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TO: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)
MURKIN
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Re Houston airtel to Bureau, 5/3/68, concerning long distance telephone calls from public telephone on Interstate 10.

Enclosed for each office designated are two copies of a report insert concerning information furnished by WILLIAM CARL HENDERSON (Protect), telephone number 372-3537, who resides at Forest Hill Road, Jackson, Miss.

It is noted that HENDERSON states JIMMY (LNU) does not resemble photos of subject RAY, however, he alleges that this individual along with SYLVIA SNOWDEN and her sister GLENDIA WILKINSON stayed at his residence in Jackson, Miss., either the day of or immediately after the slaying of KING and that they had just arrived in Jackson from Memphis, Tennessee. He described JIMMY (LNU) as a white male, 5'9" to 5'10", 160 to 170 pounds, approximately 24 years of age, brown hair, medium build, with eyes close together - oddness about the eyes, and a very neat dresser.

LEADSHOUSTON

- 2 - Houston (Encs. 2) (RM)
2 - New Orleans (157-10673) (Encs. 2) (RM)
② - Memphis (44-1987) (Encs. 2) (RM)
2 - Jackson

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Special Agent in Charge

JN 157-9586

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Will locate and interview SYLVIA SNOWDEN, telephone 453-2874. SNOWDEN should be questioned concerning her arrival and departure in Memphis in April, 1968, her daily activities while in Memphis, and complete background information developed particularly her association and travel with JIMMY (LNU). It should be noted that SNOWDEN allegedly resides with this individual.

NEW ORLEANS

AT LAROSE, LOUISIANA

Will attempt to locate GLENDA WILKINSON or GELENDIA WILKINSON, sister of SYLVIA SNOWDEN. She allegedly works as a barmaid in Larose. The same information as set forth in Houston lead should be obtained from WILKINSON.

JACKSON

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with WILLIAM CARL HENDERSON and attempt to further develop this individual in matters of interest to the Bureau.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone calls from San Antonio Division.
Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau, dated

5/20/68.

Telephone (914) 343-3240 listed to EVELYN MARIE PARKER, 30 Bonnell Place, Middletown, NY. In December, 1967, her son, ROBERT PARKER was returning to Florida from California via Texas and he telephonically contacted her. Date and place of call not known.

Telephone (212) 588-7147, unlisted, is that of JOHN MORALES, 1065 Woodycrest Avenue, Bronx, NY. His sister and brother-in-law, RICHARD and MARVIA WALKER lived with him. In December, 1967, RICHARD WALKER was in the armed services, stationed in Texas, and frequently called his wife at this telephone number.

Subject RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

② Memphis
1-New York

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Special Agent in Charge

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The following investigation was conducted relating to the telephone call made December 17, 1967, from telephone number 674-9919 in the San Antonio, Texas, area to Oklahoma City telephone number 405-771-3268. This investigation was conducted on May 24, 1968, by SAs MICHAEL F. HUTTER and DAVID J. LANG.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Miss JAN AUBERT, 8716 N.E. 52nd Street, advised that she and her mother, Mrs. IRMA AUBERT, are the only occupants of this address and that Mrs. AUBERT is the subscriber to telephone number 405-771-3268, and was the subscriber to this telephone number in December, 1967. Miss AUBERT advised the telephone call received at this time on December 17, 1967, from San Antonio, Texas, was made to her by her boy friend, BUTCH LOVE. She stated LOVE is in the Air Force and on the date of this call he was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. LOVE has since been transferred to duty with the Air Force in Viet Nam, having been so transferred on December 27, 1967.

Miss AUBERT furnished the above information in the presence of her mother, Mrs. AUBERT. Mrs. AUBERT was unable to furnish any additional information.

Both Miss AUBERT and Mrs. AUBERT were exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and were unable to effect an identification. Both also advised that the name JAMES EARL RAY was entirely unfamiliar to them with the exception of news items they had seen and heard concerning RAY.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)
MURKIN
CR
OO Memphis

Re San Antonio airtel to Director 5/20/68

Re: Telephone Calls of JAMES EARL RAY in
Texas During Period 12/15-17/67

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies and for
Memphis 15 copies of an investigative insert reflecting
investigation conducted at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, relative
to telephone call made from San Antonio area on 12/17/67
to Oklahoma City telephone 405-771-3268, by SAs MICHAEL F.
HUTTER and DAVID J. LANG:

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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3 - Bureau (Enc 2)
② - Memphis (Enc. 15) (44-1987)
1 - Oklahoma City
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)
RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau, 5/21/68.

Re Telephone Calls by Subject RAY
En route from Los Angeles to New Orleans

A call was placed from Texas telephone No. 538-9598 to Fresno, California, No. 209-251-1137 on 12/17/67.

On May 25, 1968, CHARLES WILLIAM SPERLING, 463 South Lind, Fresno, advised his telephone number is 209-251-1137. He received no telephone calls from Texas on December 17, 1967, and he was the only person living at this address at that time. SPERLING advised he could not recall getting "wrong number" call during the period December 17, 1967, but it is possible he may have. SPERLING advised he is employed as a park and camp site maintenance man by the United States Department of Interior. SPERLING advised he knows no one named JAMES EARL RAY.

A call was placed from Texas telephone No. 563-9747 to Fowler, California, No. 209-834-3541 on 12/17/67.

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② - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Sacramento
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On May 25, 1967, CARL E. PISOR, 104 North Fourth Street, Fowler, California, advised his telephone number is 209-834-3541. PISOR advised that he retired two years ago as Principal of the John C. Fremont School, 306 East Tuolomne Street, Fowler, California. PISOR advised he could recall no telephone calls from anyone in Texas during December, 1967. He advised he has relatives near Houston, Texas, but he would certainly recall if any of them had called his residence. PISOR advised that he had discussed this matter with his wife, JENNIE, and their 23 years old son, KENNETH, and neither of them could recall such a call.

