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CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

AIRMAIL COPY FOR MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

PENDING.

5/23/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

RE: MURKIN
(OO: ME)

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau and interested offices, 5/20/68; CV airtel to Bureau, 4/29/68, and ME airtel to Bureau, 4/11/68.

LETTER BEARING RETURN ADDRESS,
CLOUD 13, FUMBLE, NORTH KOSMA,
SIGNED ERIC S. GALT, POSTMARKED
MANFIELD, OHIO, 4/23/68

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In Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68, a letter and envelope were enclosed that had been addressed to Rev. MAL LLOYD, United Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Pa., dated 4/17/68, bearing the return address of Cloud 13, Fumble, North Kosma, signed ERIC S. GALT, bearing the postmark of Mansfield, Ohio, 4/23/68.

In CV airtel to Bureau, 4/29/68, CV advised that the individual who wrote the note "Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING will be dead by 4/14/68", which had first been brought to the attention of the Bureau by ME airtel dated 4/11/68, was identified as GEORGE CHARLES GRAY, DOB [REDACTED] 514 Ohio St., Ashland, Ohio.

4-Bureau
2-Memphis (44-1987)
1-Philadelphia (info)
2-Cleveland

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TO: OMAHA

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN.

DON REED, KANSAS HWY. PATROL, COUNCIL GROVE, KANSAS, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS. ON MAY NINETEEN LAST, FOUR MILES SOUTH OF HERINGTON, KANSAS, CHECKED ONE JOE M. BEANS, WM, DOB [REDACTED] RESIDENCE KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, NO ADDRESS GIVEN, SOC. SEC. NO. [REDACTED] BEANS DRIVING FIFTYSEVEN CHRYSLER, NEBRASKA LICENSE TWO-D SEVEN FIVE FOUR, ROSE OVER IVORY. BEANS, ALONE AT TIME, STATED GOING TO OKLAHOMA FOR WORK. HAD KNIFE IN BELT AND SEVERAL RIFLES IN CAR. NCIC NEGATIVE.

REED STATES BEANS FITS DESCRIPTION OF RAY EXCEPT HAIR A BIT GRAY AND HAS FULLER FACE. HE HAS PLACED THUMB OVER HAIR AREA OF PHOTO OF RAY APPEARING ON WANTED FLYER AND STATES PHOTO LOOKS LIKE BEANS.

OMAHA AT KEARNEY ATTEMPT CONFIRM IDENTITY OF BEANS AS TRUE INDIVIDUAL AND-OR WHETHER POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. MEMPHIS ADVISED

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Date: MAY 23, 1968

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TO: KANSAS CITY

FROM: OMAHA (44-310)

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO OMAHA THIS DATE.

INVESTIGATION IN KEARNEY, NEBRASKA AREA THIS DATE
DISCLOSED JOE M. BEANS ARRESTED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT
KEARNEY OCTOBER TEN, NINETEEN FIFTYONE, FOR BREAKING
AND ENTERING, AND RELEASED; AUGUST TWENTYONE, NINETEEN
FIFTYTHREE FOR RESISTING ARREST AND RELEASED AUGUST THIRTY,
NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE. AGE TWENTYSIX IN NINETEEN FIFTYONE
RE SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECORDS. BEANS HAS BEEN ON RECORD AT THE
CREDIT BUREAU AT KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, SINCE NINETEEN FORTYSIX
AND MOST OF THE TIME SINCE THEN HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS A
FARMER. HIS WIFE, MRS. LA VONNE BEANS, AMHERST, NEBRASKA,
ADVISED JOE M. BEANS IS PRESENTLY WORKING AT THE SKELLY
REFINERY, EL DORADO, KANSAS, AND LIVING AT BLUE HAVEN MOTEL
IN EL DORADO. SHE STATED HIS BIRTH DATE IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND HE IS DRIVING NINETEEN FIFTY-

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1 - Memphis (Airmail)

Approved: E
Special Agent in ChargeLet's Beans
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interviewed

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SEVEN BROWN AND BEIGE CHRYSLER WITH NEBRASKA PLATES WHICH BEARS A TWO AS A PREFIX. SHE STATED HE WILL BE AT THE EL DORADO ADDRESS UNTIL A WEEK FROM NEXT SATURDAY. BEANS KNOWN TO SOURCES AT KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, WHO STATE HE DOES NOT RESEMBLE THE SUBJECT OF THIS CASE AT ALL. NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN BY OMAHA.

LEAD TO INTERVIEW BEANS AT EL DORADO, KANSAS, BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION OF MEMPHIS.

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

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Date: 5/29/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO SAC KANSAS CITY

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

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

RE OMAHA TEL TO KANSAS CITY MAY TWENTYTHREE LAST CONCERNING JOE M. BEANS. —

KANSAS CITY AT THE BLUE HAVEN MOTEL, EL DORADO, KAN.,
INTERVIEW BEANS TO ELIMINATE AS SUBJECT.ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

P. END.

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626PM URGENT 5-29-68 ENT

TO OMAHA AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN.

REOMTEL MAY TWO THREE LAST; MEMPHIS TEL TODAY.

JOE MONROE BEANS DOES NOT MEET DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT ACCORDING TO WITNESSES INTERVIEWED AT LITWIN CONSTRUCTION CO., AND BLUE HAVEN MOTEL, EL DORADO, KS., TODAY. BEANS NOT IN EL DORADO AND HIS WHEREABOUTS MAY BE ASCERTAINED THROUGH HIS WIFE, WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN INTERVIEWED BY OMAHA.

LEADS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BEANS THROUGH HIS WIFE BEING LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF MEMPHIS. -P-

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FBI KAN CITY

626PM URGENT 5-29-68 ENT

TO OMAHA AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN.

REOMTEL MAY TWO THREE LAST; MEMPHIS TEL TODAY.

W. C. E. 10/3
JOE MONROE BEANS DOES NOT MEET DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT ACCORDING
TO WITNESSES INTERVIEWED AT LITWIN CONSTRUCTION CO., AND BLUE HAVEN
MOTEL, EL DORADO, KS., TODAY. BEANS NOT IN EL DORADO AND HIS
WHEREABOUTS MAY BE ASCERTAINED THROUGH HIS WIFE, WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY
BEEN INTERVIEWED BY OMAHA.

