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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
ATLANTA

FROM SAC KNOXVILLE (44-696)

LA Times

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RE ATLANTA TEL MAY EIGHTEEN LAST TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS
RE FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY, TELEPHONE CALLS MADE JUNE
SIXTYSEVEN FROM PHONE OF LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, LOS ANGELES,
CALIF., TO FOUR ZERO FOUR DASH EIGHT SIX SIX DASH SEVEN
THREE ONE ZERO.

MAY TWENTY INSTANT, TOMMY DALTON, SECURITY OFFICER,
SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH CO., CHATTANOOGA,
TENN., ADVISED ABOVE PHONE REGISTERED TO BETTY AGNES STEEL,
ONE ONE THREE ORCHARD ST., ROSSVILLE, GA., NOV. TWENTYTHREE
SIXTYSIX TO APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT WHEN DISCONNECTED.

ALICE DOBBS, ELECTRIC POWER BOARD, CHATTANOOGA, ADVISED
BETTY ARMASTINE STEELE RESIDED ONE TWO ZERO FOUR LOGAN AVE.,
ROSSVILLE, GA., DEC. THREE SIXTYSIX TO PRESENT. FORMERLY
RESIDED FIVE ONE FIVE CARDEN AVE., ROSSVILLE, DEC. TWENTYONE
SIXTYFIVE TO DEC. SIX SIXTYSIX; TWO ZERO THREE PEERLESS ST.,
ROSSVILLE, JAN. TWENTYTWO SIXTYFIVE TO DEC. TWENTYONE
SIXTYFIVE; AND TWENTYONE PIGRAM CIRCLE, ROSSVILLE, PRIOR

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TO JAN. SIXTYFIVE. DIVORCED FROM WALTER L. STEELE, EMPLOYED
ROSSVILLE YARN, ROSSVILLE, ON DATE OF APPLICATION, JAN.
TWENTYTWO SIXTYFIVE. FORMERLY EMPLOYED PEERLESS WOOLEN
MILLS, ROSSVILLE. ELECTRIC POWER BOARD, CHATTANOOGA, DOES
NOT SERVE ORCHARD ST., ROSSVILLE. THIS SERVED BY NORTH
GEORGIA POWER CO.

ON MAY TWENTY INSTANT MARGARET NANCE, CHATTANOOGA CREDIT
BUREAU, ADVISED FILES REFLECT BETTY AGNES STEEL, DIVORCED FROM
WALTER STEEL, DEC. SIXTYFOUR. MRS. STEEL, WHITE FEMALE,
DOB KNOWN TO CREDIT BUREAU FILES
NINETEEN SIXTY TO PRESENT, UNSATISFACTORY CREDIT. OCT.
SIXTYSEVEN HER ADDRESS ONE TWO ZERO FOUR LOGAN AVE., CHATTANOOGA,
FORMER ADDRESSES TWO ZERO THREE PEERLESS ST., OCT. SIXTYFIVE
AND TWENTYONE PIGRAM CIRCLE, ROSSVILLE, PRIOR TO PEERLESS
ST. ADDRESS. NO ADDRESS OF ONE ONE THREE ORCHARD ST.,
ROSSVILLE, LISTED FOR BETTY AGNES STEEL. HER EMPLOYMENT
JUNE SIXTYTWO TO PRESENT LISTED AS ROSSVILLE YARN PROCESSING
CO., ROSSVILLE, GA.

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NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN CURRENT CHATTANOOGA CITY DIRECTORY
LISTS ONE ONE THREE ORCHARD, ROSSVILLE, GA., AS OCCUPIED BY
WALTER CYMBALL, PHONE NO. EIGHT SIX SIX DASH NINE THREE
ZERO FIVE. WALTER CYMBALL, WIFE MYRTLE W., HAVE NO OCCUPATION
LISTED. NO RECORD OF EITHER CHATTANOOGA CREDIT BUREAU.

ATLANTA, AT ROSSVILLE, GA., CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGA-
TION RE MRS. BETTY AGNES STEEL.

MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES ADVISED VIA AMSD.

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AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-9627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

LA Line

Frank William Brickley
FBI Number 197 7986

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau 12:50 a.m.
May 18, 1968, and Bureau teletype to Los Angeles 2:04 p.m.
May 18, 1968.

Mobile file 76-1081 reflects FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY had been the subject of Mobile file and had escaped from the Federal Prison Camp, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama, October 24, 1965. He had originally been convicted on HMMW at Roanoke, Virginia, May 23, 1960, and given a six-year term. He was apprehended January 22, 1966, and was sentenced on March 24, 1966, to serve one year for the escape.

His parents were Mr and Mrs. ROY D. BRICKLEY, 301 Howland Avenue, Rossville, Georgia. He listed sisters as Mrs. FRANKS DUNN, Wildwood, Georgia; Mrs. ELMORE L. HOLLAND, 1223 East 37th Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Mrs. MARY WILSON, 2808 East 39th Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The file reflects no indication that BRICKLEY ever resided in the Mobile Division or had any connection

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in the Mobile Division other than his incarceration at the Federal Prison Camp in Montgomery. No indication is contained as to his present whereabouts other than through his relatives listed. It is noted that Atlanta is interviewing his parents.

Enclosed herewith for Los Angeles is a photograph of FRANK WILLIAM BRECKENRY taken at USP, Terre Haute, Indiana, May 30, 1965.

No investigation is being conducted by Mobile concerning this individual WAC.

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From Bill Thomas 5, /68

~~xx~~ Day before the assassination James Earl Ray was in Athens, Ala., and was taken to Memphis. That would have been April 3.

~~xx~~ Ray registered at flophouse, along with another man, Samuel Lewis. According to informant, Lewis was to take King if the balcony scene didn't work out. After the shooting, Ray walked to his car accompanied by a man and a girl. The car: A new blue Buick with Alabama plates; 1st digits: "14." Owned by Eddie Wilburn (Wilbourn?) of Huntsville, Ala. Lewis spent night of April ~~XXXX~~ 4 at the flop house. He left the next morning (April 5) for Knoxville..

Ray, along with two young women and a child, was driven out of Memphis by ~~Wilburn~~ Wilburn straight to Kansas City. The drive took 6½ hours. Wilburn, the two women and the kid all from Huntsville, Ala.

In Kansas City, Ray stayed at a private home. At dusk April 5 he was flown to Belle Glade, ~~XXXXXX~~ Florida in a private aircraft which took off from a private field in Kansas City. Plane supposed to be owned by William Pierce, a wealthy man who also owns the private airfield, supposed to have had contracting company in Cuba ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~; owns motel at Belle Glade and cottages on Lake Okeechobee. He's also supposed to be KKK'er.