PISOR advised that no one, other than his wife, his son, and himself had access to his telephone on or near December 17, 1967, and none of them could recall a "wrong number" call during that period. PISOR advised that JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to him.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

5/22/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)
RE: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

ReButel to El Paso 4/25/68.

Review of records by San Antonio pertaining to
toll calls made from public telephones on U.S. Highway 90
and I.H. 10 reveals the following.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling Number</u>	<u>Called Number</u>	<u>Place and/or Person Called</u>
12/16/67	875-9085	473-3971	Waelder, Texas
12/17/67	875-9087	672-2944	Gonzales, Texas
12/16/67	875-9040	672-3143	Gonzales, Texas
12/17/67	379-9084	672-3258	Gonzales, Texas
12/17/67	223-0149	672-3303	Gonzales, Texas
12/16/67	875-9085	672-3355	Gonzales, Texas
12/17/67	432-9322	672-3413	Gonzales, Texas
12/16/67	875-9040	672-3496	Gonzales, Texas

3 - Houston
① - Memphis (44-1987)
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling Number</u>	<u>Called Number</u>	<u>Place and/or Person Called</u>
12/17/67	875-9079	672-3496	Gonzales, Texas
12/16/67	379-9978	672-3522	Gonzales, Texas
12/15/67	223-7217	659-2812	Kenedy, Texas
12/17/67	674-9919	239-4353	Runge, Texas

LEADS:

HOUSTON

AT BRYAN, TEXAS Will contact General Telephone Co. and determine identities and addresses of subscribers to above telephone numbers listed at Waelder and Gonzales, Texas.

AT BEEVILLE, TEXAS Will contact Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. and determine identities and addresses of subscribers to above telephone numbers listed at Kenedy and Runge, Texas.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/28/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, SAN DIEGO
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)
MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re Dallas airtel to Oklahoma City 5/16/68, copy of which is enclosed for San Diego.

The following investigation was conducted by SA J. ROBINSON FIELD at Allen, Oklahoma, on 5/24/68:

Mrs. NED (MAI) BIFFLE, residing on a ranch southwest of Allen, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, advised she maintains an apartment at 7140 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas (telephone DA 1-1297). She advised she was residing at her ranch home in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma on 12/16/67. She also stated she did not know JAMES EARL RAY or one CHARLES STEIN and was unable to identify RAY's photograph.

She said she believed her son, TOMMY LEE WEBB, was temporarily occupying her apartment at 7140 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, on or about 12/16/67, and a telephone call may have been made to him on that date which he could identify. She explained her son was formerly acquainted with gamblers and hoodlums, both in Dallas and California, and was reportedly a previous member of Hells Angels in Los Angeles.

Mrs. BIFFLE advised her son is now in the U. S. Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, California; Marine Serial Number unknown. She advised he resides off the base at

2 - San Diego (Enc. - 1)
1 - Dallas
2 - Memphis
2 - Oklahoma City
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2168 Bella Vista Drive, Vista, California, 92083. She said it is her impression that he occupies one side of a duplex, the other half of which is occupied by Lt. Col. CHARLES L. BRADY. She said she knew of no particular close relationship between her son and Lt. Col. BRADY, except that of neighbors.

LEAD

SAN DIEGO

AT VISTA, CALIFORNIA. Will locate and interview TOMMY LEE WEBB, 7168 Bella Vista Drive to determine if he occupied his mother's apartment at 7140 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas, on 12/16/67.

If so, interview him regarding the identity of the person who made a long distance telephone call to that apartment on 12/16/67 from Alpine, Texas, as well as the nature of this call.

Will also exhibit photograph of JAMES EARL RAY to WEBB.

MO 157-2627

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Telephone Calls, U. S. Highway 90 and I-10
December 15 - 17, 1967

AT ATMORE, ALABAMA

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ARNOLD C. MERROW:

On May 27, 1968, it was determined that telephone number 368-2394 is issued to W. M. COLEMAN, Nokomis Community, Atmore, Alabama.

On May 28, 1968, W. M. COLEMAN advised that he has had this telephone number for several years. He said that his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. EVERETT E. STACEY live in San Antonio, Texas, STACEY being in the Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base. COLEMAN recalls receiving one or two telephone calls from his daughter and son-in-law during December 1967 and stated that he had received no other calls from the State of Texas.

COLEMAN advised that he has no information concerning JAMES EARL RAY and could not identify photographs of RAY.

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON:

Mobile telephone directory reflects that telephone 471-3762 is issued to FRANK I. CALAMETTI, JR., 1606 Epinet Drive.

On May 28, 1968, Mr. CALAMETTI was located at Continental Motors where he is employed as a mechanic. He advised that he has had this telephone number for some time. He now resides at 1942 Neshota Drive, Apartment 19E, but retained this telephone number on moving.

CALAMETTI advised that his mother-in-law, Mrs. HELEN FINLEY, resides at 7123 Westbriar Street, San Antonio, Texas. She has no telephone but uses pay stations when she calls them. He recalls her phoning his wife, BARBARA, during December 1967. He received no calls from any other person in Texas other than Mrs. FINLEY.

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CALAMETTI could furnish no information concerning RAY and could not identify RAY's photograph.

AT FOLEY, ALABAMA

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ALLISON A. CATLIN:

On May 27, 1968, J. S. LANE, owner and operator, Holiday Curb Store, Foley, Alabama, advised that he has had telephone number 943-5784 for the past year and one-half. He stated he receives numerous calls throughout the South concerning produce but does not recall specifically the call on December 16, 1967, but states he does not know anyone resembling the subject or CHARLES STEIN.