LEADS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BEANS THROUGH HIS WIFE BEING
LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF MEMPHIS. -P-

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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lets have him
located & eliminated*

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for JF
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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI KAN CITY

1016 AM URGENT 6/7/68 PHM
TO DIRECTOR, AND MEMPHIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RE OMAHA TEL JUNE FIVE LAST.

Sub E-1013C
JOE MONROE BEANS, WHO WAS NAMED AS POSSIBLY BEING IDENTICAL
WITH SUBJECT RAY BY KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROLMAN LOCATED EL DORADO,
KS., JUNE SIX LAST AND ELIMINATED THROUGH FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION
AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH RAY. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF
BEANS BEING CONDUCTED.

AM COPY OMAHA.

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URGENT

TO: KANSAS CITY
FROM: OMAHA (44-310)
MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE OMAHA TEL TO KANSAS CITY MAY TWENTYTHREE LAST AND
MEMPHIS TEL TO OMAHA JUNE THREE LAST.

RE MEMPHIS TEL REQUESTED JOE MONROE BEANS BE LOCATED AND
INTERVIEWED AND COMPLETELY ELIMINATED. MRS. LA VONNE BEANS,
AMHERST, NEBRASKA, ADVISED HER HUSBAND, JOE M. BEANS, STILL
EMPLOYED SKELLY REFINERY, EL DORADO, KANSAS, AND LIVING AT
BLUE HAVEN MOTEL IN EL DORADO, AND HE WORKS A NIGHT SHIFT.

KANSAS CITY IMMEDIATELY CONTACT BEANS AT BLUE HAVEN
MOTEL IN EL DORADO AND INTERVIEW AS A SUSPECT.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

1 - Memphis (Air Mail) (44-1987)
1 - Omaha
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(Priority)TO: OMAHA
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1p)

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO OMAHA, MAY TWENTY NINE, LAST.

OMAHA WILL RE-INTERVIEW THE WIFE OF JOE MONROE
BEANS RE LOCATION OF BEANS AND THEREAFTER SET FORTH
LEAD TO HAVE BEANS INTERVIEWED AND COMPLETELY ELIMINATED.

KANSAS CITY ADVISED AM. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

P. END.

Memphis Copy Only: See ME 44-1987 SUB E - 1013C.

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Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. DeLoach _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Bishop _____
 Mr. Casper _____
 Mr. Callahan _____
 Mr. Conrad _____
 Mr. Felt _____
 Mr. Gale _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Sullivan _____
 Mr. Tavel _____
 Mr. Trotter _____
 Mr. Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Holmes _____
 Miss Gandy _____

1-Kansas City (AM)
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Approved: *RG Jensen*
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Memphis teletype to Atlanta and Knoxville,
5/1/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA BERNARD R. BERRY in Walker Co., Ga.:

On 5/3/68, the records of the Walker Co. Tax
Office, as furnished by Clerk RALPH AIKEN, reflect that
1968 Georgia license 15J4423 was registered 3/29/68 to
LEWIS SHEPPARD, JR., 808 Indian Avenue, Rossville, Ga.
for 1953 Chrysler, VIN 70130084, purchased used 3/9/68.
The date of the purchase of the vehicle or the Social Security
No. of SHEPPARD is not indicated.

Mr. AIKEN advised that the tax records of Walker
Co., Ga. reflect no record of LEWIS SHEPPARD, JR.

On the same date, Walker Co. Sheriff RALPH JONES
and Rossville, Ga. Police Officer DOYLE HICKS and Mayor
PAUL ELLIS, advised they know of no one named LEWIS SHEPPARD,
JR.

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AT 44-2386

On 5/3/68, the records of the Credit Bureau of Chattanooga, as searched by Clerk NANCY REYNOLDS, revealed that the only SHEPPARD in her files with spelling "Sheppard" was SAMUEL LEWIS SHEPPARD, Route 2, Webb Road, Chattanooga, Tenn. Upon contact, Mr. SHEPPARD advised he is retired, has never lived in Georgia, has never owned a 1953 Chrysler or 1960 Thunderbird, and never has owned a Georgia tag.

On 5/3/68, Mr. GEORGE W. CRAWFORD, Custodian at the Rossville High School, advised that he resides at 808 Indian Avenue in Rossville, Ga., and has for the past 25 years. He said he knows no one named LEWIS SHEPPARD, JR. advised he has never owned a 1953 Chrysler and stated that he knows of no one named SHEPPARD who has resided in that neighborhood.

On the same date, GBI Agent PAUL GRIFFIN, who resides at 801 Indian Avenue, advised that he has never known anyone named SHEPPARD residing in that neighborhood.

On 5/3/68, the records of the Chattanooga, Tenn. PD as searched by Clerk KAREN HANNAH, revealed the only record identifiable with a LEWIS SHEPPARD reflects that a LEWIS SHEPPARD, Negro male, was arrested 3/24/68, as a passenger in a 1962 Chevrolet convertible, blue, wherein the driver of the vehicle was arrested for DUI. No additional information was available about this individual.

It is further noted that retel reflects SHEPPARD's address as 808 Enden Avenue, Rossville, which is incorrect. It should be 808 Indian Avenue.

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Special Agent in Charge

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AT 44-2386

On 5/17/68, Walker Co. Tag Commissioner J. MILLARD PICKELL, advised that 1968 Ga. tag receipt for 15J4423 did not indicate a previous Ga. registration, nor did it indicate from where the 1953 Chrysler was purchased.

The following investigation was conducted by
IC MARION W. DAVIS, at Atlanta, Ga.:

On 5/13/68, Mrs. LORETTA BROOKS, Georgia State MFB, Atlanta, Ga., advised records of her department were thoroughly checked for 1966 and 1967 and she could locate no record of instant 1960 Ford Thunderbird or the 1953 Chrysler ever registered with State of Georgia.

All records for County 15 have been sent to Florida for card punching and will not be available for approximately two weeks.

LEADSKNOXVILLE

At Madisonville, Tenn.:

Will furnish Atlanta any pertinent information regarding THP inquiry concerning 1968 Ga. license 15J4423 and 1964 Thunderbird, VIN H6YA117024.

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

5/23/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68.

Sergeant EARL KING, Crimes Against Persons Unit, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, advised this date that he could locate no record of a robbery in which the victim was named SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad, Richmond, Illinois, or any other individual by that name.