On April 11, informant says, Ray got on a yacht (which prob was a chartered fishing boat) at Key West, owned by Capt. Ben Thompson.

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Incidentals: Pierce often flies to New Orleans. He knows Jim Garrison. Pierce and Wilburn may be related.

The murder rifle is still supposed to be stashed in the furnace of the flophouse. The guns were switched. The one found outside ~~XXXXXX~~ Canipe Amusement Co. was not gun actually used. ~~44-1987-Sub E-98500-1~~

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The rifle is supposed to be underneath a pile of other stuff in the furnace. The informant says somebody in the rooming house ~~ix~~ was supposed to be in on the plot. That would be the guy who lives there and helps keep up the place making beds etc.

Ray may be wearing bifocals now. His white Mustang was never in Memphis. It never left Georgia. Don't know how it got in Capitol Homes public housing development.

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On April 4, Ray made calls to Belle Glade from ~~the~~ from Memphis, a bus station. He used a credit card. The credit card might have been made out to Ridell Catering, subsidiary of U.S. Rubber Corp., Detroit. Or, he might have been made out to one Robert Brinkley. If t'was Ridell, might be a Mr. Ridell who lives in Harper Woods, ~~area~~ a fancy Detroit ~~university~~ suburb.

Some weeks before the assassination, Ray was supposed to have stayed in Belle Glade.

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Payoffs: ~~Wilburn~~ Wilburn supposed to hv bn paid off in Reno, at the Cal-Neva Lodge. Someone won \$25,000 the night before at the lodge, and the thought is that the "winnings" were rigged to provide payoff money. Now enters one Charlie Cate, lived in Reno. He's from Tennessee, comes back occasionally to visit. He reportedly knows about the payoff. Ben (@ or maybe Jack) Sturgis of St. Louis was a bartender at Reno and supposed to have come into a lot of money during last few weeks.

Re Sam Lewis (or Louis): He's supposed to hv served time at prisons in Milan, Mich., Chillicothe, Ohio; ~~Terra~~ Haute, Ind. He took bus to ZKnoxville April 5. Then came through Memphis April 7 (day Mrs. King paraded) en route to Los Angeles. He may have stayed in Kⁿoxville with a local fireman, perhaps a company cmdr who is not supposed to be implicated.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (44-1987)

DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : ASAC C. O. HALTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Sub 2-983

NICHOLAS A. CHRISS, Houston, Texas representative. "Los Angeles Times," and GEORGE REASONS of the Los Angeles Office of the "Los Angeles Times," contacted me in the Memphis Office the afternoon of 5/17/68.

Mr. CHRISS produced a 2-page memorandum containing information obtained from an informant of the "Los Angeles Times" in Los Angeles. CHRISS permitted his memorandum being copied on the Xerox machine and the copy is being made a part of the Memphis file.

The information furnished by the informant as to the manner in which the murder was committed, information regarding cars used, and the murder weapon is completely contrary to facts developed during the FBI investigation.

Mr. CHRISS stated this information had been made available in Los Angeles to the SAC of the FBI Office and that the boss of Mr. CHRISS in Los Angeles had directed that the information be made available to the FBI in Memphis.

Mr. CHRISS wanted to know if the FBI would keep him informed of the results of checking out the information furnished by the informant and if the information checked out, if the FBI could give him an off-the-record comment to the effect that the FBI might be making a release on the information. CHRISS was most interested in being in a position to publish any information first which might be developed from the information furnished by the "Times" informant.

I made it clear to Messrs. CHRISS and REASONS that I could not make any commitment to them about being able to inform them

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Reasons called 5/18/68. Was advised again we could not give comment on this information.

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concerning results of the investigation conducted by the FBI. I informed them that it is contrary to the policy of this Bureau to make statements concerning results of investigation as a general matter. I reminded these gentlemen of the fact that all statements made regarding this case had originated with the FBI or Attorney General in Washington, D. C.

CHRISS and REASONS stated they would be checking again with this office from time to time to determine whether any information could be released in connection with any action taken by the FBI based upon the information furnished by the "Times" informant.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

TO: **SAC, MEMPHIS**

Date **5-18-68**

MURKIN

Your inquiry
SAC, Knoxville
teletype 5-18-68

- ☐ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☒ Attached furnished in compliance with request from **SAC, Knoxville**
- ☐ Only record available attached.
- ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
- ☐ Records FBI #
- ☐ are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
- ☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
- ☐ Confirming FBI wire of
- ☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
- ☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
- ☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
- ☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
- ☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
- ☐ Your communication is returned.
- ☐

☒ Enc. *2/10 p*
☐ Copy to:

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1203PM URGENT 5-21-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATTENTION CRIME RECORDS,
AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN LAST IN
CONNECTION WITH LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE
PAREN LNU PAREN.

JERRY COHEN, STAFF WRITER, LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER,
TODAY CONTACTED LOS ANGELES OFFICE AND ADVISED HE AND WILLIAM
THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES, HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY
THOROUGHNESS OF FBI INVESTIGATION BOTH IN IDENTIFYING JAMES EARL
RAY AND EFFORTS BEING MADE TO APPREHEND HIM AT THIS TIME. MR.
COHEN ADVISED THE LOS ANGELES TIMES WOULD LIKE TO RUN AN ARTICLE
CONCERNING THE VAST VOLUME OF LEADS BEING COVERED BY FBI IN ITS
INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER, AND THAT THE PAPER DID NOT DESIRE
ANY SPECIFIC NAMES OR PLACES BUT DID, IF SUCH STORY MET WITH
APPROVAL OF FBI, WANT TO HAVE INCIDENTS SUCH AS LICENSE PLATES
OF OUT OF STATE CARS BEING TRACKED DOWN AND OCCUPANTS CHECKED
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OUT, ETC. MR. COHEN REQUESTED THE BUREAU BE CONTACTED FOR POSSIBILITY OF APPROVING SUCH STORY. STORY IN GENERAL WILL BE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO ARTICLE ~~RA~~ PREPARED BY COLUMNIST DREW PEARSON WHICH APPEARED IN SOME OF LOCAL PAPERS ON MAY SIXTEEN LAST INDICATING THE WIDESPREAD, EXHAUSTIVE MANHUNT BEING CONDUCTED BY FBI.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE LOS ANGELES.