WILBUR WILLIS, Investigator, Foley Police Department, on May 28, 1968, advised LANE is a reputable businessman, operating a curb market and does considerable business in fruit and vegetable purchasing.

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Date: 5/29/68

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: Phone Calls, U. S. Highway 90 and I-10
12/15-17/67

Re San Antonio airtel, 5/21/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 15 copies of insert reflecting investigation concerning three calls to numbers within the Mobile Division.

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2 - Mobile
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Special Agent in Charge

June 1, 1968

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (-P-)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

LD Phone Calls from Highway 90 and
Interstate Highway 10
San Antonio, Texas

Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau, dated 5/20/68, which included leads for Little Rock to check subscribers to three Arkansas telephones.

Subscribers to the three telephones have been identified and interviewed. All three calls were calls from relatives to the respective subscribers, and none of them had any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY.

2 - Bureau (44-38861)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Little Rock (157-1215)
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, DALLAS
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)
RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau 5/21/68.

Investigation Waco, Texas, disclosed records of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company reflect the following phone numbers were listed to the following subscribers on 12/15/67.

817-753-3090 BEVERLY THURMAN, Collins Hall,
Room 146, Baylor University,
Waco, Texas, (now disconnected)

817-754-8205 RON WILLIS, 1427 S. 8th, Apt. 6,
Waco, Texas, Baylor University
student (now disconnected)

Both above phone numbers are now disconnected and the subscribers were students attending Baylor University. Both have returned to their permanent homes from Baylor University and university records list their home addresses as follows:

BEVERLY THURMAN, Route 9, Box 215C, San Antonio, Texas, 78211

RON WILLIS, 713 Newberry, Richardson, Texas, 75080

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① - Memphis (44-1987)
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LEADS:

DALLAS

AT RICHARDSON, TEXAS Will contact RON WILLIS, 713 Newberry, Richardson, conducting investigation requested in reairtel.

SAN ANTONIO

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS Will contact BEVERLY THURMAN, Route 9, Box 215C, conducting investigation requested in reairtel.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5-31-68

RE: PHONE CALLS MADE FROM PUBLIC
TELEPHONES ON HIGHWAY 90 AND
INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 10,
DECEMBER 15-17, 1967,
SAN ANTONIO
CR

OO: MEMPHIS

Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 5/20/68.

The following investigation was conducted at Waterbury, Connecticut, by SA WILLIAM V. GRICKIS in connection with phone call from listing 223-7689, San Antonio, on December 17, 1967, to listing 203-754-6121 to a Miss JAMES, Room 319, Palace Hotel, Waterbury, Connecticut.

Mr. HENRY DESSUREAULT, Manager, Palace Hotel, 94 East Main Street, Waterbury, on May 27, 1968, advised a Mr. and Mrs. JAMES, first name unknown, registered at this hotel sometime in December, 1967, and remained until the middle of February, 1968. DESSUREAULT did not have the exact dates available at this time. It is to be noted that instant hotel does a considerable "vagrant" business and is a low-rated hotel.

DESSUREAULT advised that the couple had room 319. They were both Negroes and DESSUREAULT expressed the opinion that the woman was not JAMES' wife because while here JAMES received several long distance telephone calls from Texas from a woman who stated she was JAMES' wife. DESSUREAULT knew of no questionable activities on the part of JAMES but stated he left owing two days rent. He appeared to be an intelligent individual and worked locally, exact place unknown. He on occasion frequented Mel's Bar, East Main Street.

3- BUREAU (44-38861)
2- MEMPHIS (44-1987)
2- NEW HAVEN (157-818)
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

NH 157-818

Mr. JOHN MELCHIONNE, Proprietor, Mel's Bar, 165 East Main Street, Waterbury, on May 27, 1968, advised he knows no one by the name of JAMES but that a Negro by the name of BLACKBURN on occasion frequents this bar. He is employed at Patwin, Inc., Waterbury, and on occasion he has cashed his checks.

Mr. ORTON CAMP, Vice President, Patwin, Inc., 41 Brown Street, Waterbury, on May 27, 1968, advised records reflect LANDSON ROBERT BLACKBURN, Jr., date of birth [redacted] San Antonio, Texas, residence 24 Linden Street, Waterbury, Social Security # [redacted] entered on duty September 6, 1967, and is employed here as a production checker or timekeeper. On an application filed September 5, 1967, he indicated he served in the United States Air Force, had no police record, no physical defects, father-LANDSON BLACKBURN, no address; mother-EDITH SIMPSON, 1607 Harrison Avenue, Winston Salem, North Carolina. He attended Atkins High School, Winston Salem, and thereafter "Automotive Institute". He listed his wife as HELEN J. SHAW, 1731 Commerce Street, San Antonio, and that she was moving to Waterbury.

Mr. CAMP stated that BLACKBURN has been a satisfactory employee but apparently has been having domestic troubles with his wife because she has on occasions in the past made phone calls here to BLACKBURN from San Antonio, Texas, and reversed the charges. BLACKBURN told him that he has two children who are living with his wife in San Antonio, one of which is in need of heart surgery, and that the calls from his wife pertained to the health of the children. She has not called in six weeks. He further advised that BLACKBURN indicated that he did not plan to bring his wife to Waterbury until he found a suitable apartment as he did not plan to live in "a ghetto area". CAMP related that from their conversations he gathered that BLACKBURN "was much in sympathy with the aims of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr."