LEAD:

CHICAGO DIVISION

At Richmond, Illinois

In interview with SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad, endeavor to obtain details of alleged robbery in view of the fact the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, cannot locate any record pertaining to this robbery.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis
2 - Chicago
2 - St. Louis (Info.)
2 - Kansas City
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RE 1968 DODGE DART RECOVERED
LAMBERT-ST. LOUIS AIRPORT

The following investigation was conducted on
May 23, 1968, by SA JOSEPH B. GRAFF:

ROBERT HRODEY, Dispatcher, Mc Henry County Sheriff's Office, Mc Henry, Illinois, advised that on May 19, 1968, his department had received a request from the Kirkwood, Missouri, Police Department to locate and interview SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad Road, Richmond, Illinois. HRODEY said that he dispatched a car to that area at which time the deputy learned that there was no such address in Richmond, Illinois, as 6535 Noad Road.

ROSS COURTEMASH, Postmaster, Richmond, Illinois, advised that there is no such address as above in that town nor, in fact, in Mc Henry, Illinois.

Chief of Police WILLIAM BOTTIS advised from records and recollection there was no information available at his police department concerning a SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN. Chief BOTTIS also stated that there was no such address as above.

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Via A I R T E L _____
(Priority)

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

Re St. Louis airtel to the Bureau et al 5/20/68.

RE 1968 DODGE DART RECOVERED
LAMBERT-ST. LOUIS AIRPORT

Enclosed herewith for the assistance of the Indianapolis Division are two Xerox copies of referenced airtel. Also, enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of an investigative insert; Indianapolis two copies of an investigative insert; and other offices receiving one copy of an investigative insert setting forth investigation conducted at Richmond, Illinois.

LEAD

INDIANAPOLIS

AT RICHMOND, INDIANA. Will conduct investigation as set forth for the Chicago Division under Richmond, Illinois, in referenced airtel to preclude the possibility of an error in SCHEIDERMAN's address.

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- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 3)
 - 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Enc. 1) (AM)
 - 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Enc. 1) (AM)
 - ① - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 1) (AM)
 - 2 - Indianapolis (44-563) (Enc. 4)
 - 2 - St. Louis (44-775) (Enc. 1) (AM)
(1 - 26-32047)
 - 1 - Chicago
- RJD:jap (11) E

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FBI

Date: 5/23/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) & (26-43489) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

UNSUB;
1968 DODGE
VIN LH41D8B323249
1968 GEORGIA LICENSE 1D48283
ITSMV
(OO: ST. LOUIS)

Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68, under MURKIN caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one National Car Rental Agreement # 7044348, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, dated 4/2/68.

For information of San Francisco, Jacksonville, and Knoxville, captioned 1968 Dodge located abandoned Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport, St. Louis, Missouri, on 5/16/68. Captioned Dodge rented in Atlanta on stolen credit cards on 4/2/68, in name of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad Road, Richmond, Illinois, which credit cards were taken in an armed robbery in Kansas City, Missouri. Captioned car rented and located during pertinent period of time re investigation re MURKIN, and leads being logically pursued in an attempt to eliminate or identify renter with JAMES EARL RAY.

Samuel Schneiderman. Sub E-1015

3-Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)	1-Kansas City (Info) <i>RM</i>
1-Chicago (Info) <i>RM</i>	3-St. Louis (44-775) (26-32047) <i>RM</i>
1-Memphis <i>(RM)</i>	2-San Francisco <i>RM</i>
4-Atlanta	2-Jacksonville <i>RM</i>
(2-44-2386) (2-26-43489)	2-Knoxville <i>RM</i>

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AT 44-2386
26-43489

MARGIE CURTIS, 1838 Dunlap Avenue, East Point, Georgia, employed by National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia, advised on 5/17/68, she was the individual who rented the 1968 Dodge Dart to S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN on 4/2/68. She described SCHNEIDERMAN as being in his late 30s or early 40s, approximately 5' 7' 8" tall, of small build, weighing approximately 140-145, with dark hair, possibly black. She viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated from her recollection, did not believe RAY identical to SCHNEIDERMAN, however, photograph of RAY, particularly the hair, did resemble SCHNEIDERMAN.

SCHNEIDERMAN appeared at the National Car Rental Office at the Atlanta Airport at approximately 9:42 am, wearing a business suit and presented 3 Millionaire Club credit cards, 2 in plastic covering, and 1 plain paper card, all in the name of S. SCHNEIDERMAN. She could not recall if SCHNEIDERMAN had luggage, and stated she was sure that he was not accompanied by anyone. She stated she obtained the DL # from SCHNEIDERMAN's Illinois DL, and also listed the Holiday Inn at the Atlanta Airport as SCHNEIDERMAN's place of contact.

DAVE ROGERS, National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia Airport, produced National Car Rental System Rental Agreement # 7044348 for this company, Station 070-2, dated 4/2/68, at 9:42 am, indicating one S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN rented car # 701371 with Georgia license 1D98283, which is a Dodge Dart, which rental agreement reflects an address of 6535 North Richmond, Illinois. Also listed on this agreement, DL # [REDACTED] from the state of Illinois. The agreement reflects the car will be returned on 5/1/68, and indicates a credit card was used from the Millionaire Club National Limited, Chicago, Illinois, # 96968.

ROGERS stated that a 20% cash discount was given to SCHNEIDERMAN and stated that according to records of this office, their vehicle 701371 is a 1968 Dodge Dart, VIN LH41D8B323249, bearing 1968 Georgia license 1D48283.

ROGERS stated that SCHNEIDERMAN apparently, after obtaining this automobile, later went to the Tallahassee, Florida area, and was staying at the Holiday Inn in Tallahassee, inasmuch as he, ROGERS, had received an inquiry from a Lt. DAVIS of the Tallahassee, Florida PD, who was checking on SCHNEIDERMAN through the Georgia license plate on his car. ROGERS also stated that he later received information that SCHNEIDERMAN was locked out of his room by the Holiday Inn # 2, Knoxville, Tennessee.