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TO LOS ANGELES 44-1574 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM ALBANY 44-493 2P

LA Times

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RE LA TEL TO BUREAU, MAY EIGHTEEN LAST, AND AL TEL
TO BUREAU, MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

RAY ANDREW YOUNG WAS REINTERVIEWED MAY TWENTYONE, LAST,
AT DOCKTOR'S PET CENTER, FAIRMOUNT FAIR SHOPPING CENTER,
SYRACUSE, N.Y., AFTER RECEIPT OF REF LA TEL AND HE FURTHER
ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

HE WAS NEVER IN PRISON AND HAS BEEN ARRESTED ONLY THREE
TIMES, ALL AT MASSENA, N.Y.; TWICE, NINETEEN SIXTY AND SIXTYONE
FOR PI AND ONCE, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

HE NEVER WORKED WHILE IN LOS ANGELES, CALIF. HE DOES
NOT RECOGNIZE THE NAME HAROLD'S CAFE, FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH
MAIN, AS BEING A PLACE HE FREQUENTED. HE MAY HAVE BEEN THERE
ONCE. HE FREQUENTED THE CAPTAIN'S DEN, ACROSS THE STREET FROM
THE PHILLIP HOTEL AND THE RED ROGUE BAR, THREE BLOCKS FROM THE
PHILLIP HOTEL WHERE HE STAYED SUBSEQUENT TO APRIL SEVENTEEN
SIXTYEIGHT.

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HE WAS NEVER MARRIED TO AND DOES NOT KNOW ONE WILLI SHEA,
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HE STATED HE HAS BEEN MARRIED ONLY ONCE AND THAT TIME WAS TO HIS PRESENT WIFE FROM WHOM HE IS NOW SEPARATED BUT NOT DIVORCED, CAROL YOUNG, NEE AVERY.

HE DOES NOT REMEMBER THE NAME LEAMONT WHITE, ALTHOUGH HE DID MEET A NEGRO MALE WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH WHITE THROUGH JACK WALLACE, MIDWAY MOTORS, TWO HUNDRED NORTH VERMONT AVE., LOS ANGELES, CALIF. WALLACE WILL KNOW THE NAME OF THE NEGRO MALE HE MET. YOUNG REITERATED THAT HE DID NOT RECALL BOB OR FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY.

SINCE ABOVE INFORMATION ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE NO INSERT WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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915PM URGENT 5-23-68 DPL

TO: DIRECTOR (44-1574), ATLANTA, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES
FROM: INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST; KNOXVILLE
TELETYPE, MAY EIGHTEEN LAST.

RECORDS U.S. PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE, IND., REFLECT FRANK
WILLIAM BRICKLEY, WMA, BORN [REDACTED] AT TENN.,
FIVE FEET SEVEN, ONE FORTYSIX POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES,
TWO INCH SCAR ABOVE LEFT EYE, SENTENCED SIX YEARS INDETERMINATE
WESTERN DISTRICT VIRGINIA, MAY TWENTYTHREE SIXTY, YCA - ITSMV.
LATER ARRESTED AS PAROLE VIOLATOR. BRICKLEY CONVICTED MARCH
TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYSIX, RECEIVED ONE YEAR CONCURRENT MIDDLE DISTRICT
ALABAMA FOR ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER. BRICKLEY RELEASED JAN.
SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, NO SUPERVISION, INTENDED RESIDENCE WITH
MOTHER, MRS. DOROTHY(ROY) BRICKLEY, THREE ZERO ONE ROWLAND AVE.,
ROSSVILLE, GA. COPY OF BRICKLEY'S PACE RECORD SENT USPO, ATLANTA,
GA., FOR INFORMATION UPON RELEASE.
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FOLLOWING RELATIVES NOTED: SISTER BIRDIE LEE (ARCHIE) HOLLAND, ONE TWO TWO THREE EAST THIRTYFIFTH STREET PLACE, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., SISTER EDNA WILBURN, TWO EIGHT ZERO EIGHT EAST THIRTYNINTH STREET, CHATTANOOGA; BROTHER ROY BRICKLEY, JR., CHATTANOOGA; SISTER MARY F. (CHARLES) DURHAM, WILDWOOD, GA.; SISTER ANN (GENE) CRAWLEY, ADDRESS UNKNOWN.

FILE INDICATES BRICKLEY HAS EXCESSIVE DRINKING HABITS, IS SOPHISTICATED, AND HOSTILE TOWARD QUESTIONING. PRIOR RECORD INCLUDES KIDNAPPING AND HIGHWAY ROBBERY. BROTHER ROY BRICKLEY, JR., WAS CO-DEFENDANT IN KIDNAPING CASE.

BRICKLEY BELIEVED IDENTICAL TO PERSON FURNISHING INFORMATION REGARDING RAY TO EDITOR LOS ANGELES TIMES.

JUNE, SIXTYSIX PHOTO BEING OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

ATLANTA INTERVIEW INDICATED RELATIVES AT WILDWOOD AND ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA, AND REVIEW BRICKLEY'S RECORD USPO, ATLANTA, IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRICKLEY.

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KNOXVILLE AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN., THROUGH RELATIVES ATTEMPT
TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRICKLEY.

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11:59PM URGENT 5-22-68 REF
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 3P

LA Times

MURKIN

RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TELS MAY SEVENTEEN
LAST CONCERNING LA TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATES INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO
LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, EMPLOYEE OF WESTERN UNION, LOS ANGELES,
AS BOB BRICKLEY (ALLEGED TO BE BROTHER OF FRANK BRICKLEY) IS
IN REALITY LESTER EDWARD PACKETT FBI NUMBER EIGHT TWO SEVEN
ONE SEVEN ZERO A, SUBJECT OF BUFILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH FOUR
SIX TWO EIGHT TWO, IN WHICH KC WAS OO; KC FILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH
EIGHT TWO ZERO NINE; KX FILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH TWO EIGHT SEVEN
EIGHT; ME FILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH FOUR NINE ZERO ZERO; MM FILE
EIGHTY SEVEN DASH ONE ZERO FOUR NINE NINE. ALSO SUBJECT OF KX
FILE TWENTY SIX DASH ONE THREE FOUR FOUR EIGHT, LA FILES EIGHTY
SEVEN DASH NINE FOUR ZERO ZERO, AND TWENTY SIX DASH THREE
THREE NINE SIX ZERO.