LANDSON ROBERT BLACKBURN, Jr., checker, Patwin Inc., 41 Brown Street, Waterbury, residence 24 Linden Street, Waterbury, was interviewed on May 28, 1968, by SA WILLIAM V. GRICKS and SA WILLIAM B. ZIMMERMAN at which time he furnished the following information:

NH 157-818

BLACKBURN stated that he has no knowledge whatsoever of JAMES EARL RAY and has never been in contact with him. He advised that he first came to Waterbury, in August of 1967, to visit friends from Winston Salem, North Carolina. He decided to accept employment here. He registered under the name JAMES at the Palace Hotel because he was living with a woman other than his wife. While at the Palace Hotel, and specifically on December 17, 1967, he received phone calls from his wife HELEN BLACKBURN, residence 1731 East Commerce Street, San Antonio, Texas, telling him about his two daughters, one of which is 2 years old and under a doctor's care because of a heart condition. This call was made from the Suzanne Hotel, corner of New Brunfels and East Commerce Streets, San Antonio. She made several other calls from a phone booth at Ellison's Liquor Store, same location, and a Gulf Service Station at the corner of East Commerce and Gevers Streets, San Antonio. This was during December, 1967 and January and February of 1968. The above booths are located about one and one half miles from Highway 90 and Interstate 10. BLACKBURN concluded by stating that he had no knowledge whatsoever regarding the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. other than what he read in the papers.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS L. BRANNICK on May 29, 1968:

Mrs. CHARLES F. DENT, 835 South 58th Street, Pullman, Michigan, advised she has had Pullman, Michigan, telephone number 616-236-5598 since prior to December, 1967. She said the party named WATKINS who reportedly received a call at that telephone on December 17, 1967, was undoubtedly SONETTA WATKINS who lives across the street; has no telephone, but frequently receives telephone calls at the DENT residence.

ROSALEE WATKINS, 830 South 58th Street, Pullman, Michigan, advised her daughter, SONETTA WATKINS FISCHER, had a boyfriend, ROGER JACK, who is in the Air Force in Texas and undoubtedly it was this individual who called SONETTA at the DENT residence in December, 1967. Mrs. WATKINS advised she did not know suspect RAY or have any information regarding captioned case.

SONETTA WATKINS FISCHER, interviewed at High-Q Company, Fennville, Michigan, home address 830 South 58th Street, Pullman, Michigan, advised she had received a telephone call on or about December 17, 1967, at the telephone of her neighbor, CHARLES DENT, in Pullman, which call was from her boyfriend, ROGER JACK who was then stationed in the United States Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas. She said this was purely a personal call; that she did not know suspect RAY or have any information concerning the captioned case.

All of the above individuals are Negroes who expressed great interest in the apprehension of the murderer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and no one had any pertinent information.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM

Re San Antonio airtel to Director, dated
5/20/68.

Re long distance telephone calls from public
telephones on Highway 90 and Interstate 10, 12/15-17/67.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau and
San Antonio is one copy each of an investigative insert.
Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of the above mentioned
investigative insert.

On 5/27/68, a review of the records of the
Michigan Bell Telephone Company indicated that telephone
number 517-867-3781 is non-existent. The exchange 517-867
would be in Twining, Michigan, and the phone numbers at
that location start at the number 5,000.

Telephone number 616-236-5598 is a non-published
number listed to CHARLES F. DENT, Pullman, Michigan.

The above information was furnished by
CSDE 931-C.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)
2 - Memphis (Enc. 15) (44-1987) (RM)
1 - San Antonio (Enc. 1) (44-1242) (RM)
2 - Detroit
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Date: 6/3/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)
MURKIN
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Re SA airtel to the Director, dated 5/21/68.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM
LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

Page 2 of referenced airtel sets out leads for the El Paso Office at El Paso, Guadalupe Peak, and Alpine, all Texas, regarding telephone calls received by individuals in those communities.

The telephone calls to El Paso and Alpine were checked out and it was determined that the persons receiving these telephone calls were not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY and had never been in contact with him, according to their own statements.

It was determined that the telephone number at Guadalupe Peak, namely 915-828-1819, was a non-existent or incorrect number.

On 5/31/68, an FTS telephone call was made to the San Antonio Office, at which time SAC J. MYERS COLE was requested to have the telephone company records rechecked in an effort to ascertain the correct telephone number at Guadalupe Peak, Texas.

- 3 - Bureau
- ② - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - San Antonio (44-1242) (Info) J
- 1 - El Paso

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A subsequent FTS telephone call was received from SA JACK M. KEMMY of the San Antonio Office, who advised that the telephone company records were no longer available and that the telephone number at Guadalupe Peak could not be rechecked.

This completes the investigation by the El Paso Office under the above caption.

6/4/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re San Antonio airtel to Director, 5/21/68.

On 5/29/68, Mrs. BEATRICE PERDEW, 414 Ave.
"F" S.E., Winter Haven, Fla., advised that she
received a telephone call to her home, telephone
#294-5795 on 12/17/67, from her son, TOM A. PERDEW,
who is in the U. S. Air Force. Mrs. PERDEW advised
that her son was stationed in San Antonio, Texas in
12/67.

3-Bureau (RM)
2-Memphis (RM)
2-Tampa
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Date: 6/4/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re JNairtel to HO, 4/23/68.

Re: SYLVIA SNOWDEN

On 5/29/68, contact was made with SYLVIA SNOWDEN, 13363 4th Street, Houston, telephone number 453-2874. In interview, Miss SNOWDEN advised that approximately eight weeks ago, she left Houston, Texas with J. R. FREEMAN, a friend, and her sister, GLENDA BAILEY, destination, La Rose, Louisiana. Miss SNOWDEN further stated that after staying in LaRose a couple of days, they drove to Memphis, where she obtained work at the White Stork Lounge. She stated she worked there three days and left because she was mad at a boy friend and departed to Jackson, Mississippi. She said after staying in Jackson, Mississippi, they drove to Meridian, Mississippi for a short period of time and then went to LaRose, Louisiana, again for one month, and then came back home. She stated that she felt the whole trip took about six weeks.

