville County, N. C., during April, 1968, until he was called up as a member of the N. C. National Guard on 4/5/68, as a result of the racial disturbances at that time.

The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

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Name	DAVID ALGER PARHAM, JR.
Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	10/31/43
POB	Granville Co., N.C.
Height	5'9"
Weight	180 lbs.
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Sandy blond
Build	Husky
Marital Status	Married
Occupation	Mechanic

In view of the foregoing information, the Charlotte Division is conducting no further investigation regarding this matter.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: NCIC)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (91-0)

SUBJECT: JOHN MASON
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On 5/22/68, DON BRANDT, Assistant Cashier, Illinois State Bank of East Alton, Illinois, advised that JOHN MASON had deposited \$8,000.00 in the Citizens Savings and Loan of East Alton, Illinois, and that he had the money at his bank. BRANDT furnished the serial number of 20 \$100 bills and 120 \$50 bills which were deposited by JOHN MASON on 5/21/68 at the Citizens Savings and Loan, East Alton, Illinois.

The serial numbers are as follows:

\$100 Bills

H04572285A	Series	1950	D
B01336165	Series	1950	E
H01934827	Series	1950	B
L07004199A	Series	1950	C
L07540155A	Series	1950	C
G13743218A	Series	1950	D
G13871888A	Series	1950	D
G14596648A	Series	1950	E
B03398564A	Series	1950	
B04679834A	Series	1950	A
E09476292A	Series	1950	D
D00495749A	Series	1950	
H04992408A	Series	1950	D

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4 - Springfield (1 - 91-0)
(1- 91-3699)
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H04985640A	Series 1950 D
H00553780	Series 1950 C
H04975387A	Series 1950 D
H02648573A	Series 1950 B
H04912238A	Series 1950 D
K00222805A	Series 1934
A02490084A	Series 1950 B

\$50 Bills

H03416821A - H03416880A	Series 1950 D
H02447076A	Series 1950 C
G12760049A	Series 1950 D
J02742048	Series 1950 D
G15823454A	Series 1950 D
F01118524A	Series 1950
E05870162A	Series 1950 A
B35166362A	Series 1950 D
L00103408	Series 1963 A
G01000250	Series 1950 D
E07756231A	Series 1950 B
H03229553A	Series 1950 D
D00467899	Series 1950 B
E11609035A	Series 1950 D
H03372525A	Series 1950 D
L00778025A	Series 1963 A
H02993486A	Series 1950 D
H03397932A	Series 1950 D
H03643837A	Series 1950 D
G01308381A	Series 1963 A
H00552124	Series 1950 B
H03207896A	Series 1950 D
H03228634A	Series 1950 D
H03891665A	Series 1950 D
G16303173A	Series 1950 D
H02760862A	Series 1950 D
H02759604A	Series 1950 D
H02683532A	Series 1950 C
L04871892A	Series 1950 B
G13262394A	Series 1950 D
B24032261A	Series 1950 B
H00723490	Series 1950 D
H01548130A	Series 1950 A
H00586682	Series 1950 C

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K01349048A Series 1950 A
G09446495A Series 1950 B
B20528282A Series 1950 B
C04754681A Series 1950 B
G16427591A Series 1950 D
H02944064A Series 1950 D
H03189755A Series 1950 D
H02934253A Series 1950 D
H03221694A Series 1950 D
H03228633A Series 1950 D
H03337389A Series 1950 D
H03393533A Series 1950 D
H03397313A Series 1950 D
H03397314A Series 1950 D
H03397378A Series 1950 D
208585462A Series 1950 D
H00713260 Series 1950 C
H02019370A Series 1950 B
G12181525A Series 1950 C
G15170116A Series 1950 D
B37441311A Series 1950 D
B31809577A Series 1950 D
G02711574A Series 1950
E11586003A Series 1950 D
D12261655A Series 1950 D
C10276090A Series 1950 D
K00156641 Series 1950 A

All of above enumerated bills are Federal Reserve

Notes.

WALTER MAY, Cashier, Citizens Savings and Loan,
East Alton, Illinois, furnished the following description
and information pertaining to subject.

Name: JOHN MASON
Age: Late thirties
Weight: 180 - 190
Build: Stocky
Hair: Dark brown, very close to black
wavy, combed straight back, appeared
to be styled and had a receding hair
line.
Eyes: Unknown
Complexion: Clear
Speech: Spoke with somewhat of a Texan accent.
Employment: Truck Driver, Atlas Plumbing Company,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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NCIC

Compare these serial numbers with bait money serial numbers entered into NCIC taken in bank robberies and burglaries.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At East Alton, Illinois

Will display appropriate photographs, including photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

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610PM URGENT 6-2-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS OTHER PHASES OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.

RE DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN.

ATTENTION DIRECTED TO MYTEL THIS DATE CAPTIONED "DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN, ATTACKS AGAINST FBI", REGARDING REMARKS OF MOYNIHAN RE MURKIN AND KENNEDY CASES IN COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS SL UNIVERSITY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BUTTE, DENVER, DETROIT AND PITTSBURGH
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN.

RE BUTTE TELEPHONE CALL TO LOUISVILLE MAY THIRTYONE LAST.
FOR INFORMATION OF OTHER OFFICES REFERENCED BUTTE PHONE
CALL ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

ON MAY THIRTYONE LAST, PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY SHOWN TO
LOCAL SALVATION ARMY, BUTTE, AT WHICH TIME OFFICIALS THERE CHOSE
FROM THEIR REGISTER THE FOLLOWING THREE INDIVIDUALS AS CLOSELY
RESEMBLING THE PHOTO OF RAY:

HARRY CONNORS, SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BORN GLASSBORO, MONTGOMERY, MEXICO; FERBER
OLSEN, SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BORN MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.; WILLIAM MOLLETT, SOCIAL
SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

BORN VAN LEAR, KY., FIVE FT. SIX, ONE FORTY LBS., BLUE EYES,
GRAY HAIR; PARENTS - JOHN B. AND SARAH MOLLETT (DECEASED);

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✓ cc: Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (AM)

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NEAREST OF KIN , MAY SPEAR, MELVIN, KY. (SISTER); OCCUPATION COAL MINER; LAST PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, LOGAN, UTAH. HE, MOLLETT, HAS PERFORMED HIS MILITARY OBLIGATION AND RECEIVED AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE.

ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS AT SALVATION ARMY, BUTTE, ABOVE THREE SUBJECTS WERE ALL TOGETHER DRIVING A SIXTYONE - SIXTYTWO (NOT FURTHER DESCRIBED) STATION WAGON. OFFICIALS OVERHEARD CONVERSATION AMONG THREE TO EFFECT THEY WERE TRAVELING TO SPOKANE, WASHINGTON. THEY REGISTERED NIGHT OF MAY THIRTY LAST AND CHECKED OUT MORNING OF MAY THIRTYONE LAST.

ON JUNE ONE INSTANT, JACK MOLLETT, WEEKSBURY, KY., BROTHER OF WILLIAM MOLLETT, ADVISED HE HAS NOT SEEN HIS BROTHER WILLIAM IN OVER TWO YEARS. MOLLETT ADVISED HE THOUGHT HIS BROTHER HAD BEEN KILLED IN WAYNE COUNTY, W.VA. OVER A YEAR AGO. MOLLETT STATED A SKELETON WHICH STRONGLY RESEMBLED HIS BROTHER WAS FOUND. MOLLETT STATED THE SKELETON WHICH HAD STEEL PLATE IN THE SKULL AND NO TEETH WAS FOUND WRAPPED IN ARMY BLANKET IN WOODS IN WAYNE COUNTY. MOLLETT STATED AUTHORITIES HAVE NEVER OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED HIM BUT HE BELIEVES BODY IS NOW IN CHARLESTON, W.VA.

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MOLLETT ADVISED, HOWEVER, HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM HIS BROTHER IN FEB. SIXTYEIGHT AND AT THIS TIME HIS BROTHER ADVISED HIM HE WAS IN DENVER, COLORADO AND WAS DOING FINE. MOLLETT STATED ON APR. FIVE LAST HE RECEIVED A COLLECT CALL FROM HIS BROTHER IN DENVER. THE PHONE NUMBER THE CALL ORIGINATED FROM WAS SIX TWO THREE - FOUR FOUR SIX ONE, AND MOLLETT ADVISED IT SOUNDED LIKE IT CAME FROM A BAR BECAUSE OF BACKGROUND NOISES. MOLLETT STATED HIS BROTHER ADVISED HIM AT THIS TIME TO CONTACT ALL THE FAMILY IN DETROIT AND TELL THEM TO BE READY TO MOVE OUT BECAUSE THE "NIGGERS IN DETROIT ARE GOING TO CAUSE A LOT OF TROUBLE OVER THE DEATH OF THAT NIGGER, MARTIN LUTHER."

MOLLETT STATED HIS BROTHER SOUNDED DRUNK AND WENT ON TO SAY HE HAD GOT HIS TEETH FIXED AND HAD GAINED SOME WEIGHT. MOLLETT WAS ADVISED BY WILLIAM THAT HE NOW HAD A GOOD JOB, IN DENVER, AND EVERYTHING WAS FINE. MOLLETT STATED HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM HIS BROTHER SINCE THAT TIME. MOLLETT ADVISED WILLIAM WAS ON HIS WAY TO VA HOSPITAL IN HUNTINGTON, W.VA. APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO WHEN HE DISAPPEARED. MOLLETT STATED HE HAD NOT HEARD ANYTHING FROM HIS BROTHER UNTIL HE RECEIVED PHONECALL IN FEB. FROM DENVER. MOLLETT FURNISHED FOLLOWING BACKGROUND ON HIS BROTHER:

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WILLIAM M. MOLLETT, AKA BILLY MULLETT, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BLUE EYES, GRAY HAIR, FIVE FT. SIX, ONE FIFTY LBS., STOCKY BUILD, HAS STEEL PLATE IN HEAD, NO TEETH, POSSIBLY WEARING DENTAL PLATES NOW; FORMERLY EMPLOYED KY. STATE PRISON, LAGRANGE, KY.; BROTHERS BEN MOLLETT, WEEKSBURG, KY., ED MOLLETT, GARFIELD ST., LINCOLN PARK, MICH.; ELIAS MOLLETT, PERRON ST., RIVER ROUGE, MICH.; SISTERS: MRS. VERNIE ENGLISH, ONE SEVEN ONE FOUR ROSE ST., LINCOLN PARK, MICH.; MAY MULLINS, WEEKSBURY, KY. SERVED U.S. ARMY WW II; DRINKS QUITE HEAVILY AND IS MEAN WHEN DRUNK. ASSOCIATES WITH UNDESIRABLE INDIVIDUALS WHEN DRUNK. MOLLETT ADVISED HIS BROTHER DOES NOT DRIVE A VEHICLE AND HAS NEVER OWNED A CAR THAT HE KNOWS OF.

BEN MOLLETT AND MAY MULLINS INTERVIEWED JUNE ONE INSTANT, WEEKSBURY, KY. AND THEY COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF THEIR BROTHER.

DETROIT, CONTACT RELATIVES OF WILLIAM MOLLETT AT RIVER ROUGE AND LINCOLN PARK FOR BACKGROUND AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF MOLLETT.

DENVER, DETERMINE SUBSCRIBER OF PHONE NUMBER SIX TWO THREE - FOUR FOUR SIX ONE AND DETERMINE IF MOLLETT PRESENTLY EMPLOYED IN DENVER AREA. ALSO DISPLAY PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY TO PEOPLE RESIDING AT ABOVE PHONE NUMBER.