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PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT EXHIBITED TO LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE WHO IDENTIFIED IT AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS BOB BRICKLEY. NANCY BURGDORF, APT. MANAGER, EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, L.A., IDENTIFIED SAME PHOTO AS FORMER RESIDENT THAT APT. WITH ODELA A. PACKETT WHO IS IDENT WITH FBI NUMBER THREE NINE ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN A. SHE IS CURRENTLY SERVING THIRTY DAYS FOR PROSTITUTION IN L.A. PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT WAS TAKEN BY KNOXVILLE PD DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

POLAROID COPY OF PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO AL FOR EXHIBITION TO RAY ANDREW YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y., TO DETERMINE IF THIS WAS INDIVIDUAL WHO APPROACHED HIM WHILE HE WAS STAYING AT CLARK HOTEL APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

JERRY COHEN, LA TIMES NEWSPAPER, ADVISES PAPER PROMISED THEIR INFORMANT "BOB" LNU, THEY WOULD NOT REVEAL HIS IDENTITY OR HOW TO LOCATE. COHEN DID HOWEVER TELL THIS OFFICE HE WOULD ADVISE IF ANY PHOTOS EXHIBITED WERE IDENTICAL WITH INFORMANT. COHEN STATED PHOTO OF FRANK BRICKLEY NOT IDENT, BUT "DECLINED TO COMMENT" WHEN PHOTO LESTER PACKETT EXHIBITED TO HIM.

WIFE, ODELA PACKETT, INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH IN LA COUNTY JAIL. STATES FILED FOR DIVORCE FROM PACKETT TWO MONTHS AGO THROUGH ATTORNEY PHIL CLOUGH ON GROUNDS OF DESERTION, CRUELTY, AND NONSUPPORT. LEGAL FEES PAYED BY HER RELATIVES. SAID SHE
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WAS SO MAD AT PACKETT AT TIME OF FILING FOR DIVORCE THAT SHE TORE UP ALL PHOTOS SHE HAD OF HIM. DESCRIBED HIM AS SHIFTLESS DRIFTER, WHO NEVER HELD JOB DURING THEIR FIVE YEAR MARRIAGE. SHE DOES NOT KNOW HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

REVIEW OF LA FILES RE LESTER PACKETT AND INTERVIEW WITH ODELA PACKETT INDICATES HE HAS SPENT TIME IN BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA; RENO, NEVADA; VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN TENNESSEE; CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY. LEAMONT WHITE BELIEVES HE IS INDIVIDUAL WHO TOOK HIS TWO GUNS, AND IS ONLY INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE OF FRANK BRICKLEY AND PERSON HE KNEW AS BRICLEY'S COUSIN (WHOSE NAME HE CANNOT RECALL) THAT WOULD HAVE KNOWN HE EVEN OWNED THE GUNS.

IT WOULD APPEAR PACKETT BILKED LA TIME OUT OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. OTHER THAN SHOWING HIS PHOTO TO RAY ANDREW YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y., TO WRAP UP THIS ASPECT OF CASE, IT IS NOT FELT THAT FURTHER INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT SHOULD BE CONDUCTED RE "BOB" LNU.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING SENT FOLLOWING OFFICES; WITH PHOTO ENCLOSED FOR ALBANY TO DISPLAY AS INDICATED ABOVE:
ALBANY, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS, DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE AND CHARLOTTE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING LA.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

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RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHTEEN, AND TAMPA TEL
TO BUREAU MAY TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: SUSPECT JOHN THOMAS BOWLES

INVESTIGATION AT OKEECHOBEE, FLA. REFLECTS THAT AIRPLANE
OWNED BY BOWLES IS A J DASH THREE, TWO PASSENGER CUB WITH
AN EIGHTYFIVE HORSE POWER MOTOR CAPABLE OF TOP SPEEDS AT
SEVENTYFIVE TO EIGHTY MPH. AIRPLANE HAS APPROXIMATE THIRTEEN
GALLON CAPACITY AND BURNS APPROXIMATELY FIVE GALLONS PER HOUR.
AIRPLANE HAS NO LIGHTS, RADIO OR NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND
LANDING FIELD UTILIZED HAS NO LIGHTING FACILITIES. PEOPLE
KNOWLEDGEABLE OF BOWLES' ACTIVITIES OF OPINION BOWLES HAS
NOT FLOWN ANY FURTHER THAN FROM OKEECHOBEE TO TAMPA, A
DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE MILES.

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**BOWLES' ESTRANGED WIFE ADVISED SHE CHECKED ON HIS
ACTIVITIES FOR NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, AND ASCERTAINED
HE WAS IN OKEECHOBEE.**

**IN VIEW OF ABOVE, BOWLES IS BEING ELIMINATED AS A
SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER.**

TAMPA AND MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AM.

5/22/68

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND SACS, CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

LA Times

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHTEEN AND NINETEEN,
SIXTYEIGHT, KNOXVILLE TEL TO BUREAU MAY NINETEEN, AND DETROIT
TEL TO BUREAU MAY TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION OF CINCINNATI AND CLEVELAND, THE
"LOS ANGELES TIMES" NEWSPAPER EDITOR RECEIVED INFORMATION
CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER FROM A SOURCE KNOWN AS BOB (LNU).
A SUMMARY OF A PORTION OF THIS INFO AND INFO DEVELOPED
SUBSEQUENTLY IS SET FORTH BELOW.

(ONE) ON THE DAY OF KILLING (APRIL FOUR), RAY SUPPOSEDLY
MADE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA. CALLS
BELIEVED TO BE MADE FROM BUS STATION. RAY SUPPOSEDLY USED
A TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD ISSUED TO U.S. RUBBER, DETROIT, IN

1 - Los Angeles (AM)

① - Memphis (AM)
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NAME OF (FNU) RIDELL OR ROBERT BRINKLEY. RIDELL SUPPOSEDLY RESIDES HARBOR WOODS, MICH. SOME CALLS ON CARD REPORTEDLY MADE FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA.

(TWO) ON NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, RAY SUPPOSEDLY DRIVEN TO KANSAS CITY BY ONE EDDIE WILBURN OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. THE FOLLOWING DAY AT DUSK, RAY ALLEGEDLY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLA. IN A PRIVATE PLANE OWNED BY A WILLIAM PIERCE, A WEALTHY MAN WHO SUPPOSEDLY OWNS OR OPERATES AN AIRPORT IN BELLE GLADE AND WHO ONCE OWNED A CONTRACTING FIRM IN CUBA. PIERCE ALSO ALLEGEDLY OWNS A MOTEL AND COTTAGES IN BELLE GLADE OR THE OKEECHOBEE, FLA. AREA. PIERCE ALSO SUPPOSEDLY FLIES OFTEN TO NEW ORLEANS AND KNOWS JIM GARRISON. (SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION MIAMI DIVISION HAS FAILED TO DEVELOP ANY WILLIAM PIERCE, AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.)