Miss SNOWDEN advised that J.R. FREEMAN stayed in Memphis, and she has not heard from him since. She further stated that JIMMY STUTTS did not make the trip and is living with her at this address. She said he works as a welder in Houston at the Pipefitters Local. Miss SNOWDEN further advised she has no association or hostilities toward MARTIN LUTHER KING and she never heard of ERIC STARVO GALT, aka James Earl Ray before seeing the name in the newspaper. She said JIMMY STUTTS has never been in any police trouble, and he has no association to her knowledge with the KING assassination.

- 2 - Memphis
 1 - Jackson (157-9586) (Info)
 1 - New Orleans (157-10673) (Info)
 1 - Houston
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReSAairtel, 5/28/68.

On 6/3/68, Mrs. BOBBY PROSKE, 8304 Appleton, Houston, Texas, telephone 713-697-7258 advised that she could not recall specifically receiving a phone call from San Antonio, Texas on 12/5/67, however on that weekend her husband was deer hunting in the San Antonio area and he did call home (Houston).

The PROSKES have resided at 8304 Appleton for 13 years and they have had their current telephone prior to December, 1967. The photo of JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to Mrs. PROSKE.

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2 - Memphis
1 - Houston
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: (OO: Memphis)

Re Oklahoma City airtel to San Diego dated 5/22/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HENRY H. BRYAN, JR. at Camp Pendleton, California:

On 6/1/68, HENRY GARNER, Clerk, Records Section, Camp Pendleton, Camp Pendleton, California, advised review of her records reflect that THOMAS LEE WHEAT is currently assigned to Naval Air Station, Naval Air Station, and has been so assigned since 6/1/67.

On 6/1/68, Captain GARY HENDERSON, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Naval Air Station, Camp Pendleton, California, advised review of his records reflect that Sergeant THOMAS LEE WHEAT, Marine Serial Number 215793, went on leave 5/1/68, and is due to return on 6/15/68. Further, that WHEAT's home address is listed as 2212 S. 11th, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

WHEAT

OKLAHOMA CITY

At ALLEN OKLAHOMA, WILL locate and interview THOMAS LEE WHEAT, 2212 S. 11th, Tulsa, Oklahoma, to determine if he contacted his mother's apartment at 7125 South Irving.

1 - Oklahoma City
1 - Dallas (P.O.)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - San Diego
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Dallas, Texas, on 12/16/67.

2. If so, interview him regarding the identity of the person who made a long-distance telephone call to that apartment on 12/16/67 from Alpine, Texas, as well as the nature of the call.

3. Will also exhibit photograph of JAMES EARL RAY to WEBB.

6/5/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)(P)
RE: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

ReSAiartel to Houston 5/28/68.

On 6/3 and 4/68 ADA GUSTAVUS, Secretary to Divisional Manager, General Telephone Company of the Southwest, Bryan, Texas, advised SA ROBERT E. WIATT the following subscribers are listed for these phone numbers:

AT WAELDER, TEXAS

473-3971 (from 11/30/67 to 2/26/68) GLYNN NETHERY, Box 515 (phone listed to another party as of 2/26/68).

AT GONZALES, TEXAS

672-2944 to SARAH PERALES, 216 Saint John

672-3143 to Lexington Finance Company, 502 Saint Paul

672-3258 to Corner Store, RFD 2, Box 67

672-3303 to DORA ELEBY, 1008 Badger

672-3355 to Mrs. BLANCHE HUMPHERY, Edwards Apartments #40

672-3413 to OLA MAE MOORE, 1618 Ewing

672-3496 to ALEX SOLEZ, JR., 329 College (2 calls to this number)

3 - San Antonio (44-1242)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(info)
1 - Houston
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672-3522 to Tuffy's Grocery and Market, 1329
St. Lawrence

SAN ANTONIO

AT WAELDER and GONZALES

Will contact above subscribers.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : *JAJ* SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)P

SUBJECT: *Dju* MURKIN

DATE: 6/4/68

Re telephone calls.

San Antonio airtel to Bureau, dated 5/20/68.

On 5/24/68, a check of Cole's Cris-Cross Reference Telephone Directory for Albuquerque reflects that telephone No. 877-9947 is the number for the My Place Bar, 7529 Isleta Boulevard SW.

On 5/24/68, EDWARD WALDROOP, owner of My Place Bar, was contacted and he advised that telephone No. 877-9947 is the number of the pay phone in the bar. He said JEANNY SHOUP spelled JEANNE SHUPE, is a waitress who works for him and will not be at work until tomorrow. He said that Miss SHUPE was divorced around December, 1967 and that he is sure the phone call from Texas to her was from her ex-husband.

On 5/25/68, JEANNE SHUPE, 2147 Metzgar Road SW, advised she works at the My Place Bar as a waitress, and recalls that on about 12/16/67, her ex-husband, BUD SHUPE, whom she was separated from at the time, called her long distance from Texas to the pay phone at the bar. She said she was mad at him and only talked a minute and did not know exactly where he was calling from, although he was working near Del Rio, Texas at the time, putting up micro wave towers.

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2 - Albuquerque
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Date: 6/5/68

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TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO: Memphis)

ReSAairtel to HO, 5/28/68 and HOairtel to SA,
5/28/68.