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**PITTSBURGH, AT VA HOSPITAL, HUNTINGTON, W.VA.,
OBTAIN BACKGROUND ON MOLLETT.**

**AT CHARLESTON, DETERMINE IF BODY FOUND IN WAYNE COUNTY
W.VA. OVER A YEAR AGO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED.**

**LOUISVILLE AT KENTUCKY STATE PRISON, LAGRANGE, CHECK
EMPLOYMENT RECORDS FOR BACKGROUND ON MOLLETT.**

MAIL

PM EDST URGENT 6-2-68 WRJ
TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, BUTTE, DENVER, DETROIT AND LOUISVILLE
FROM PITTSBURGH 44-578

MURKIN

RE LOUISVILLE TEL JUNE ONE, LAST.

LLOYD HAMBLIN, VARO, HUNTINGTON, W.VA., FURNISHED FOLLOW-
ING INFORMATION FROM RECORDS TODAY:

E-1034
WILLIAM MADISON MOLLETT LAST ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL FOUR
EIGHTEEN, 'FIFTYSIX FOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND DIAGNOSIS
REVEALED MILD HYPERTENSION, RESIDUALS OLD FRACTURES - SKULL
AND NOSE, PERIAPICAL DENTAL INFECTION, AND TEETH EXTRACTED.

RECORDS REFLECT MOLLETT SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTED DENTAL
TREATMENT, WAS GIVEN APPOINTMENTS WHICH WERE NOT KEPT BY
HIM. HE CORRESPONDED WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON RE DENTAL
PROBLEM AND WAS AFFORDED TREATMENT VA HOSPITAL SALT LAKE
CITY, UTAH WHERE HE WAS FURNISHED FULL UPPER AND LOWER
DENTURES ON FEB. FOURTEEN, 'SIXTYSIX. HAMBLIN ADVISED
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MOLLETT HAS FILE AT VARO, LOUISVILLE, KY. VA HUNTINGTON
RECEIVED INFO FROM VARO, LOUISVILLE THAT AS OF MAR. TWELVE,
'FIFTYSIX, MOLLETT WAS A SCHIZOPHRENIA, PARANOID TYPE.

MOLLETT BORN [REDACTED] AT VAN LEAR, KY.,
COAL MINER, MILITARY SERVICE NOV. TEN 'FORTYFOUR TO NOV.
THIRTY, 'FORTYSIX, HONORABLE DISCHARGE, ARMY SN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VA CLAIM NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEPRESSION LEFT TEMPLE, FATHER JOHN B
MOLLETT, MOTHER SARAH MOLLETT, BOONS CAMP, KY., PERMANENT
ADDRESS - WEEKSBURY, KY., ADDRESS OF JAN. 'SIXTYSIX,
TWENTYTWO EAST SECOND ST., SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

INVESTIGATION RE UNIDENTIFIED BODY FOUND WAYNE COUNTY,
W.VA., CONTINUING.

LOUISVILLE REVIEW VARO RECORDS FOR ANY RECENT INFO RE
MOLLETT'S WHEREABOUTS.

MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 6/4/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LOOK-ALIKE HARRY CONNER 0 ?

Re Butte telephone call to Louisville, Minneapolis, Seattle, and Salt Lake City, 5/31/68.

Investigation conducted in Seattle and Spokane, Washington, at the Salvation Army and other shelters for transients, failed to disclose any information concerning HARRY CONNER or his two companions, FABER OLSEN and WILLIAM MALLET. Stops were placed with each of these places so the FBI would be notified if any of these three men showed up.

As of 6/4/68, no word received from any of these places in either Seattle or Spokane regarding this matter.

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 1 - Denver (157-203) (Info)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
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 SAC, DETROIT
 SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)
 SAC, MINNEAPOLIS
 SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)
 SAC, SEATTLE

FROM: SAC, BUTTE (173-2) (P)

MURKIN.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RE BUTTE TELEPHONE CALL TO LOUISVILLE, MINNEAPOLIS, SEATTLE, AND SALT LAKE CITY, MAY THIRTY ONE, LAST; LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE ONE, LAST; AND PITTSBURGH TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE TWO, LAST. *Sub E-1034B*

HARRY CONNER MENTIONED RE BT PHONE CALL MAY BE HARRY CARVER AND ONLY PERSON REPORTED BY SALVATION ARMY, BUTTE, AS RESEMBLING OR POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

ON MAY THIRTY ONE, LAST, THREE OFFICERS BUTTE PD, BELIEVED CHECKED SAME THREE INDIVIDUALS REPORTED RE PHONE CALL; HOWEVER, FAILED TO OBTAIN LICENSE OR NAMES OF OCCUPANTS. STATION WAGON NOW BELIEVED CHEVROLET BEL AIR. BUTTE POLICE OFFICERS STATE NONE OF OCCUPANTS STATION WAGON BELIEVED IDENTICAL OR RESEMBLE RAY. *44-1987-Sub E-1034C*

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)

1 - Butte

Approved: TJM/cjh
 (8) Special Agent in Charge

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**BUTTE SENDING SALVATION ARMY REGISTRATION CARDS FBI
LAB AIR MAIL, AND STILL ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE THREE INDIVIDUALS
TO ELIMINATE HARRY CARVER AKA HARRY CONNER AS BEING IDENTICAL
WITH RAY.**

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AM.

END.

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

5/31/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, Newark
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 4:50 p.m., 5/28/68, WILLIAM A. TURNER, of 776 North 46th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., telephonically contacted the Philadelphia Office of the FBI. Mr. TURNER volunteered the following information:

On Monday, 5/27/68, TURNER visited the Manahawkin Police Department in Manahawkin, N. J., in an attempt to gain information concerning a recent automobile accident. While speaking with an unidentified police officer, TURNER noticed a "striking" resemblance between this individual and a picture of JAMES EARL RAY, which was hanging on a bulletin board. TURNER said the individual was well built with light brown hair. TURNER could not distinguish any noticeable accent in the police officer's speech.