RAY SUPPOSEDLY STAYED IN A MOTEL OR COTTAGE, LOCATION NOT INDICATED, AND ON APRIL ELEVEN, WAS TAKEN OUT TO SEA FROM KEY WEST, FLA. BY ONE BEN THOMPSON AND SUPPOSEDLY MAY NOW BE IN CUBA. (SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION MIAMI DIVISION

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FAILED TO VERIFY ABOVE.)

LOS ANGELES DEVELOPED INFORMATION THAT A FRANK BRICKLEY AND ROBERT BRICKLEY, BROTHERS, AND POSSIBLY A SAM LEWIS, WHO ARE EX-CONVICTS AND HEAVY DRINKERS, MAY POSSIBLY BE INVOLVED IN FURNISHING THIS INFORMATION TO "LOS ANGELES TIMES," OR BE THE SUBJECTS OF INFORMATION FURNISHED TO THE "TIMES."

THE KNOXVILLE OFFICE DEVELOPED INFORMATION THAT FRANK BRICKLEY MAY BE FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY AKA WILLIAM ROY BRICKLEY, WILLIAM FRANKLIN BRICKLEY, WILLIAM FRANK BRICKLEY, WILLIAM ROY BUCKLEY, BILL ROBERT SHAW, BILL SHAW, BILLY SHAW, BILL R. SHAW, FBI NO. ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C, ORIGINALLY FROM CHATTANOOGA, TENN. AND WHO HAS AN EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD. HE WAS LAST KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA AND WAS RELEASED JAN. SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, UPON COMPLETION OF SENTENCE. TERRE HAUTE PRISON NO. TWO THREE SIX FOUR TWO DASH TH.

BRICKLEY DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN

AT CHATTANOOGA.

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TENN. OR VICINITY. HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, ONE FORTY TO ONE FORTYFIVE LBS., (IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE), EYES BROWN, HAIR BROWN, DIM TATTOO LEFT UPPER ARM.

INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT, MICH. INDICATES THAT R. H. MC KAY, INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS MANAGER, US RUBBER, DETROIT, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT INTERNAL CATERING FOR THAT COMPANY IS DONE BY RIDDELL INDUSTRIAL CATERERS. THAT COMPANY IS OWNED BY H. ROBERTSON "ROBERT" BRINKER AND HIS FATHER H. V. BRINKER.

ROBERTSON BRINKER, SIX ONE ROSLYN, GROSSE POINTE SHORES, MICH. ADVISED HE HOLDS A T&T CREDIT CARD NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHICH IS MADE OUT TO ROBERTSON BRINKER. THE RIDDELL CATERING COMPANY DOES NOT HAVE A PHONE AND THERE IS NO CREDIT CARD IN THE NAME OF THAT COMPANY OR IN THE NAME OF RIDDELL.

ROBERTSON BRINKER SAID NEITHER HE NOR ANYONE ELSE HAS USED HIS TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD FOR ANY PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS. HE IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH FRANK OR ROBERT BRICKLEY AND HE COULD NOT EXPLAIN HOW THE INFORMANT COULD BE FAMILIAR

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WITH HIS POSSESSING A TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD OR WITH HIS CONNECTION TO THE RIDDELL CATERING COMPANY.

H.V. BRINKER, ROBERTSON'S FATHER, ADVISED THAT WHILE HE WAS IN BOCA RATON, FLORIDA FROM MARCH ONE THROUGH APRIL ONE LAST, HE TRADED AT A SUNOCO SERVICE STATION AT THE CORNER OF U.S. ONE AND PALM AIRE, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA. HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE EFFICIENCY OF A YOUNG WHITE MALE AT THE STATION. THE YOUNG MAN TOLD HIM HE HAD A BROTHER IN CLEVELAND IN THE TAILORING BUSINESS AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE BACK TO THE MIDWEST TO BE NEAR HIS BROTHER. MR. BRINKER TOLD THE YOUNG MAN HE RAN A CATERING SERVICE FOR U.S. RUBBER IN DETROIT AND SHOULD HE EVER WANT A JOB TO CALL HIM OR HIS SON ROBERT. HE GAVE THE YOUNG MAN ONE OF HIS BUSINESS CARDS WHICH READS, "RIDDELL FACTORY CATERING COMPANY, INDUSTRIAL CATERERS." HE COULD NOT REMEMBER IF HE WROTE ROBERT'S NAME ON THE CARD FOR THE BOY BUT WAS SURE HE TOLD HIM ROBERT'S NAME AND THAT THEY CATERED FOR U.S. RUBBER.

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THE PRECEEDING WAS THE ONLY EXPLANATION EITHER BRINKER COULD OFFER FOR THE INFORMANT KNOWING ABOUT A TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD IN THE NAME "ROBERT BRINKLEY" AND BRINKLEY'S CONNECTION WITH RIDDELL CATERING. BOTH EMPHATICALLY DENIED HAVING EVER LOST THEIR CREDIT CARDS OR LETTING ANOTHER PERSON USE THEM.

INVESTIGATION AT BOCA RATON, FLA. INDICATES THERE IS A SUNOCO SERVICE STATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. ONE AND ROYAL PALM ROAD OPERATED BY BERNARD IRELAND, JR. NO PALM AIRE ROAD EXISTS IN BOCA RATON. IRELAND ADVISED THAT HE EMPLOYED AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED DALE WHITMAN FOR A FEW WEEKS IN MARCH AND POSSIBLY EARLY APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT. WHITMAN'S MOTHER, MRS. GORDON YOST, LOCATED TROPIC GARDEN TRAILER PARK, SOUTH FEDERAL HIGHWAY, BOCA RATON, AND ADVISED HER SON DEPARTED SOUTH FLORIDA AREA FOR THE MIDDLE WEST ON MAY SEVEN, LAST. HE TOLD YOST AT THAT TIME HE WAS GOING TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT ELSEWHERE AS THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH FLORIDA WERE FEW. WHITMAN HAS NO BROTHERS. WHITMAN TOOK MOST OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS WITH HIM AND THOSE HE LEFT

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BEHIND YOST HAS SINCE THROWN AWAY.