On 6/3/68, LENORA KILGORE, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Beeville, Texas advised SA FRANK CHIDICHIMO that Kenedy, Texas phone number 659-2812 is listed to JEWEL STAFFORD, 101 E. Waverly, Kenedy, Texas. She advised Runge, Texas telephone number 239-4353 is listed to B.B. SAWYER, Route 1, Runge, Texas.

LEAD:SAN ANTONIOAT KENEDY AND RUNGE, TEXAS

Will contact above subscribers.

2 - San Antonio

1 - Houston

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① - MEMPHIS (44-1987) (info)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re San Antonio airtel, dated 5/20/68, setting out telephone number 415-654-4366.

The records of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company on May 23, 1968, reflected that telephone number 415-654-4366 was listed to EDNA MAE WILLS, 3331 King Street, Apartment B, Berkeley, California.

On May 27, 1968, EDNA MAE WILLS, 3331 King Street, Apartment B, Berkeley, California, advised that the telephone call made to her on December 17, 1967, was from CLARENCE WELLINGTON, a friend, who lives in San Antonio, Texas. She advised that WELLINGTON had called her two or three times that month from Texas.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to her and she stated she did not recognize these photographs as being identical with anyone known to her.

EDNA MAE WILLS advised that WELLINGTON is a Negro. It is to be noted that EDNA MAE WILLS is also a Negro.

2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)
1 - San Francisco
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReSAAirtel, 5/20/68.

Re telephone calls, Interstate Highway 10, Texas

Reairtel set forth a list of 33 telephone calls made to Houston Division from telephones along U.S. Highway 10 in December, 1967. These calls were checked out and recipients were eliminated and no information was developed in captioned matter.

3 - Bureau
① - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
1 - Houston
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Date: 6/7/68

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AIRMAIL

Via _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN
CR

Re San Antonio airtel to the Director 5/21/68.

On 5/24/68, Mrs. LILLIAN GRIFFIN, 1132 Nance Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee, advised she did not know who could have called her telephone number at Knoxville from any place in Texas.

On 5/27/68, Mrs. JOHN HOWELL, whose residence is 12041 Beauvoir Beach Apartments, West Beach, Biloxi, Mississippi, advised that her husband, Lieutenant JOHN HOWELL, had been in Officers Training School, USAF, San Antonio, Texas, in December, 1967, and that he had called her at her mother's telephone, Knoxville, 615-588-2564. Although she did not recall the specific telephone number from which her husband called, she said the number 674-9914 seemed familiar to her.

2 - Memphis
2 - San Antonio (44-1242)
2 - Knoxville

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SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

MURKIN
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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau, 5/21/68.

The current Northern Virginia Directory of the Chesapeake and Potomac (C&P) Telephone Co., reflects the subscriber of telephone number 356-4286 as the Peter Piper School, 1351 Scotts Run Road, McLean, Va.

On 6/4/68, Mrs. WILLA F. ECKELS, 1351 Scotts Run Road, McLean, Va., advised that her telephone number is 356-4286. She stated, to the best of her knowledge, telephone calls received at her number on 12/16/67, from Texas, were made by Lt. JOHNATHAN SEARFOSS, stationed at Lackland Air Force Base.

Mrs. ECKELS advised that Lt. SEARFOSS is engaged to her daughter, KAREN ECKELS.

Mrs. ECKELS advised that she had no knowledge of JAMES RAY. She further stated that she knows no one else in Texas, other than Lt. SEARFOSS.

- 2 - Bureau
- ② - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Richmond

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/14/681

TOMMY LEE WEBB was interviewed at the Biffle Ranch, Route #1, Allen, Oklahoma, where he was visiting his step-father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. NED BIFFLE.

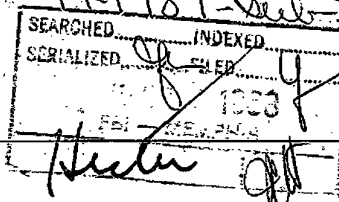
WEBB advised he is a Sergeant in the U. S. Marine Corps, Serial # 2139929, assigned to Schools Company, Schools Battalion, TVR, Camp Del Mar, Camp Pendleton, California.

He advised he was on leave from on or about December 15, or December 16, 1967, until about the first of January, 1968, the exact dates unknown. He advised he drove from Camp Pendleton to San Antonio, Texas, with Sergeant RICHARD KRAWITZ, a member of the same organization to which he is assigned. He said he took a bus from San Antonio to Dallas, Texas, arriving in Dallas the third day after leaving Camp Pendleton. He advised he was not sure of the date on which his leave started, which could only be determined by checking his leave record, but did not believe he was in Dallas on December 16, 1967.

WEBB advised that after arriving in Dallas he stayed at his mother's apartment, 7140 Gaston Avenue, in Dallas. He said he occupied the above apartment throughout his leave period but was away from the apartment a great amount of the time.

WEBB advised he did not receive any long distance telephone calls at his mother's apartment during his leave period.

WEBB was unable to identify a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to him at the time of his interview.

On 6/11/68 at Allen, OklahomaFile Oklahoma City 44-686by SA J. ROBINSON FIELD:owDate dictated 6/12/68

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Date: 6/14/68

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

TO: SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)
MURKIN
OO Memphis

Re San Diego airtel to Oklahoma City, 6/4/68.

Re: Telephone Calls of Subject RAY in Texas
During December, 1967

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 15 copies of
an FD-302 reflecting the interview of TOMMY LEE WEBB, Rt. #1,
Allen, Oklahoma. One copy of this FD-302 is furnished to Dallas
for information.