AT 44-2386
26-43489

Mrs. PEARL JOHNSON, Bookkeeper, Holiday Inn, Atlanta, Georgia Airport, advised that records of her office failed to reflect a S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN registered in this motel during the later part of March, or later part of April, 1968. Mrs. JOHNSON advised that records of this motel reflect that a guest register card # 44179, in the name of S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, 2493 Airport Boulevard, San Francisco, California, representing the Equipment Engineering Company, stayed in Room 284 of this motel on 4/28-30/68. SCHNEIDERMAN left owing a bill of \$32.61. Mrs. JOHNSON stated that her records also reflect a check was cashed by this motel in the amount of \$25, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, dated 4/29/68, check # 134, made out to the Holiday Inn, and drawn on the Portola District Branch of the Bank of America, San Francisco, California, 2485 San Bruno Avenue. This check bears the written notation, "Ill. # [REDACTED] #284, and also EAL # [REDACTED]". She indicated the Illinois # was a DL # for the guest in Room 284, however, she could not explain what the other # was, and stated EAL could be Eastern Airlines.

Mrs. JOHNSON advised that letters were directed to SCHNEIDERMAN at the 2493 Airport Boulevard, San Francisco, California address, which letters were returned and the check was returned from the bank stamped "not sufficient funds".

LEADS:

BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to compare the enclosed evidence and handwriting with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. Will return evidence to Atlanta Division upon completion of examination. Will furnish the Memphis, Atlanta, and St. Louis Offices with results of examination.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT BANK OF AMERICA, PORTOLA BRANCH

Conduct appropriate investigation re checks in name of S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN.

KNOXVILLE,

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Conduct appropriate investigation at Holiday Inn # 2, re S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN being locked out of his room. Will ascertain if any personal effects of SCHNEIDERMAN obtained by motel, and thereafter check these effects, in addition to identify unsub.

AT 44-2386
26-43489

LEADS: (cont)

JACKSONVILLE

AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Contact Lt. DAVIS and Holiday Inn re S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN.

CHICAGO & KANSAS CITY

Information copies directed to these offices in view of outstanding investigation being conducted.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

5-24-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, St. Louis (44-775)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel 5-20-68, submitting eleven lifts and other items from 1968 Dodge Dart recovered at Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport.

Three latent fingerprints of value were found on two of the lifts, one fingerprint on lift #6 and two fingerprints on lift #11. No other latent impressions of value found or developed.

These three latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. These latent fingerprints were compared, insofar as possible, with latent fingerprints previously reported in this case, but no identification effected.

Specimens being returned to St. Louis under separate cover.

- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
- 1 - Chicago
- 1 - Kansas City
- 1 - St. Louis (26-32047)

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, Indianapolis (44-583)

MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 5/23/68.

Investigation Richmond, Indiana through city directory, telephone directory, local post office, Police Department, Sheriff's Office, fails to reveal address of 6508 Road Road, Richmond, Indiana.

Above records fail to reveal name BANDJEL.

SCHNEIDERMAN

✓ Sub E-1015C

LEADS:

KANSAS CITY

At Kansas City, Missouri

Ascertain correct address of SCHNEIDERMAN from Police Department records.

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1-Atlanta
1-Chicago
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3-St. Louis
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Date: 5/29/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 OO: MEMPHIS

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/23/68,
 captioned "MURKIN."

LOUIS CRISPI, Assistant Manager, Portola District Branch, Bank of America, 2485 San Bruno Avenue, San Francisco, California, on May 28, 1968, advised he recalled opening a checking account for a person using the name S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN on April 22, 1968. He advised the following information was furnished by SCHNEIDERMAN on the signature card for account Number [REDACTED]

Name	S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Residence	245 South Airport (no city shown)
Business or Occupation	Electronics technician
Employer	Equipment Engineers
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Mother's Maiden Name	FLOPENCE

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (RM)
 - (1 - 44-2386)
 - (1 - 26-43489)
- 1 - Chicago (44-1114)(INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 1 - Jacksonville (INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 1 - Knoxville (INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(Enc. 1)(AM)(RM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)(INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 1 - Tampa (INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 2 - San Francisco (1 - 173-65)(1 - 87-29695)

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CRISPI stated SCHNEIDERMAN opened a checking account on April 22, 1968, with a deposit of \$5 and stated he expected to receive at this branch of the Bank of America a wire of transfer of funds from Chicago, Illinois. He exhibited to CRISPI as means of identification Eastern Airlines Credit Card and Millionaire Club Credit Card. CRISPI stated he did not obtain the numbers of these cards. CRISPI described SCHNEIDERMAN as a white male, 5'7", 130 pounds, dark hair neatly trimmed, neatly dressed, shirt and tie, dark coat, no hat, 25 to 30 years of age. SCHNEIDERMAN indicated he was staying at the Holiday Inn in South San Francisco, California.

Mr. CRISPI advised he had one check dated April 24, 1968, paid to the order of the Holiday Inn in the amount of \$10, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN. On the back of this check was the following identification information:

"Room #108, Eastern Airlines Number 0-350-168M, Illinois DL [REDACTED] paid to the order of First Ruskin Bank, MAC-T.D., Inc., D/B/a Holiday Inn, Appolo Beach, Acct [REDACTED] for deposit only."

Mr. CRISPI advised his file indicates SCHNEIDERMAN passed checks in the amounts listed below and he has no additional data as these checks have been returned:

\$15.00, \$24.32, \$45.22, \$100.00 to National Car Rental;
\$20.00, \$25.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 to Holiday Inn;
\$12.55 to Travelodge;
\$15.00 to Jacksonville Travelodge;
\$15.00 to Jewish Family Service.

BRUCE LYON, Desk Manager, Holiday Inn, 245 South Airport, South San Francisco, California, on May 28, 1968, advised his records indicate one S. SCHNEIDERMAN checked into this motel on April 20, 1968, and skipped out sometime on April 22, 1968, owing a bill of \$60.48. The registration card gave his residence address as 715 Hope, Los Angeles, California, and firm as Equipment Engineers at 715 Hope, Los Angeles, California, automobile license VRG 245 (California).

Mr. LYON furnished a description of SCHNEIDERMAN which is the same as that furnished by Mr. CRISPI.

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The Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, telephonically advised that California license VRG 245 is registered for a 1968 Ford sedan, VIN 8P01C108167, to Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, Los Angeles, California.

An ITSP investigation has been initiated concerning a \$100 check given to National Car Rental; therefore, leads to further identify checks passed by SCHNEIDERMAN are not being set out.

The city and telephone directories of the San Francisco Bay Area were reviewed without locating any listing for Equipment Engineers.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to LYON and CRISPI and both advised that although there was some similarity they did not believe SCHNEIDERMAN could be identical with RAY as he was shorter and several years younger.