WHITMAN HAS THREE UNCLES RESIDING IN OHIO WHO MAY KNOW HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS, ACCORDING TO HIS MOTHER: BYRD JAY LANE, FIVE ZERO NINE FOUR KUSZMAUL AVE., WARREN, OHIO, EMPLOYED BY GENERAL MOTORS, ROBERT LANE, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, WARREN, OHIO, EMPLOYED BY GENERAL MOTORS, AND NOAH LANE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, ADDRESS AND EMPLOYMENT UNKNOWN. BYRD JAY LANE SHOULD KNOW ADDRESSES OF ROBERT LANE AND NOAH LANE.

CLEVELAND, AT WARREN, OHIO, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE DALE WHITMAN THROUGH UNCLES BYRD JAY LANE AND ROBERT LANE AND THEREAFTER INTERVIEW WHITMAN OR SET FORTH LEADS TO HAVE WHITMAN INTERVIEWED FOR ANY INFORMATION HE HAS REGARDING FRANK OR BOB BRICKLEY, EDDIE WILBURN, WILLIAM PIERCE, BEN THOMPSON OR SAM LEWIS, AND ALL INFORMATION SET FORTH ABOVE. DETERMINE IF HE COULD BE BOB (LNU) AND IF HE RECALLS CONVERSATION WITH H.V. BRINKER AT SUNOCO STATION IN BOCA RATON, FLA. AND IF HE HAS BUSINESS CARD OF BRINKER IN HIS POSSESSION OR IF HE COULD HAVE PASSED BUSINESS CARD OF BRINKER ON TO ANYONE WHO COULD BE BOB (LNU).

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**CINCINNATI, AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, LOCATE NOAH LANE AND
CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION AS SET FORTH FOR THE CLEVELAND
DIVISION.**

MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES ADVISED BY AM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/22/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to Director 5/18/68 and Knoxville telephone to Director 5/20/68, air mail copies to Memphis and Los Angeles.

Referenced Los Angeles teletype sets out information received from LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE to effect that BOB and/or FRANK BRICKLEY made calls from his residence to the following telephone numbers Knoxville, Tennessee 524-1315; Sweetwater, Tennessee 337-7775; Chattanooga, Tennessee 622-9067.

Results of Chattanooga telephone number set out in referenced Knoxville teletype.

A review of the Knoxville City Directory disclosed that Knoxville telephone number 524-1315 is listed for CLARENCE T. HAMILTON, Jr., Route 6.

Mrs. CLARENCE T. HAMILTON, Jr. was contacted by SA JOE H. ROBERTS on 5/18/68 at which time she advised that she is not acquainted with FRANK BRICKLEY or BOB BRICKLEY and cannot recall having received any call from either of them.

On 5/20/68, investigation at Sweetwater, Tenn. shows telephone number 337-7775 registered to CALLIE CATHY,

- 3 - Bureau
- ② - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
- 2 - Knoxville

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1110 Wright Street, Sweetwater, Tennessee and this registration has been in effect for 12 years. Mr. and Mrs. CATHUY are in their late 60's and he is a retired TVA employee. Their home is a private residence and is not a rooming house.

UAC, no further investigation at Knoxville being conducted re these phone calls.

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FBI KNOXVLE

11-36 AM URGENT 5-24-68 CKH

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SAC, ATLANTA;

SAC, MEMPHIS

SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) 1P

MURKIN.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU DATED MAY TWENNY THIRD,
LAST; KNOXVILLE TEL TO BUREAU MAY TWENTY, LAST; ATLANTA
TEL TO BUREAU DATED MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE LEAD TO INTERVIEW BIRDIE LEE
(ARCHIE) HOLLAND WAS SET OUT AS LEAD BY TELETYPE FROM KNOXVILLE
TO BUREAU AND ATLANTA DATED MAY TWENTY, LAST.

ATLANTA TELETYPE DATED MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST ADVISES
ROY BRICKLEY, JR. RESIDES ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA. EDNA WILBURN,
SISTER OF FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY INTERVIEWED CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST AND SHE ADVISES THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW THE
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF FRANK BRICKLEY.

LOS ANGELES. REQUESTED TO ADVISE KNOXVILLE WHETHER EDITOR
THOMAS, "LOS ANGELES TIMES" IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF BRICKLEY
AS BOB LNU.

END PENDING.

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Date: 5/22/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Knoxville teletype to the Director dated
5/18/68.

RE: FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

On May 21, 1968, Mr. G. A. LICON, Operations Supervisor, Greyhound Bus Lines, El Paso, Texas, was furnished a photograph of FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY, Aka., FBI #197796C, at which time he advised that he would see that the photograph was displayed to the employees of the bus lines in El Paso in an effort to determine if any of the employees recalled seeing this individual at the bus station in El Paso on about April 8 or 9, 1968.

On May 22, 1968, Mr. L. I. DAVIS, Cashier, Greyhound Bus Lines, El Paso, advised that the photograph in question had been displayed to the employees on the various shifts at the bus depot and that no one recalled having seen FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY at any time in the past.

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- 3 - Bureau
- ② - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Knoxville (44-696)
- 1 - El Paso

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

FROM : SA EUGENE A. MEDORI, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/27/68

Re 44-1987-Sub-E-985A (Louisville teletype to Bureau, Knoxville, Memphis and Los Angeles 5/20/68).

On 5/23/68 Mr. BERNARD FORESTER, 110 Blue Hills Court, Nashville, Tennessee, was contacted by this Agent at the Tennessee Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, and he furnished the following information:

He stated that he has been employed by the Greyhound Bus Lines, Inc., for approximately 22 years as a bus driver. He stated that he has regularly driven the Nashville to Memphis to Nashville run for Greyhound for the better part of his 22 years with the company.

At this point a photograph of FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY, FBI # 197796C, was shown to Mr. FORESTER. He stated that the individual in the photograph looked very familiar to him and that he was fairly certain that he had seen this man, but he could not state when or where he might have seen him. He advised that he comes in contact with many individuals due to the nature of his employment and that it is very possible that this individual could have been a passenger on his bus at one time. He stated he could not be certain of this and in fact could not be certain if in fact he had ever seen this man, although the photograph looked very familiar to him.

Mr. FORESTER stated that the name FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY was not familiar to him and he did not know anyone by this name.

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FBI LOS ANG.

11:45AM URGENT 5-29-68 NJZ

TO ATLANTA (44-2386) DALLAS (44-2649) AND MEMPHIS
FROM LOS ANGELES 844-1574)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA AND DALLAS, JERRY COHEN, LOS
ANGELES TIMES REPORTER, CONDUCTED INTERVIEWS OF BOB PAREN LNU
PAREN WHILE WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, SAT IN ON INTERVIEWS.