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NEWARK:
AT MANAHAWKIN, N. J.

Conduct appropriate investigation.

Information copy being furnished Memphis.

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- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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251PM URGENT 6-3-68 SMS

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

MURKIN.

RE LATEL MAY THIRTY-ONE LAST.

RE JAMES PAUL THORNTON.

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JOHN HARTLEY ORTMAN, OF FOUR SIX FOUR TWO BRIARHILL
DRIVE, YORBA LINDA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE RECALLS
THORNTON AS VOLUNTEER WORKER AT ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA,
HEADQUARTERS, GEORGE WALLACE CAMPAIGN. ADVISED THORNTON
A LONER AND DOES NOT KNOW ANY OF HIS ASSOCIATES. ORTMAN
UNABLE IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY.

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AIRTEL

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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

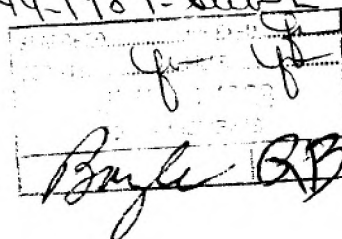
On 5/31/68, J. L. CAMP, Route 1, Silver Creek, Georgia, operator of the County Line Tavern, advised that 5 or 6 weeks ago, a man came to the tavern after having been picked up as a hitch-hiker by a Mr. BALEWIN. The man had no luggage and when he indicated need for employment, CAMP offered him a job on CAMP's Sunny-Sun Farm. The man gave only the name of JERRY MOSLEY, and when asked concerning relatives next of kin, indicated only that he had a mother in Gadsden, Alabama. He said the man seemed to be inexperienced in farm work, and after remaining there a time, asked permission to go to Alabama, supposedly to pick up his clothing. He returned within a few days, indicating he had been unable to locate his mother, and did not return with any clothing. He occasionally mentioned having also been in Birmingham, Alabama, in the past, and having worked for a cafe of some type. CAMP allowed the man to stay in a small house trailer next to the tavern, and while there, he was not visited by anyone, and never mentioned any relatives or friends by name.

On 5/27/68, CAMP allowed MOSLEY to work as a bartender in the tavern, and observed him making mistakes in customer's change. On the morning of 5/28/68, MOSLEY was noted to be missing and that is the last he has seen or heard of this person. He later determined that \$26 was missing from the previous day's proceeds.

On 5/30/68, CAMP observed a picture of JAMES EARL RAY, aka ERIC GALT, in a newspaper, and decided that MOSLEY bore a resemblance to RAY. He described MOSLEY as being a W/M, age 28-30, 155 lbs., 5' 11", with dark brown or black hair, and had

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what appeared to be acne on his face. He stated at times the man acted in a manner to indicate he might have been mentally unbalanced. He did not know how the man left, but he had no automobile, and assumed that he hitchhiked a ride with someone.

On 5/31/68, HENRY BALDWIN, Route 1, Arogon, Georgia, advised he had picked up a man as a hitchhiker several miles south of the County Line Tavern, 5 or 6 weeks ago. The man was hitchhiking north, and he transported this person as far as the County Line Tavern. He understood that the owner of the tavern had later offered the man a job. He said when he picked him up, the man had no luggage and did not advise him concerning his name. He said after observing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, that there appeared to be some resemblance, although in his mind, he did not believe they were the same persons. He said judging by the man's actions, and his mode of travel and conduct, he believed very likely that the man was wanted.

LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM

AT GADSDEN, ALABAMA

Will contact local authorities and review local PD and other source records for any record of a JERRY MOSELEY in an effort to positively determine whether there was such a person as MOSELEY, and to make a conclusion as to whether he could be identical with subject, RAY.

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Will check records, Birmingham PD, for any record of JERRY MOSELEY that could be identical with suspect.

CONSIDER SUBJECT ARMED & DANGEROUS.

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F B I SEATTLE

1235 PM URGENT 6/5/68 JJD

TO MEMPHIS

FROM SEATTLE (44-371) 1P

MURKIN.

AT ELEVEN FORTY-FIVE AM THIS DATE A TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED AT THE TACOMA, WASHINGTON RA. THE CALLER HAD A DEEP MASCULINE VOICE AND SAID QUOTE I'M GOING TO SAY WHAT I HAVE TO SAY ONLY ONCE. IF YOU WANT TO GET A LEAD ON THAT BOY THAT SHOT KING SUGGEST YOU CONTACT JAMES J. PLEASANT PAREN PHONETIC END PAREN, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. END QUOTE.

THE CALLER THEN BANGED THE RECEIVER WITHOUT IDENTIFYING HIMSELF. MEMPHIS HANDLE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CORRECT TIME SHD BE 1225

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 6/11/68

FROM : SA JOHN W. BAUER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Seattle teletype to Memphis dated 6/5/68
(Sub E-1038).

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN W. BAUER on 6/6/68 at Memphis, Tennessee:

Check of City Directories in the name of
JAMES J. PLEASENT or phonetic spellings of PLEASENT
negative.

The following listing was found:

Mrs. JAMES J. PLEASENTS
1142 Peabody Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee.

Check of credit and criminal records negative.

Neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of
1142 Peabody Avenue reflects Mrs. JAMES J. PLEASENTS moved
to 1478 Peabody Avenue. Frequent attempts to contact
Mrs. PLEASENTS negative.

In view of the apprehension of JAMES EARL RAY,
no further investigation being conducted on this Sub file
number.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re JAMES H. ANDERSON

Re Bureau telcall to New York and New York telcall to Bureau, both on 5/31/68.

Diners Club (DC) Records, New York City, reflect JAMES H. ANDERSON, 800 Pennsylvania Avenue, Savannah, Georgia, applied for a DC Card. Application received by DC 10/24/67 and approved 11/1/67. ANDERSON was issued Card [REDACTED] ANDERSON reported this card was lost by teletype to DC dated 3/30/68.