② - Memphis (Enc. 15) JW
1 - Dallas (Enc. 1)
2 - Oklahoma City
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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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RE: TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT
JAMES EARL RAY ENROUTE FROM
LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Phoenix advised that JAMES EARL RAY took an automobile trip from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans, Louisiana, between December 15 and 17, 1967.

A check of telephone toll booths along the route traveled indicated a number of out-of-state telephone calls.

El Paso had informed Phoenix that one was made December 15, 1967, to Tucson, Arizona, telephone number 299-6532, listed to GILBERT J. PEDERSON of Tucson.

Investigation there determined that Mr. PEDERSON was enroute to Buffalo, New York, where he is a member of a law firm in Buffalo and lives in the Buffalo suburb of Orchard Park, New York.

On May 10, 1968, Mr. GILBERT J. PEDERSON, 99 Forest Drive, Orchard Park, New York, advised SA LEE MASON EIDSON that he departed Buffalo, New York, via commercial airlines on December 23, 1967, enroute to Tucson, Arizona. Mr. PEDERSON advised he is a senior partner in the Buffalo, New York, law firm of Smith, Kendall and Pederson, located in the Genesee Building, Buffalo, New York. He said he practices law, both in Buffalo, and Tucson on an equal time basis. Mr. PEDERSON said he was not in Tucson, Arizona, on December 15, 1967.

Mrs. GILBERT J. PEDERSON, 99 Forest Drive, Orchard Park, New York, advised SA LEE MASON EIDSON that she was in Tucson, Arizona, during the period of December 15, 1967. She said she recalled having received a telephone call from close friends of hers who were motoring from Orchard Park, New York, to visit them in Tucson, Arizona. She said she recalled that the friends made the call from Van Horn, Texas, which is located some 100 miles Southeast of El Paso, Texas.

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She said that these friends called her to advise that they were being delayed in their journey due to a wide-spread snow storm in West Texas, which made driving conditions extremely hazardous. Mrs. PEDERSON said to the best of her recollection, this severe snow storm occurred on December 14, 1967, and that driving conditions were reported to be hazardous over December 14, 1967, and December 15, 1967.

Both Mr. and Mrs. PEDERSON viewed photographs of the subject and advised that the subject is unknown to them.

6/18/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

ReBuairtel to all SACs and Legats, dated 5/7/68,
instructing that 15 copies of all inserts be prepared for
Memphis in this case.

Transmitted herewith for Memphis are 15 copies
each of inserts bearing the following captions:

✓ "TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT
JAMES EARL RAY ENROUTE FROM
LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS"

"QUESTS OF THE PROVINCIAL MOTEL,
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,
DECEMBER 17-19, 1967"

"CHARLES DUNHAM
INFORMATION CONCERNING"

"PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT
ORDERED BY JAMES EARL RAY
FROM SUPERIOR BULK FILM
COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT"

"DARK BLUE MUSTANG
GEORGIA LICENSE
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"DRIVER OF 1964 OR 1965 FORD,
FLORIDA LICENSE 4W 69100"

"INVESTIGATION CONCERNING EARL EVERETT RAY,
DECEASED UNCLE OF JAMES EARL RAY"

"EASTERN AIRLINES
CHECK AT BUFFALO"

"INFORMATION FROM
MRS. GLADYS MEEHAN"

"THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.; INFORMATION
FROM MRS. JESSIE KILGRAS,
PENFIELD, NEW YORK
NOVEMBER 13, 1967"

"MRS. VIOLA V. BORYS"

F B I

Date: 6/20/68

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

Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 5/20/68 and Bureau teletype dated 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio, advising each office should determine from the Telephone Company the long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Highway 90 and Interstate 10 over which subject, JAMES EARL RAY, and CHARLES STEIN allegedly travelled 12/15-17/67 from Los Angeles, California to New Orleans, Louisiana and return route.

Subject allegedly made eight long distance telephone calls while in Texas.

Set forth below are the telephone calls placed from within the San Antonio Division for the period of 12/15-17/67 and the subscriber to the telephone number called within the Los Angeles Division.

DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	LISTED TO
12/15/67	223-8266	213-231-5482	PRINCE DIXON, 4303 Morgan Avenue, Los Angeles, California
12/17/67	988-7491	213-429-9378	MURRAY J. KLATER, 9378 Roxanne Avenue, Long Beach, California

3 - Bureau
 ① - Memphis (Info)
 1 - San Antonio (Info)
 2 - Los Angeles
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2/17/68, no final
billing address).

12/17/67 223-7271

213-663-3675

FELIX ROBINSON,
651 North Commonwealth
Avenue, Los Angeles,
California.

12/16/67 379-9092

714-540-7240

changed 12/21/67
to telephone No.
835-5127)

ROBERT E. CARPENTER,
1221 South
Main Street,
Santa Ana, California

Numerous efforts have been made to contact PRINCE DIXON at 4303 Morgan Avenue, Los Angeles, California, with negative results. Contact with neighbors of DIXON revealed he continues to reside at the above address but none of the neighbors know his place of employment. DIXON, according to neighbors, is a Negro male.

On 6/12/68, Mrs. EDWARD DWYER, 221 Fanwood, Long Beach, California, advised that the former resident MURRAY J. CLATER, 3332 Roxanne Avenue, Long Beach, California, moved and presently resides at 448 Via Herbosa, Novato, California, telephone number 883-4192.

According to Mrs. DWYER, the CLATERs left the Roxanne residence during December, 1967.

Previous communication has been submitted to San Francisco asking that CLATER be interviewed concerning any information he might have regarding JAMES EARL RAY.

On 6/12/68, FELIX ROBINSON, 651 North Commonwealth Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed, at which time he advised that he could not recall having received any telephone calls from anyone within the San Antonio area but possibly the individual who resides with him at the above address, GUS MC KEAN, received the telephone call as he is originally from the San Antonio area.