ATLANTA SEE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY TWENTY TWO LAST INDICATING
LOS ANGELES INVESTIGATION DETERMINED BOB PAREN LNU PAREN WAS
IN ALL PROBABILITY LESTER EDWARD PACKETT. PHOTOS OF FRANK
BRICKLEY AND PACKETT EXHIBITED TO JERRY COHEN. COHEN DECLINES
TO COMMENT WHEN PHOTO OF PACKETT SHOWN HIM AND STATED FRANK
BRICKLEY WAS NOT IDENTICAL WITH BOB PAREN LNU PAREN.

LOS ANGELES TEL MAY TWENTY TWO LAST RECOMMENDED NO FURTHER
INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED RE BOB PAREN LNU PAREN PAHSE.

ATLANTA ADVISE CONTENT YOUR TEL MAY TWENTY THREE LAST TO
WFO RE INVESTIGATION OF SWINGER CLUB IN LOS ANGELES AND

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INTEREST OF POSTAL AUTHORITIES IN SWINGER CLUB. COPY THIS

TEL NOT RECEIVED LOS ANGELES.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, Atlanta

FROM: SAC, Indianapolis (44-563)

MURKIN

Re Indianapolis teletype dated 5/23/68.

Enclosed for each office is a photo of FRANK
WILLIAM BRICKLEY.

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Date: 5/29/68

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
DALLAS

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

MURKIN.

RELATEL TO BUREAU MAY TWENTYTWO LAST AND ATTEL TO BUREAU
AND DALLAS MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST.RELA TIMES INFORMANT "BOB" (LNU). *Sub E-985-20*

RELATEL RELATES THAT INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY LOS
ANGELES REVEALS THAT "BOB" IS UNDOUBTEDLY LESTER EDWARD
PACKETT, FBI EIGHT TWO SEVEN ONE SEVEN ZERO A, AND NOT
FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY, AS PREVIOUSLY SUSPECTED. OTHER
THAN SHOWING PHOTO TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN MASSENA, N. Y.,
LOS ANGELES SUGGESTED NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED
RE "BOB" (LNU).

IN VIEW OF FACT INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED THAT STORY
FURNISHED LA TIMES BY "BOB" (LNU) WAS COMPLETELY FABRICATED,

Airtel OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TEL ARE REQUESTED TO DISCONTINUE
Teletype INVESTIGATION RE LA TIMES INFORMANT ASPECT IN THIS CASE, UACB.

A.M. AM COPIES TO ATLANTA AND LOS ANGELES. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.A.M.S.D. P. END.Spec. Del. 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info) (AM) RFB:mtf SERIALIZED
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Approved: RC Jensen
Registered Special Agent in Charge

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Airtel

To: SACs, Atlanta (44-2386)
Dallas (44-2649)
Los Angeles (44-1574)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReMETel 5/29/68.

Reasonable efforts should be continued to locate and interview Packett and Frank Nickley to completely resolve this matter.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Indianapolis airtel to Chicago 5/27/68 and
Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, Et Al, (no ec to Chicago),
5/17/68.

Indianapolis airtel sets out lead to review records
at GSA, for one SAMUEL BURNS, 33 464 C, who served time at
Chillicothe. Los Angeles teletype refers to one SAMUEL LEWIS.

Indianapolis requested to clarify connection
between SAMUEL LEWIS and SAMUEL BURNS.

JERRY RAY interviewed 5/31/68, advises neither
names SAMUEL LEWIS or SAMUEL BURNS known to him. Also
other names pertinent individuals mentioned in Los Angeles
teletype not known to him.

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- ① - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (AM)
- 1 - Chicago

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)

RE: MURKIN
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Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 5/22/68.

RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG was recontacted 5/29/68, at Docktor's Pet Center, Fairmount Shopping Center, Syracuse, N.Y., and he identified the photograph of LESTER EDWARD PACKETT, FBI #827170A as being the individual he met at the bar in the vicinity of the Clark Hotel on 4/17/68. He stated that he recalled this individual had a southern accent and made some comment about being from Tennessee.

In view of this identification no further investigation being conducted regarding this aspect of case.

2-Los Angeles **ARMED AND DANGEROUS**

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1-Charlotte (Info)
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1-Kansas City (Info)
1-Knoxville (Info)
1-Las Vegas (Info)
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)

MURKIN.

RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO LOS ANGELES JUNE THREE LAST AND BUTEL
TO LOS ANGELES MAY TWENTY NINE LAST.

ALAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, WAS SHOWN
PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES WILBOURN ASHMORE, AKA, FBI NO. FOUR EIGHT
SIX NINE FIVE TWO NINE. THOMPSON STATED HE COULD NOT SAY THAT
ASHMORE WAS NOT IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS JAMES C.
HARDIN. DISREGARDING AGE IN THAT PHOTO WAS TAKEN AUGUST
NINETEEN, FIFTY FIVE, THOMPSON SAID THE SHAPE OF HEAD AND EYES
OF ASHMORE AS THEY APPEAR IN PHOTO ARE EXCELLENT LIKENESS TO
THOSE OF HARDIN. HE SAID THE HAIR WAS MUCH SHORTER THAN IN
PHOTO. SAID SKIN OF ASHMORE IS MUCH SMOOTHER THAN THAT OF HARDIN.
REQUEST BUREAU FURNISH MORE RECENT PHOTO IF AVAILABLE.

THOMPSON WAS SHOWN PHOTOS OF J. C. HARDIN, FBI NUMBER

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1 - New Orleans (AM)
1 - Los Angeles
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ONE NINE ZERO ONE ZERO NINE C. THOMPSON SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL
WAS NOT IDENTICAL WITH PERSON HE KNEW AS JAMES C. HARDIN.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, NEW ORLEANS.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs DAVID N. JELLISON and LEONARD C. PETERSON at Miami, Florida, on May 17, 1968.

Current Miami, Florida Southern Bell Telephone Directory lists a WILLIAM L. PIERCE at 500 N.E. 83rd Street, Miami, Florida.

Mrs. WILLIAM L. PIERCE, wife of WILLIAM L. PIERCE was located and interviewed at the PIERCE apartment, 500 N.E. 83rd Street, Apartment 5, Miami, Florida. She stated she and her husband were staying at Conch Key, Florida, on the night of April 4, 1968. Later that night they returned to Miami, Florida where they remained for four or five days prior to her husband's departure to Waynesville, North Carolina, with his mother, DOLLY PIERCE.