DC issued a duplicate credit card to ANDERSON with same number except that the final series of numbers and letters (LDC) has an additional lower case letter d under the numeral 1 in this series which indicates that this is a duplicate credit card. If a charge is received by DC without the lower case letter d under the figure 1 in the final series, DC will not pay this charge. To date no such charge has been received.

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ANDERSON had two charges in March totaling \$27.90 which was paid in full in April, 1968. There were no charges in February, 1968 and have been none since the two charges in March, 1968. Copies of these two charges are on microfilm and cannot be made available until 6/3/68.

ANDERSON is Vice-President of L & A Supermarket, 800 Pennsylvania Avenue, Savannah, Georgia, and in 1968 reported income of eight to nine thousand dollars per year. This business is owned by L.E. ANDERSON, father of JAMES H. ANDERSON.

JAMES ANDERSON banks at the Liberty National Bank, Skidaway Branch, Savannah, Georgia, account number 10-14-17-4.

DC advised the Credit Bureau of Savannah, Georgia, Post Office Box 1398, verified the address and employment of JAMES H. ANDERSON. It reports he has excellent credit rating and has been known to the Credit Bureau since 1960. It reports ANDERSON was single and age 32 in 1967.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

6/3/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)
MURKIN

Re WFO telephone call to Bureau, 6/1/68.

POSSIBLE LOOK-A-LIKE OF JAMES EARL RAY
AT SHOREHAM HOTEL, WDC, ON 6/1/68.

On 6/1/68, at about 4:45 p.m., Detective CHASE, Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., telephonically advised SA ALLAN M. POWER that STEVE ISAACS, City Editor, "The Washington Post," reported a female reporter covered a meeting that date where RALPH ABERNATHY for the Poor People's Campaign was supposed to speak. For some reason, ABERNATHY was replaced by ANDY YOUNG. The female reporter mentioned to ISAACS that a "red neck" in the crowd closely resembled JAMES EARL RAY. This reporter noted the "red neck" left abruptly when it was learned ABERNATHY would not speak. ISAACS indicated another reporter covering this meeting also thought the "red neck" resembled RAY.

At 5:03 p.m. on 6/1/68, Mr. STEPHEN ISAACS, City Editor, "The Washington Post", advised SA ROBERT W. DAWSON that reporter CAROL HONSA (Mrs. CARL BERNSTEIN) covered a

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conference of the Capital Trust Club at the Shoreham Hotel this date, and that at about 10:30 a.m. she saw a white man, who was wearing no socks, that she believed to look like an old photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and like the artist's sketch which appeared in the "Commercial Appeal," a Memphis, Tennessee, newspaper. She said that LARRY STILL, who was formerly a reporter for "The Evening Star," a Washington, D. C., newspaper, had also seen this individual.

On 6/1/68, CAROL HONSA, City Editor, "The Washington Post," whose married name is Mrs. CARL BERNSTEIN, advised that she was assigned to cover the Capital Press Club, Washington, D. C., conference at the Shoreham Hotel concerning the urban crisis. She said that she arrived at the Palladium Room of that hotel at about 10:45 a.m., at which time a conference concerning religion and the ghetto was just ending. She observed a young white man sitting in the rear of the room studying the program of the conference. This individual did not appear to be listening to the proceedings, and he was not observed to talk to anyone. HONSA stated that because of his dress he appeared out of place; and she was suspicious of him. She said that most persons were dressed in business clothing, but this individual wore a sport shirt, open at the neck, possibly beige or dirty white, a long sleeve rust colored cardigan sweater, dark trousers, possibly gray, and black shoes with no socks. She said that she had never seen this individual attending any meeting of this type on previous occasions. HONSA stated that this individual appeared to be waiting for the next sermon of the conference, which concerned civil rights organizations and the ghetto; Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, President of the Southern Christain Leadership Conference, was scheduled to speak.

HONSA stated that after a coffee break, about 11:00 a.m., speakers for the conference were introduced; and at this time the above mentioned individual was standing at the rear of the

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room near a steel service door. He appeared to be confused, and shortly after the speakers were announced, he left the room by the steel service door. She said that she did not know why he was standing, as there were plenty of seats with only about 70 - 75 people present at the meeting. About 10 minutes later he re-entered the room but left again almost immediately.

HONSA stated that because of this man's appearance and actions, she was suspicious of him; and when he left immediately after it was learned that Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY would not be a speaker, she suspected he might be there to cause some harm to ABERNATHY. She said that she spoke to LAWRENCE STILL, President of the Capital Trust Club, about this individual; and at the time she talked to STILL, AL SWEENEY was present.

HONSA stated that she had never seen this individual before or since he left the meeting, and that she could furnish no information to identify him. She suggested that he might be known to STILL or SWEENEY.

HONSA commented that her husband considers her an "alarmist".

HONSA advised that as she returned to the Washington Post offices around 4:00 p.m., she was thinking about this individual and about the possibility of ABERNATHY being assassinated as KING was; and at this time she thought about this individual possibly looking like JAMES EARL RAY. Upon arriving at the newspaper offices, she had the photographs of RAY obtained from the newspaper morque and reviewed them. She stated that the individual she had seen somewhat resembled the 1966 Missouri State Penitentiary photograph of RAY and the "Commercial Appeals" artist's sketch.

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HONSA described the individual she had seen as a white male, approximately 30 - 35 years of age, 6 feet tall, slender build, 160 - 180 pounds, thin face, light brown cropped hair with side burns to the middle of the ears, fair complexion which was slightly pink as though sun burned or wind burned. She said the individual reminded her of a "red neck".

At approximately 7:00 p.m. on 6/1/68, SA DAWSON was unable to find any individual in the lobby of the Shoreham Hotel fitting the description as furnished by HONSA.