Enclosed for the assistance of the Los Angeles Office is a xeroxed copy of referenced Atlanta airtel.

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THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Conduct appropriate investigation at Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, concerning possible rental of 1968 Ford bearing California license VRG 245.

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Date: 5/31/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 OO: Memphis

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated 5/23/68,
 and San Francisco airtel to the Bureau dated 5/29/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
 SA WILLIAM N. HEARD and SA JAMES R. PACE:

On 5/31/68, Mr. EDWARD MANLEY, Night Manager,
 National Car Rentals, a subsidiary of Consolidated Leasing
 Corporation, 507 South Flower, Los Angeles, California, ad-
 vised that he personally rented a 1968 light green Mustang,
 California License Number VRG 245, to a SAMUEL M.
SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 North Richmond, Chicago, Illinois, on
 the night of 4/18/68. He vividly recalls SCHNEIDERMAN
 because due to a lack of a driver's license, MANLEY be-
 lieved SCHNEIDERMAN to be a bad risk. On receiving an ap-
 proval to rent the car from a superior, he rented the car to

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 2 - San Francisco
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SCHNEIDERMAN whom he described as a White male in early thirties, 5'8-5'9", 140 to 150 pounds, slender build, and wearing glasses, probably prescription type. He was provided a group of assorted pictures containing a photo of JAMES EARL RAY, and he stated that none of the photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN. SCHNEIDERMAN provided a local address of the Holiday Inn, Olympic and Figueroa, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. GENE BERRY, Manager, Holiday Inn, 1020 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, advised on 5/31/68 that a SAMUEL S. SCHNEIDERMAN was a guest at their motel from 1:58 AM, 4/10/68, until his room was found vacant on 4/21/68. SCHNEIDERMAN left owing a \$105.98 motel bill. He described SCHNEIDERMAN as being a white male, age 40, 5'6" to 5'7", 140 to 150 pounds, slender face and with black curly hair. The motel had no record of a car. He was provided a group of assorted pictures containing a photo of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that none of the photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN. Miss MARGE POTTS, who had seen SCHNEIDERMAN several times on desk clerk business, advised that none of above photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN.

The address - 715 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California - is the address of the YMCA.

The Los Angeles Office is opening an ITSP case inasmuch as individual identifying himself as SCHNEIDERMAN passed at least two out of state checks in Los Angeles.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Los Angeles Office in this phase of MURKIN.

FBI

Date: 6/8/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

UNSUB; 1968 Dodge, VIN
LH41D8B323249, 1968 Georgia
License 1D-48283
ITSMV
(OO: St. Louis)

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, dated 5/23/68.

The Jacksonville Division as of 5/6/68, has an ITSP case opened on the unsub with the alias of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, which is Jacksonville file 87-10211.

On 5/6/68, Mr. RUEL BRADLEY advised that one SAMUEL M. SCHNEIDERMAN registered at the Holiday Inn at Tallahassee, Fla. at 8:10 PM on 4/27/68, at which time he was driving a light blue Mustang which had Florida Tag 3E-4598 which was rented from the National Car Rental Agency in St. Petersburg, Fla. and subject reportedly gave a \$100 bad check at the time of this rental. Mr. BRADLEY advised that unknown subject, while at the Holiday Inn, cashed two checks, one for ten dollars and the other one for 25 dollars, which were drawn on the Bank of America, Portola District Branch, San Francisco, California, which checks were dated 4/27/68 and 4/28/68, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, which were reported by the bank as not being good. It was determined at the time he checked in to the Holiday Inn also, he was checked in to the Travel Lodge in Tallahassee, Fla. and when questioned regarding being checked in to two different motels on the same evening, ran from the Holiday Inn. Mr. BRADLEY advised that he learned that on 4/30/68, the unknown subject reportedly checked in to the Holiday Inn in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which

② - Memphis (RM) (1- 440769)
2 - Atlanta (26-43489) (RM) (1- 87-10211)
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time he was driving a green 1966 Dodge, Georgia Tag 1D-48283. Mr. BRADLEY advised that he had learned through Knoxville, Tennessee that the subject had a briefcase which contained a lot of blank checks. Subject also reportedly had envelopes from the Security First National Bank, Olympic and Flower Branch, 700 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, California.

Mr. RUEL BRADLEY who talked to the subject for several minutes, described him as:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	Around 27
Height	5'5"
Weight	130 pounds
Hair	Black
Scars and Marks	Pocked faced with a scar on forehead over left eye
Dress	Wearing sport clothes
Drivers License	Produced a California Drivers License in the name of SCHNEIDERMAN.

Mr. RUEL BRADLEY on 5/6/68 was shown the picture of JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. BRADLEY advised that unknown subject alias SAMUEL M. SCHNEIDERMAN was definitely not identical with fugitive JAMES EARL RAY.

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SAC, ST. LOUIS (26-32047) (P)

MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

UNSUB;
1968 DODGE
VIN LH41DRB323249
1968 GEORGIA LICENSE 1D48283
ITSHV
(OO: St. Louis)

Re Jacksonville airtel to Memphis, 6/8/68; and
Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 5/23/68.

In reviewing this file, it is noted that at the
time captioned vehicle was recovered at the St. Louis Municipal
Airport on 5/16/68, Trooper ROBERT SCHURE, Missouri State
Highway Patrol, advised that this vehicle had been rented
at Atlanta, Ga., 4/2/68, from National Car Rental utilizing
stolen credit cards in the name of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN,
6535 Mead Rd., Richmond, Ill., and that these credit cards
were alleging stolen from SCHNEIDERMAN in an armed robbery
in Kansas City, Mo. *Sub E-10154*

Investigation to date has determined that no record
could be located with the Kansas City, Mo. Police Department
regarding a robbery of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, and investigation
at Richmond, Ill., has indicated there is no such address
as 6535 Mead Rd., and no record of a SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN.

Based on this information on 5/18/68, Trooper SCHURE
was recontacted to determine where he had obtained the infor-
mation regarding SCHNEIDERMAN having been robbed at Kansas
City, Mo. Trooper SCHURE stated that he was not positive
since he had obtained this information from the radio dispatcher
of Troop C Headquarters, Missouri State Highway Patrol, at
Kirkwood, Mo., although Trooper SCHURE was of the opinion

2 - Atlanta
1 - Chicago (Info)
1 - Indianapolis (44-663) (Info)
1 - Kansas City (Info)
1 - Memphis (Info)
2 - Jacksonville
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that this information had originally been obtained from the Georgia State Police out of Atlanta.