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On 6/12/68, GUS MC KEAN was interviewed at his place of employment, Five Torches Restaurant, 11344 Crenshaw Boulevard, Inglewood, California. MC KEAN advised he could not specifically recall a telephone call to his telephone number 663-3675 on 12/17/68, but it was very probable the call was from his sister, MARY WILLIAMS, or his brother, JOHN MC KEAN, who both reside in San Antonio. He related his brother and sister call him at least two or three times a month. He was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he could not recall having ever seen the individual depicted in the photographs nor did the name JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT mean anything to him, except from reading about him in the newspaper and hearing the name on television.

Mrs. CLORELENE M. CARPENTER, 1221 South Main Street, Santa Ana, California, advised on 6/12/68 that in December, 1967, she and her family resided at 518 West Edinger Street, Santa Ana, California, and had telephone number 714-540-7240. She stated that they moved to this address about March, 1968, and have telephone number 835-5127.

Mrs. CARPENTER recalled about in December, 1967, her close friend, Mrs. KATIE DANIELS, went to Texas to visit her parents for Christmas. She stated the only call she received from Texas in December, 1967 was a call from Mrs. DANIELS.

LEAD

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will continue efforts to locate and interview PRINCE DIXON concerning the telephone call placed to his telephone from the San Antonio area on 12/15/67.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS 44-1987

DATE: 6/25/68

FROM : SA VERNE D. GAUBY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau, 5/21/68.

On 6/10/68 W. H. KING, Manager, Southern Bell Telephone Co., Murfreesboro, Tenn., advised that telephone #896-2776 was issued to ~~JAMES WILLIAM GREEN~~ A2/c JAMES WILLIAM GREEN, USAF, as of 12/16/67. GREEN was assigned to the 64th Field Maintenance Squadron, Sewart AFB, Tenn. There was no BETTY STANLEY receiving service at this number so far as telephone company records indicate. Service to GREEN was terminated on 1/25/68.

On 6/17/68 Sgt. GEORGE SPROUSE, Base Locator, Sewart AFB, Tenn., advised that A2/c JAMES WILLIAM GREEN, AFSN AF15737381, departed Sewart AFB on ~~transfer~~ Permanent Change of Station Transfer on or about 1/25/68. ~~His forwarding address is~~ His exact duty assignment was not available but his forwarding address is in care of the 7272nd Field Maintenance Squadron, APO, New York, New York.

Review of the Murfreesboro Telephone and City Directories fails to disclose any listing for a BETTY STANLEY.

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

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 6/20/68 and San Antonio airtel to Bureau 5/20/68 concerning long distance telephone calls placed at public telephones on Highway 90 and Interstate 10 over which subject, JAMES EARL RAY, and CHARLES STEIN allegedly travelled 12/15-17/67 from Los Angeles, California to New Orleans, Louisiana.

Referenced San Antonio airtel advised that on 12/15/67, a telephone call was placed from telephone number 223-8266 in the San Antonio Division to telephone number 213-231-5482 in the Los Angeles Division. Telephone Company records at Los Angeles revealed that the Los Angeles telephone number is listed to PRINCE DIXON, 4303 Morgan Avenue, Los Angeles.

On 6/28/68, PRINCE DIXON at the above address, advised that this telephone call from the San Antonio area to his home in Los Angeles was placed by his brother, LEO DIXON, who lives at 215 South Olive, San Antonio. DIXON, a Negro, advised that his brother called him on that date to advise him that he, LEO DIXON, was forwarding some money to his brother in Los Angeles.

In view of the above, it does not appear that further investigation is warranted in connection with this particular telephone call.

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- ① - Memphis (Info)
- 1 - San Antonio (Info)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 7/12/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/2/68 - 7/10/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka; I. O. NUMBER 4182, WF # 442-A; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (Deceased) - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER	TYPED BY njc
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCES: Report of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER, 5/19/68, at New Orleans;
Houston airtel to Director, 5/2/68;
Houston airtel to Director, 5/6/68;
San Antonio teletype to Director, 5/7/68.

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LEADS

No leads have been set forth in this report as all have been handled by more expeditious means during the progress of this investigation.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is being provided to the Houston and San Antonio Offices for information purposes in anticipation of assisting in any subsequent investigation.

The purpose in submitting this report even though it contains the results of negative investigation is because information had been previously reported that allegedly the subject was observed on the evening of 12/16/67, making a telephone call from a coin box while being accompanied on a trip from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans, Louisiana, by CHARLES STEIN, during the period December 15 - 17, 1967. This call was allegedly placed from a pay telephone in the area near Houston, Texas.

It has also been alleged that the subject may have made several telephone calls while traveling through Texas.

It has been further alleged that the subject had indicated that his purpose in traveling to New Orleans was on business and the subject had mentioned an Italian sounding name as the person he was to contact.

Referenced Houston airtel, dated 5/2/68, contained a list of 281 calls made 12/15 - 17/67, from within the Houston Division to Louisiana.

Referenced Houston airtel, dated 5/6/68, contained an additional 75 phone calls made 12/15 - 17/67, from within the Houston Division to Louisiana.

Referenced San Antonio teletype contained a list of nine calls made from within the San Antonio Division to Louisiana.

In view of the allegations previously set forth, New Orleans is reporting only the results of interviews of persons residing in the New Orleans area.

The subscribers of the rest of the calls to other parts of Louisiana furnished by the Houston and San Antonio Divisions have also been determined. These persons who still reside in Louisiana have been located and interviewed, and no pertinent information relative to this investigation was developed. The results of these

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