On 6/2/68, Mr. LAWRENCE STILL, 5704 New Hampshire Avenue, N. E., advised SA DAWSON that he did not see the individual that HONSA had spoken to him about. He said that he may have seen the individual, but did not recall him. STILL stated that he did not have any recollection of seeing anyone at the meeting mentioned by HONSA that looked like RAY. STILL stated that he would immediately report any such thing to authorities. STILL advised that ALFRED L. SWEENEY, who is Chairman of the conference, Telephone 593-5023, could possibly furnish additional information.

On 6/2/68, Mr. SWEENEY, who resides at 1105 Lamberton Court, Silver Spring, Md., advised that he had seen the individual pointed out by CAROL HONSA, and that he had not been disturbed by this person present at the above mentioned conference. He said that his first thoughts were that the person was a worker at the hotel, but he had no information in this connection. He said that he had no way of identifying the individual. Mr. SWEENEY stated that he has seen photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he does not consider the individual mentioned by HONSA to at all resemble RAY. SWEENEY further stated that because of his interest in civil rights and the urban crisis, he would be the first to notify authorities in the event he saw an individual he believed to resemble RAY.

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In view of no identifying information being obtained by HONSA, and since other individuals do not believe the individual resembled JAMES EARL RAY, WFO is taking no further action in this matter.

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1255PM URGENT 6-5-68 MS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
NEWARK, NEW YORK & PHILADELPHIA
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

MURKIN

RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL JUNE THREE LAST.

AIRTEL NOT FURNISHED NEWARK, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA.

RE: BRUCE IRWIN GOVERN, AKA.

ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL, AKA ROBERT LAWRENCE, FBI NUMBER EIGHT
NINE TWO DASH ONE FOUR FOUR A, INTERVIEWED SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY JAIL
JUNE FOUR, LAST, STATED HE HAD WRITTEN FOUR PAGE LETTER ADDRESSED TO
BRUCE SET OUT IN RE AIRTEL. RUSSELL STATED THIS LETTER WAS A COM-
PLETE FABRICATION OF HIS IMAGINATION AND HE GAVE LETTER TO GOVERN WHO
WAS A "HIPPIE," SEEMED TO BE ALL DOPED UP, AND WAS USING "SOMETHING"
EVEN WHILE CONFINED TO SAN FRANCISCO JAIL.

RE: ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL.

RUSSELL STATED HE HAD MET A JIMMY GALT IN NEW ORLEANS, LA., IN
LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY, SIXTYSEVEN. HE OBSERVED THE MOST RECENT
PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISED THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE
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SUNGLASSES IN SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT DID NOT RESEMBLE THE MAN HE MET IN NEW ORLEANS. HE ADVISED THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN A BUSINESS SUIT RESEMBLED THE MAN HE MET IN NEW ORLEANS.

DURING THE ENTIRE INTERVIEW OF RUSSELL, HE APPEARED VAGUE, RAMBLING, INDECISIVE, INCOMPLETE, AND WHEN ASKED TO REPEAT VARIED HIS STORY SUFFICIENTLY SO AS TO WARRANT SKEPTICISM AS TO THE HONESTY AND ACCURACY OF HIS STATEMENTS.

SAN FRANCISCO CONTEMPLATES REINTERVIEW OF RUSSELL AFTER INFORMATION IS RECEIVED FROM OTHER OFFICES WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS TO HAVE SOME AWARENESS OF HIS CREDIBILITY.

THE IDENT DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH SAN FRANCISCO WITH A CURRENT IDENT RECORD FOR RUSSELL.

NEW YORK, NEWARK, AND PHILADELPHIA ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THIS OFFICE WITH ANY INFORMATION THEY HAVE WHICH WOULD PERMIT THIS OFFICE TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF RUSSELL'S RELIABILITY AND CREDIBILITY.

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JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI NEWARK

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM,
MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEW YORK (44-1609), PHILADELPHIA (44-1368),
AND SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)
FROM NEWARK (44-354)

MURKIN

RE SF TEL TO BUREAU, JUNE FIVE LAST; SF TEL TO
NEWARK JUNE FIVE LAST; RE ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL.

REVIEW OF NEWARK FILES REVEALS THAT ROBERT LAWRENCE
RUSSELL, AKA CHARLES E. LEAP, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE TWO-
ONE ONE FOUR A, HAS IN THE PAST FURNISHED FALSE AND UNFOUNDED
INFO TO THE NEWARK OFFICE AS WELL AS TO NEW JERSEY AUTHORITIES
AND TO THE NEW YORK CITY AND PHILADELPHIA OFFICES OF U.S. BUREAU
OF CUSTOMS.

RUSSELL HAS COME TO THE BUREAU'S ATTENTION IN CASE
CAPTIONED COSTACHE GEORGE BLEBA, IS-ALBANIA, OO NYO, BUFILE
ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE THREE TWO TWO ONE ZERO.

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CORRECTION PARAGRAPH THREE LINE TWO NAME SHOULD
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861); ATLANTA (44-2336); BIRMINGHAM; MEMPHIS (44-1987)
NEW YORK (44-1609) AND SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

FROM PHILA 44-1368

MURKIN

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU SIX FIVE LAST.

RE ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL:

RUSSELL, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE TWO ONE FOUR FOUR A HAS IN THE
PAST FURNISHED MISLEADING AND UNRELIABLE INFO TO THE PHILA FBI OFFICE
& TO THE PHILA OFFICE OF BUREAU OF CUSTOMS. BUREAU REFER TO CASE E
ENTITLED, "COSTACHE GEORGE BELBA, AKA, IS - ALBANIA, OO-NYO, BUFILE
ONE HUNDRED THREE THREE TWO TWO ONE ZERO, A AND D".

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Date: 6/5/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

FROM: SAC NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN

RE: ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU JUNE FIVE INSTANT.

ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL AKA, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE TWO DASH ONE FOUR FOUR A, HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS AN UNRELIABLE PERSON WHO HAS FURNISHED INFORMATION UNWORTHY OF BELIEF TO THE NYO IN TWO CASES. THESE CASES IDENTIFIED AS "COSTACHE GEORGE BELBA, AKA, IS-ALBANIA" BUFILE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH THREE THREE TWO TWO ONE ZERO NYFILE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH NINE EIGHT FIVE THREE ONE, AND "ROBERT LAWRENCE, AKA, DASH FUGITIVE, UFAP DASH GRAND THEFT", BUFILE EIGHT EIGHT DASH FOUR ONE SIX TWO TWO, NYFILE EIGHT EIGHT DASH NINE THREE EIGHT EIGHT.

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SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL, FBI Number 892 144A was interviewed in the San Francisco County Jail, Hall of Justice Building, San Francisco, California, on June 4, 1968.

RUSSELL advised that his true name was ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL although he was confined to the San Francisco County Jail under the name ROBERT LAWRENCE. RUSSELL stated he was born on [redacted] in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He stated he is being held on a charge of grand theft and his trial date is July 10, 1968.

RUSSELL related he was arrested in New York City, New York, about September 23, 1967, and has been in custody ever since except for a week in November, 1967. He advised that in November, 1967, he was released because he was cooperating with the New York City Police Department and/or the New York County District Attorney's Office. He advised he was returned to California and since returning to California has been confined first in the San Francisco City Jail and then the San Francisco County Jail, located on the sixth and seventh floors respectively of the Hall of Justice Building.

He advised that his wife is VALERIE RUSSELL, 12 East 31st Street, New York City, New York. He advised she was a legal secretary who formerly worked for Judge MUPPHY, not otherwise identified. He related his wife is pregnant and expecting a baby in the next two weeks.

RUSSELL advised that he had written a letter which he gave to BRUCE GOVERN while they were both confined in San Francisco City Jail. He advised that this letter was entirely a figment of his imagination and had no basis in fact except that he said he knew a man by the name of GALT in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1967.

RUSSELL stated after examining the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he saw RAY who was using the name JIMMY GALT in the Roosevelt Hotel bar in New Orleans, Louisiana, in April, 1967, late in the month, or May, 1967.

On 6/4/68 at San Francisco, California

by SAs LEO A. SCHON and
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RUSSELL related he was using the name JAMES ALEXANDER at this time. He related that eventually he was arrested in the City of New Orleans and was booked under the name JAMES ALEXANDER.

He advised that he did not consider the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY wherein RAY is wearing sunglasses to be a good likeness. He related that the photograph showing RAY in a business suit with a white shirt and wearing a tie was a good likeness of the man he knew as JIMMY GALT. He described JIMMY GALT as a white male American, 180 to 190 pounds, 5'10", and having black hair. He advised he never paid any attention to GALT's eyes. He stated he could not recall any scars on his forehead or hands. He was unable to describe the nose and made no remarks concerning the chin. He advised that GALT wore a watch and a diamond pinky ring. He also wore sunglasses with a black frame. He advised that he met RAY in the bar at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans.

RUSSELL advised that he had won some money gambling and was in New Orleans to enjoy himself and to see if he could make any other scores. He stated he was aware that the State of California wanted him at that time.

He advised that he had frequented the Hotel Roosevelt bar for several days and noticed RAY, or GALT as he was called, in the bar and eventually met him. He advised that GALT had a great deal of money. He stated it was his belief that he could have had as much as \$25,000 and this was based upon the fact that he saw GALT take money out of his pocket and that he had several \$50 and/or \$100 bills in his possession. He advised after seeing GALT with this roll that he decided he wanted to get to know him and to get to know where his residence was located so that he could get the money from him. He advised he intended to burglarize GALT's residence if necessary.

He advised that after talking with GALT at the bar in the Roosevelt Hotel that he eventually told GALT that he was wanted by the police. He advised that he saw GALT several times during a two or three week period. He advised that eventually GALT indicated that he also had done time but had been out for five or six years.

He described GALT as being very quiet, did not like Negro people, and seemed to enjoy gambling.

He related GALT never took him to his residence. He advised it was his belief that GALT lived either with his brother or his uncle in New Orleans, Louisiana. He stated this was based upon the fact that they went riding in an automobile one afternoon and that they drove by a house which was located three or four blocks from the French market and also near a big church, and GALT indicated he lived there.

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He advised that the automobile they were riding in belonged to GALT's girl friend.

He advised that this house was located about ten or twelve blocks from Canal Street and five or six blocks from a big church, stating that the street had big houses on it and that at least two families lived in the building.

He advised it was his recollection that he was introduced to GALT by a barmaid in the Roosevelt Hotel. RUSSELL stated that he frequented the bar every night and was so well known there that he could even leave a tab. He advised that he cannot recall the barmaid's name or her description. He stated it was his recollection that the bartender was a white male American, about 55 years of age, with gray hair, wearing glasses, who was short and stocky. He stated this bartender had a helper behind the bar who was either of Mexican or Spanish extraction.

RUSSELL stated GALT was frequently in the company of women and he believed that the girl he was with most of the time was named EVELYN (Last Name Unknown) who came from some place in the South, possibly Montgomery, Alabama. RUSSELL stated that it was his belief or recollection that EVELYN was a friend of a girl who had worked at JACK RUBY's place in Dallas, Texas. He advised that also in RAY's company was another woman by the name of IRENE and that he believes she might have been from Los Angeles, California, and had some connection with a bar either as an owner or a prospective purchaser.

RUSSELL related that although he met GALT in the bar at the Roosevelt Hotel, that he also saw him in a restaurant or bar across the street from the Royal Orleans Hotel and near Napoleon's Bar. He remarked that the Royal Orleans Hotel had a bar called the Touche Bar which opened after 4:00 p.m. He advised that located on a corner immediately adjacent to the Royal Orleans Hotel was Napoleon's Bar and that further down in the block was a small bar which had a large back room entirely devoted to gambling. He advised that he was in this small bar with the back room for gambling with GALT on at least one occasion and that GALT placed bets in this room with a girl named "PAT."