In view of the above, Atlanta might consider contacting the Georgia State Police to determine if they have information regarding the manner in which credit cards were obtained by UNSUB so that investigation regarding MURKIN in this matter might be resolved.

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Date: MAY 23, 1968

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re WFO airtel to Bureau dated 5/10/68.

On 5/10/68, SA E. BRUCE GALLAGHER drove by New Hampshire and Adelphi Roads, Hyattsville, Maryland, in an attempt to observe individual possibly identical with JAMES EARL RAY, referred to in re WFO airtel.

On 5/14/68, Mrs. HAROLD SHIRK, 8419 Rambler Lane, Adelphi, Maryland, observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY exhibited by SA ROY G. WETZEL. Mrs. SHIRK could not definitely identify a photograph of RAY.

Mrs. SHIRK advised that she was driving in a car along New Hampshire Avenue, when she observed an individual walking toward her near Adelphi Road, whom she though looked familiar.

After getting home, Mrs. SHIRK observed a photograph in the newspaper of JAMES EARL RAY and felt that the photograph resembled the individual she noticed walking on New Hampshire Avenue.

Mrs. SHIRK advised that she has not seen this individual since and was not positive how strong a resemblance the individual had to RAY since she passed him rather quickly.

Baltimore conducting no further investigation.

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TELETYPE

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5/23/68

TIME

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LITTLE ROCK

FROM: DENVER (157-203)

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MURKIN

REMYTEL AND LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO DENVER INSTANT DATE.

LITTLE ROCK ADVISED INTERVIEW OF THOMPSONS AT OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT, FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, REVEALED THEY DO NOT KNOW EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY AND NO ONE BY THAT NAME HAS WORKED OR BEEN TAKING MEALS AT THE RESTAURANT. THE THOMPSONS AND OTHER RELATIVES OF REX BASINGER ADVISE BASINGER IS MENTAL CASE AND TENDS TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH CRIMINAL CASES RECEIVING NATIONWIDE ATTENTION. THEY ADVISED LITTLE ROCK OFFICE THAT BASINGER LAST IN FORT SMITH ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO, AT WHICH TIME HE CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN IN A CELL WITH JACK RUBY IN DALLAS, TEXAS. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THIS WAS FALSE STATEMENT AND A DOCTOR AT PARKLAND HOSPITAL, DALLAS, EXAMINED BASINGER AND FOUND PROBABLE PSYCHOSIS AND POSSIBLE BRAIN SYNDROME.

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RECORDS, FORT SMITH CREDIT BUREAU, POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE, NEGATIVE REGARDING BRADLEY. FILES OF DENVER OFFICE BEAR OUT MENTAL INSTABILITY OF BASINGER, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT WHEREABOUTS OF BRADLEY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IF POSSIBLE.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER BUREAU FILES CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THIS BRADLEY.

LITTLE ROCK REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE MRS. JOE "JAKE" FINE, ALLEGEDLY THE MOTHER OF BRADLEY, IN RUDY, ARKANSAS AND DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF BRADLEY.

DENVER STILL INTERESTED IN CHECKING TELEPHONE RECORDS OF BASINGER'S TELEPHONE FOR ALLEGED CALL FROM BRADLEY WHILE IN TULSA.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC, LITTLE ROCK
FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) 4P

MURKIN.

RE TELCALL TO LITTLE ROCK THIS DATE.

ON MAY TWENTYTHIRD INSTANT, REX HARDY BASINGER,
ONE FOUR ONE SIX DOWNING, APARTMENT TWO, DENVER, ADVISED
THAT HE RECEIVED A COLLECT CALL FROM EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY
IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA, ABOUT ONE PM, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.
BASINGER STATED GREW UP WITH GENE BRADLEY, RUDY, ARKANSAS,
AND ATTENDED SCHOOL WITH HIM IN ALMA. BRADLEY LEFT HIGH
SCHOOL TO JOIN NAVY IN NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE. BASINGER SAW
BRADLEY ONCE SINCE THEN IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE
OR JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, IN DALLAS, TEXAS. ACCI-
DENTALLY MET HIM IN TAVERN IN DALLAS. DESCRIBED BRADLEY AS
FIVE FEETELEVEN, STRAWBERRY BLOND, FRECKLES, UNKNOWN TATTOOS,
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, FIFTYONE YEARS OF AGE. HAS
MOTHER WHOSE NAME MAY BE MRS. JOE "JAKE" FINE IN RUDY,
ARK. DURING CALL ON MAY SEVENTEEN, BRADLEY APPEARED TO
BE DRUNK AND TO BE CALLING FROM A TAVERN. BASINGER STATED

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1-Oklahoma City
1-Denver ✓

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BRADLEY MAY HAVE RELATIONS IN TULSA. BRADLEY INDICATED MIGHT BE PASSING THROUGH DENVER SOMETIME IN NEAR FUTURE. ASKED BASINGER IF BASINGER SAW HIM ON CBS TV AND INDICATED THAT HE WAS ONE OF THOSE INDICTED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARRISON, NEW ORLEANS, INVOLVED IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION CONSPIRACY. COMMENTED TO BASINGER "WE FAMOUS PEOPLE RUN TOGETHER," AND STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN LIVING IN TULSA WITH ERIC GALT FOR ABOUT A WEEK. BASINGER ASKED WHO GALT WAS AND BRADLEY ASKED BASINGER IF HE HAD HEARD OF JAMES RAY. WHEN BASINGER STATED HE HAD NOT BRADLEY SAID THAT HE WAS THE ONE WHO "KNOCKED OVER KING, JR." BASINGER STATED HE TRIED TO DETERMINE WHERE BRADLEY WAS STAYING BUT COULD NOT. HE BELIEVED THAT BRADLEY WAS ONCE ON THE WEST COAST, POSSIBLY AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE PREACHED AS A NON-DENOMINATIONAL PREACHER. DURING THE CONVERSATION HE INDICATED HE MAY BE RETURNING TO THE WEST COAST.