PIERCE owns the Rocky Waters Motel, Waynesville, North Carolina, and his telephone number is 926-1585. Mrs. PIERCE advised that he has been at the Rocky Waters Motel since leaving Miami.

Mrs. PIERCE stated her husband has a private pilot's license which he obtained at the Asheville, North Carolina airport. He last flew a private plane in about October, 1967, in North Carolina. He flies only for personal pleasure and does not own a plane. Mrs. PIERCE knows of no one in a position to loan a plane to her husband.

Mrs. PIERCE further advised her husband has not been in Kansas City or New Orleans and to her knowledge he is not associated with JIM GARRISON or EDDIE WILBURN, he has never been associated with any Klu Klux Klan organization and he owns no property such as land or airports. Mrs. PIERCE advised her husband was born in Arizona on [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA PATRICK A. PHILBIN, at Belle Glade, Florida, May
20, 1968.

WILLIAM LEE PIERCE located at Tru-Flo Pump
Company, advised he presently lives in Pahokee, Florida,
across from the Farmer's Market on Lewis Friend High-
way, but uses P.O. Box 398, Belle Glade, Florida,
as his mailing address.

PIERCE advised that he came to Belle Glade as
a young man from the area of Uniontown, Pennsylvania,
in the early 1930's, and after working hard in construction
and other fields became one of the biggest property
owners in the area and did construct some apartments
known as the Bill Pierce Apartments on Highway 441 in
the city limits. He stated just after World War II
he and several others cleared out a large field which is
now the city airport and that he got into the air taxi
and crop dusting business and that he had learned to
fly back then but had never gotten a pilot's license.
He stated that all of his airplanes were torn up and
destroyed in a hurricane about 1949 and that was the end
of his venture in this field. He stated that in the
50's he had developed some machinery which wove the fibers
of the Rami plant into cloth resembling cotton and was
doing an extremely profitable business in Cuba with
Batista until Castro took over and put him out of
business there. He said his financial statement would
have been worth several million dollars at that time but
that severe financial losses, poor business operations
in construction, etc., cost him almost everything he had.
He stated that he had signed a \$350,000 contract with
TRUJILLO in the Dominican Republic for his weaving
machine and that two days later TRUJILLO was assassinated
and that was the end of that.

PIERCE stated that he became involved in
several money losing ventures and a shopping center fell
through in which he had invested heavily and that friends
wanted him to declare bankruptcy but that he had worked
hard and had paid off \$27,000 in debts and with the
exception of \$125,000 which he owes in Federal Income
taxes he is out of debt and plans to work hard and get
back on his feet. He stated that at the present time he
is completely broke but that he feels he can still make
money and will soon have his own welding shop and has
plans for the development of various types of machinery.

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PIERCE stated that the only trips made in the past year was one trip to Bainbridge, Georgia, during March, 1968, to visit his sister-in-law, BESSIE WILLIAMS and one trip to Islamorada, Florida, to visit his step son CHARLES WARREN SMITH a day or two prior to Easter.

PIERCE stated he owns no airplane, could not fly one at this time. He has not been to Atlanta, Memphis, Kansas City, Missouri, for years and has not been contacted by anyone from the "Los Angeles Times" and has never heard of anyone named BEN THOMPSON who owns a yacht or shrimp boats in the area of Key West, Florida.

PIERCE stated that in the operation of his apartments and during his lifetime he probably has made a number of enemies.

PIERCE is a white male, born [REDACTED] at Revere, Pennsylvania, is 5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall, weighs 200 pounds, hair is dark brown and greying, eyes are brown, has several moles on face, wife FAY nee MILLER. Drives a tan 1957 Ford Sedan, Florida license 6W-62269.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RONALD TODD at Okeechobee, Florida:

On May 18, 1968, GERALDINE BOWLES, Ridge Apartments, Buckhead Ridge, advised that she is the wife of JOHN T. BOWLES. She stated that she recalls that she was at the home of BOWLES' sister, Mrs. CHARLES GRIZZAFFE in Tampa, Florida, the day MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed. She stated that she had gone to Tampa that morning from Okeechobee, Florida for a dental appointment. She made the drive with Mrs. GRIZZAFFE and spent the night at her home. Early the next morning JOHN BOWLES flew from Okeechobee to Tampa and she flew back to Okeechobee with him that morning. She stated that she had not known he had been in Tampa the day KING was killed; however, she stated that they are getting a divorce and she is not aware of all of his activities. She commented that upon returning to Okeechobee on April 5, 1968, she asked his mother if he had been home on the night of April 4, 1968, and his mother stated that he had. She asked his mother this question because she wanted to know if he might have been out with his girl friend, MARY KNIGHT, a barmaid at the Fin and Feather Bar. She commented that nothing has occurred within the past two months that would cause her to believe he might have been involved in the murder of KING. She said she did not believe he could possibly be involved. She added that he has been in the Okeechobee area for the past two months with the exception of the few trips he took over to Tampa. She said she did not believe BOWLES would attempt to fly the airplane any further than Tampa.

On May 18, 1968, MARY KNIGHT, 106 1st Street, was located at the Fin and Feather Bar, Buckhead Ridge, and she stated that she was working the night KING was murdered. She said she could not recall if BOWLES was

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at the bar that night. She said she is certain he could not have been involved and that with the exception of a few trips to Tampa around the time of KING's death he has been in Okeechobee, Florida. She stated that she is BOWLES' girl friend and that both she and BOWLES are getting a divorce.

On May 20, 1968, CHARLES GRIZZAFFE, Ridge Apartments, Buckhead Ridge, advised that his wife is the sister of JOHN T. BOWLES. He stated that he lives at 332 Westcrest, Tampa; however, he comes to Okeechobee, Florida often since he owns the Ridge Apartments at Buckhead Ridge. He stated that BOWLES and his wife, GERALDINE, manage the apartments for him. He stated that BOWLES made several trips to Tampa around the first part of April, 1968, to visit a dental laboratory. BOWLES would always call him first so that someone could meet him at the airport. He stated that nothing has occurred that would cause him to suspect that BOWLES might have been involved in the murder of KING.

On May 20, 1968, GLEN HAMILTON, Okissimnee Fishing Camp, Okeechobee, Florida, advised that BOWLES keeps his airplane just across the road from his camp. The place is called Hog Island. He stated that BOWLES buys gasoline from him for his airplane. The airplane has a capacity of about 13 gallons and a top speed of about 75 miles per hour. He believes the furthest BOWLES has flown is Tampa. He stated that he has not heard or seen anything that would lead him to believe BOWLES could possibly be involved in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.