He stated that a city building was located across the street from the Royal Orleans Hotel and that very close to this city building was a bar called Sinatraville. He advised that the bartender or owner of this establishment would know GALT and would know RUSSELL as JIMMY ALEXANDER.

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He stated that if the owner of the Sinatraville were contacted, that he should be asked about the little blonde girl that came from Mississippi or Alabama, the one who quit her job. He stated that the owner should be asked if he has seen ALEXANDER or JIMMY recently.

He advised that there was a restaurant located over the Absinthe House and that he was in this restaurant on one occasion with JIMMY GALT.

RUSSELL related that after he had been in New Orleans a short time he was arrested and was held in jail for a few days, and after he got out went back to the bar, Sinatraville, inquired about the girl and was told that PAY had gone to a place in Mexico. RUSSELL could not remember the exact dates for the above.

He related that also during the time that he was in New Orleans, a girl he was out with one night got picked up by the police. He stated that he immediately got in contact with the syndicate through a bartender at the Touche Bar in the Roosevelt Hotel and that this girl was then released almost immediately.

He advised that during the time he was in New Orleans that MATT MONROE (phonetic), a singer, was appearing in the Roosevelt Hotel. RUSSELL related that he got to know MATT MONROE and KENNY (Last Name Unknown), MATT MONROE's pianist. He related that on one occasion they went to a bar on Bourbon Street and that JIMMY GALT came in and joined them. He related MATT MONROE resided at the hotel during his engagement.

RUSSELL advised that during the time he was in New Orleans, the Japanese International Floating Fair was in town. He advised that he became very well known aboard this ship and in fact was able to have the Mayor of New Orleans declare one of the officials connected with the Japanese International Floating Fair an honorary citizen of the City of New Orleans.

He advised, "Maybe RAY killed him. I believe that RAY was hired. Both men were killed by the same people." He related that by both men he meant President JOHN F. KENNEDY and Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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He stated, "I have no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts. I believe RAY is alive and is either in New Orleans or Rio de Janeiro, South America."

He stated he believes he might have RAY's New Orleans telephone number in some notebooks which he had but which are now in the possession of a District Attorney in New York City as a result of his having been arrested in New York City.

He stated, "I believe that I could locate RAY or his body through making calls or contacts."

He said he had no knowledge of RAY's whereabouts and had no knowledge that RAY was dead.

It was his opinion that President JOHN F. KENNEDY and Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING were killed by the same people. He said it was his belief that the same people are responsible for these two deaths and that the money came from the same people. He advised that it was his belief that President KENNEDY was killed because Cuban exiles held him responsible for the death of Cuban patriots in the Bay of Pigs invasion. He stated it was his opinion that these same Cuban exiles were responsible for the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING because the United States had not supported an invasion which was to be led by a RAOUL TIGART (phonetic). He advised that this man named RAOUL TIGART was captured by CASTRO forces.

He advised that in July, 1964, he was able to become very friendly with some men in Trenton, New Jersey, who were connected with the syndicate. He advised that a man known as CARL or PAPPY (Last Name Unknown) who had done time at Leavenworth but was now a wealthy man had a phone booth registered to the Famous Restaurant on State Street in Trenton, New Jersey. He advised this man, PAPPY, came to him and asked him if he wanted to make a million dollars and that he could make a million dollars by "knocking a guy off." FUSSELL stated that he told PAPPY you have your own men, why don't they do it. PAPPY responded that he did not want to get involved.

He advised that PAPPY checked him out and later indicated that he should get in contact with MARIA CASTRO at the Rio de Janeiro Hotel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

He advised that he did call MARIA CASTRO at the Rio de Janeiro Hotel. He stated at the time he made this call he was accompanied by a girl by the name of ADELE MANCINI who lives in Philadelphia. He advised that he spoke to MARIA CASTRO through her aid, GONZALES (phonetic), and was offered one million dollars

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to kill FIDEL CASTRO. He stated that MARIA CASTRO indicated that they would make all arrangements.

He advised that in talking with MARIA CASTRO she indicated that one million dollars was the same price that was paid for the death of President KENNEDY.

He advised that this CARL or PAPPY had a partner by the name of JOHN KEYES (Phonetic), also of Trenton, New Jersey.

He advised that ROBERT KENNEDY wanted him to help work the HOFFA case and that a man known as PAUL MONROE contacted him to help him organize cab drivers in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

He advised that during the time he was in New Orleans in 1967 that he called Mr. GARRISON several times but GARRISON never came to the Sheraton Hotel to see him. He stated he wanted to talk to GARRISON about the death of President KENNEDY but got no response. He advised that he had information to furnish GARRISON about the KENNEDY case. He related that both ROBERT KENNEDY and Mrs. JOHN F. KENNEDY had written to him in November, 1963, when he was confined in the New Jersey State Prison. He related that he had written to Mr. ROBERT KENNEDY and Mrs. JOHN F. KENNEDY after the death of President KENNEDY. He stated, "If I told my theory, I would be killed. My theory about the KENNEDY and KING murders."

He stated that he had written a letter to the "Saturday Evening Post" in New York City about the KENNEDY case and that this letter was written in either February or March, 1968.

He advised that he had just prepared a script for a motion picture regarding the KENNEDY case for which he received the sum of \$5,000 from Leonard Anderson (phonetic) Associates in New York City.

He advised that FRANK HOGAN, the District Attorney in New York City, had in his possession personal property belonging to him, RUSSELL, which consisted of notebooks, cards, etc., which he is certain were they returned to him would be productive in locating some telephone number for GALT (RAY) in New Orleans, Louisiana. He also advised that a Mr. MIKE DOUGHTY, telephone number 609-695-6281, New Jersey State Penitentiary, a kitchen officer, also has some personal papers of his.

He advised that his San Francisco attorney is Mr. GEORGE T. DAVIS.