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BASINGER STATED THAT HE RECEIVED ANOTHER TELEPHONE CALL FROM BRADLEY AT SEVEN TEN AM THIS DATE. TELEPHONE CALL WAS CUT OFF FOR UNKNOWN REASON BUT WAS NOT A COLLECT CALL. OPERATOR WHO PUT BRADLEY ON THE LINE INDICATED THAT CALL WAS BEING CHARGED, BUT BASINGER FEELS IT WAS CHARGED TO SOMEONE IN FORT SMITH, ARK., FROM WHERE THE LATEST CALL ORIGINATED. DURING THE SHORT CONVERSATION BRADLEY INDICATED HE HAD BEEN EATING AT THE OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT, SEVEN ONE FOUR TOWSON AVE., FORT SMITH, ARK., WHICH RESTAURANT IS RUN BY A COUSIN OF BASINGER, MRS. ELBA BASINGER THOMPSON, AND WAS APPARENTLY PLACING THE CALL FROM THAT RESTAURANT. HE INDICATED THAT HE WENT TO FORT SMITH TO SEE THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT TORNADO IN THAT AREA, AND THAT HE PLANNED TO HEAD WEST AFTER LEAVING FORT SMITH.

LITTLE ROCK AT FT. SMITH IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT MRS. THOMPSON AT THE OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT AND THROUGH HER LOCATE BRADLEY. BRADLEY SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED FOR ANY

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KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ACTIVITIES WHILE IN TULSA.

IN THE EVENT BRADLEY NOT LOCATED, FT. SMITH, BUREAU PERMISSION TO CHECK FOR COLLECT CHARGES AGAINST TELEPHONE USED BY BASINGER IS REQUESTED. BASINGER AGREEABLE AND LEAD CAN BE COVERED WITHOUT EMBARRASSMENT TO THE BUREAU THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCE. NO FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN SESSION.

MEMPHIS AS OFFICE OF ORIGIN AND ^{*Oklahoma City*} ~~TULSA~~, WHO MAY HAVE SUBSEQUENT LEADS, BEING FURNISHED COPIES BY AIR MAIL.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND DENVER 157-203
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686

MURKIN

RE DENVEL TELS TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYTHREE LAST.

RE: EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY

FILES OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE REFLECT LHM SUBMITTED TO BUREAU
JANUARY NINE LAST AND JANUARY TEN LAST UNDER CAPTION QUOTE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER
TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS UNQUOTE WHICH CONTAINS
INFORMATION REGARDING EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY FURNISHED BY TULSA,
OKLA. ATTORNEY ROEHM WEST, AND COPY OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPING PERTAINING
TO BRADLEY WHICH APPEARED IN THE TULSA TRIBUNE ON JANUARY NINE LAST.

ABOVE COMMUNICATIONS REVEAL BRADLEY HAD RECENTLY SURRENDERED
TO LOS ANGELES AUTHORITIES FOLLOWING A CONSPIRACY CHARGE FILED BY
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON. NEWSPAPER ARTICLE
REFLECTED BRADLEY EMPLOYED AS A PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN FOR DR. CARL
MC INTIRE AN EVANGELIST AND APPARENTLY RESIDING IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD,
CALIFORNIA.

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ATTORNEY WEST FURNISHED INFO ON JANUARY EIGHT LAST HE HAD FEMALE CLIENT, WHOM HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY, WHO RESIDES IN TULSA, WHO HAD ADVISED BRADLEY WAS IN TULSA FOR TWO DAYS PRECEEDING THE ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY. WEST'S CLIENT HAD ADVISED THAT AFTER THE RECENT ARREST OF BRADLEY HE HAD CONTACTED HER ATTEMPTING TO HAVE HER SIGN AFFIDAVIT THAT HE WAS IN TULSA AT TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION.

OKLAHOMA CITY CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF BRADLEY WAS IN TULSA ON MAY SEVENTEEN LAST AS REPORTED BY REX HARDY BASINGER.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND LITTLE ROCK

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FBI DENVER

3-33 PM URGENT 5-27-68 BID

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574) AND MEMPHIS
(44-1987)

FROM DENVER (157-203)

MURKIN

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL MAY TWENTY FOUR, CC TO DENVER.

DENVER SEES NO REASON TO CHECK FOR COLLECT TELEPHONE CALL
AGAINST TELEPHONE USED BY REX BASINGER IF LOS ANGELES
SUCCESSFUL IN DETERMINING WHEREABOUTS OF BRADLEY DURING
PERTINENT PERIOD. THEREFORE, DENVER WITHDRAWING REQUEST TO
CHECK FOR TELEPHONE CALL UNTIL RESULTS OF LOS ANGELES
INVESTIGATION ARE KNOWN.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DENVER

FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE DENVER TEL CALL TO LITTLE ROCK TODAY.

MR. AND MRS. LEON THOMPSON, OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT, FORT SMITH, ARK., ADVISED TODAY THAT THEY DO NOT KNOW EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY ^{Sub E-1017} AND NO ONE BY THAT NAME HAS WORKED OR BEEN TAKING MEALS AT THE RESTAURANT. THEY AND OTHER RELATIVES OF REX BASINGER ADVISE REX IS A MENTAL CASE AND TENDS TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH CRIMINAL CASES RECEIVING NATIONWIDE ATTENTION. THEY ADVISE BASINGER LAST IN FORT SMITH ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO AT WHICH TIME HE CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN IN A CELL WITH JACK RUBY AT DALLAS, TEXAS. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THIS WAS A FALSE STATEMENT AND A DOCTOR AT PARKLAND HOSPITAL, DALLAS, EXAMINED BASINGER AND FOUND PROBABLE PSYCHOSIS AND POSSIBLE BRAIN SYNDROME. DENVER REFER TO DENVER FILE TWO DASH THIRTY FOR BACKGROUND ON BASINGER. BASINGER'S BROTHER, HORACE BASINGER, AND SISTER, BEATRICE

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1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
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BLAYLOCK, ARE BOTH EMPLOYED AT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION,
DENVER, COLORADO, AND BASINGER REPORTEDLY LIVES WITH ONE OF
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RECORDS OF FORT SMITH, ARK., CREDIT BUREAU, PD, AND SO
NEGATIVE ON EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY.

DENVER. ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF BASINGER IS FURNISHING
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FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 4P

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RE DENVER TELETYPE, MAY TWENTY-THREE LAST.

FOR INFORMATION LOS ANGELES, REX BASINGER, DENVER, *Sub E-10174*
COLORADO, ADVISED DENVER OFFICE HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL
ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS FROM FRIEND, EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY,
BOTH FORMERLY LIVED RUDY, ARK., AND ATTENDED SCHOOL, ALMA,
ARKANSAS. BASINGER LOST TRACK OF BRADLEY WHEN LATTER WENT
INTO U. S. NAVY NINETEEN THIRTY-THREE. SUBSEQUENTLY SAW
BRADLEY IN DALLAS, TEXAS, IN DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE.

BASINGER CLAIMS BRADLEY CALLED HIM MAY SEVENTEEN,
NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, FROM TULSA, OKLAHOMA. AT THAT TIME
BRADLEY SAID HE HAD ERIC GALT WITH HIM. BASINGER STATED
HE DID NOT KNOW WHO GALT WAS AND BRADLEY SAID HE WAS ALSO
KNOWN AS JAMES RAY. BASINGER STATED HE DID NOT KNOW JAMES
RAY AND BRADLEY THEN TOLD HIM RAY WAS THE MAN WHO KILLED
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KING. BRADLEY CLAIMED TO HAVE LIVED WITH RAY FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK IN TULSA.

AT SEVEN TEN A.M., MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME, MAY TWENTY-THREE LAST, BRADLEY AGAIN CALLED BASINGER AND STATED HE WAS AT THE OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT, SEVEN ONE FOUR TOWSON AVENUE, FORT SMITH, ARK., AND WAS WORKING HIS WAY WEST. BRADLEY CLAIMED HE WAS EATING HIS MEALS AT THE OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT WHICH IS OPERATED BY BASINGER'S COUSIN, ELBA BASINGER THOMPSON. BASINGER STATED BRADLEY WAS ALLEGEDLY UNDER SUBPOENA BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES GARRISON, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

BASINGER DESCRIBES BRADLEY AS WHITE MALE, FIFTY-ONE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE EIGHT POUNDS, BLOND, VETERAN OF U. S. NAVY.

MR. AND MRS. LEON THOMPSON, OPERATORS OF OLD SOUTH RESTAURANT, FORT SMITH, ON MAY TWENTY-THREE LAST, ADVISED BRADLEY UNKNOWN TO THEM AND THEY COULD NOT IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY. THEY AND OTHER RELATIVES ADVISE BASINGER A MENTAL CASE AND TENDS TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH CRIMINAL

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CASES OF NATIONAL PROMINENCE.

LITTLE ROCK FILES ALSO REFLECT BASINGER PREVIOUSLY EXAMINED BY A PHYSICIAN AT DALLAS, TEXAS, AND DIAGNOSED "WITH PROBABLE PSYCHOSIS AND POSSIBLE SYNDROME."

RELATIVES OF BRADLEY LOCATED FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, AND THEY ADVISED HE RESIDES ONE TWO TWO ZERO EIGHT EMELITA STREET, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE SEVEN SIX ONE DASH EIGHT SEVEN ZERO NINE, AND IS EMPLOYED AS WEST COAST RADIO REPRESENTATIVE OF CARL MC INTYRE, EVANGELIST. THEY ADVISED HE HAS RESIDED THERE SINCE NINETEEN FORTY-ONE AND WAS DEFINITELY NOT IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA, OR FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, AS ALLEGED. BRADLEY'S UNCLE TALKED TO HIM AT THE ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER ON THE EVENING OF MAY TWENTY-THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT. THEY ALSO ADVISE BRADLEY HAS BEEN CHARGED BY JAMES GARRISON, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WITH CONSPIRACY IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND IS DUE TO HAVE EXTRADITION HEARING BEFORE GOVERNOR REAGAN OF CALIFORNIA JUNE FIVE OR SIX NEXT.

LOS ANGELES DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF BRADLEY ON MAY SEVENTEEN AND MAY TWENTY-THREE LAST AND ASCERTAIN IF HE HAS
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ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING JAMES RAY.

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MURKIN

RE LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES
DATED MAY TWENTY FOUR LAST; LOS ANGELES AIRTEL DATED
MAY TWENTY FOUR LAST CAPTIONED "ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO
SIXTY THREE, DALLAS, TEXAS, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
CONCERNING, BUFILE SIX TWO DASH ONE ZERO NINE ZERO SIX ZERO."

RE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM REX BASINGER, DENVER,
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REFERENCED LOS ANGELES AIRTEL RECORDS INTERVIEW
WITH GEORGE J. JENSEN, ATTORNEY REPRESENTING EDGAR EUGENE
BRADLEY ON AN EXTRADITION MATTER INITIATED BY JAMES GARRISON,
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY. JENSEN IS A FORMER FBI AGENT
AND GAVE IMPRESSION DURING INTERVIEW OF BEING A BRAGGART.

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HE FEELS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND PARTICULARLY FBI SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN FIGHTING THE EXTRADITION OF BRADLEY TO NEW ORLEANS. JENSEN HAS STATED HE INTENDS TO USE EXCERPTS FROM THE DIRECTOR'S TESTIMONY AT THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, FEELING THE DIRECTOR'S REPUTATION ALONE WOULD HAVE A TREMENDOUS BEARING ON WHETHER THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WOULD PERMIT THE EXTRADITION.

DURING INTERVIEW ON MAY TWENTY THREE LAST JENSEN INDICATED BRADLEY WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR FBI INTERVIEW IF DESIRED.

JENSEN WAS ADVISED IF BRADLEY HAD ANYTHING OF INTEREST TO FURNISH THE FBI CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, THE FBI WAS READY TO ACCEPT IT. IF BRADLEY IS INTERVIEWED REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION, HE WILL ALSO BE INTERVIEWED REGARDING MURKIN.

BECAUSE OF JENSEN'S ATTITUDE REGARDING USE OF FBI AS MEANS OF INFLUENCING THE EXTRADITION DECISION OF HIS CLIENT, BRADLEY; BASINGER BEING DESCRIBED BY RELATIVES AS A MENTAL CASE; AND BRADLEY'S UNCLE HAVING SPOKEN TELEPHONICALLY WITH BRADLEY AT HIS NORTH HOLLYWOOD RESIDENCE ON MAY TWENTY THREE