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Savannah, Georgia  
October 21, 1968

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

On October 18, 1968, a confidential source advised that the NSRP, a characterization of which is attached in the appendix, had mailed a personal newsletter dated October, 1968, to all NSRP members and contributors.

A copy of the newsletter is attached.

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# NSRP Activity Report

Dear Fellow NSRP Supporter:

"PATRIOTIC LEGAL FUND" contributions were rushed in by you faithful supporters and have provided us with the ammunition to fight the framed up murder charges against eight (8) party members in Berea, Kentucky. The members were freed under \$10,000 bond each. A property bond was arranged for Rev. Connie Lynch and some \$6,450.00 was paid out to professional bonding companies for the release of the other seven men.

We must give special thanks to NSRP leaders N. R. Britton and Bob Barber of California, who raised the largest amount to free our members. All the men must return to Kentucky for the Grand Jury hearings on October 23rd. They will be represented by Attorney J. B. Stoner. The result of the Grand Jury's deliberations will be published in the November newsletter.

MRS. ELZA RUCKER FUND: At the writing of this letter almost \$2,000.00 has been contributed to aid the widow and family of Elza Rucker. This is the NSRP officer who was murdered while defending White women and children from a dastardly attack by black devils. As funds continue to come in we believe that this amount will be doubled within another week. Thanks to all who have already given; the total amount of the contributions will be announced next month.

ANOTHER MERGER WITH THUNDERBOLT: Readers will be interested in learning that yet another important right-wing publication will merge with "The Thunderbolt" next month. It is indicative of the trust and faith our movement has instilled in other patriotic groups throughout America. Any time they find it impossible to continue, due to persecution, financial strain, or pure exhaustion, the NSRP is the first group they turn to. More groups have come in with us to build a more united and powerful movement than have joined with any other organization during the past 10 years. More information on this will be announced in the November Thunderbolt.

MEETING, MEETINGS, MEETINGS: Was the murderous attack by Black beasts in Berea, Kentucky intended to stop the continuous series of NSRP rallies? If so it has surely failed. On September 23rd. Dr. Edward R. Fields and Joe Carroll spoke to a packed hall of NSRP supporters in Union, N. J. Private meetings were held with three groups interested in forming local Chapters of our movement. Further meetings will be scheduled in this area soon.

From there Dr. Fields visited the new NSRP Bookshop which has recently been opened in Baltimore, Maryland. This shop is on a busy street in the same White area of the city which provided thousands of enthusiastic supporters to the NSRP during our big outdoor rallies last year. At the same time Rev. Connie Lynch has spoken in Jacksonville, Florida at a large outdoor rally, at two meetings in the Dallas area, three rallies in Groesbeck, Texas and one in Decatur, Arkansas. While outdoor rallies will

slow down in the coming months, we will step up indoor meetings and other planned activity.

LARGER HEADQUARTERS: The NSRP is continuing to raise money for the Building Fund. We realize that it may be a year, or a little longer before we are in a financial position to buy or build a substantial permanent structure to house our expanding operation. In the meantime we have acquired a lease on the adjoining building at our present location. An entrance has been constructed linking the two buildings, thus doubling our present square footage of office space. We welcome visitors to NSRP Headquarters, located at No 10 Montgomery Crossroads, Savannah, Georgia. The greatly enlarged offices will enable us to more efficiently serve NSRP members. All of you are invited to visit these facilities anytime you are in this area. A 'red carpet' welcome always greets all friends of our movement here.

JAMES EARL RAY CASE: Through our London, England representative, John Tyndall, the Patriotic Legal Fund has been in constant contact with James Earl Ray. He has been hounded all over the world simply because he is accused of liquidating a known, paid communist traitor named Martin Luther King. Our lawyer, J. B. Stoner represents Mr. Ray in a civil suit, including a possible suit against Life magazine. Another lawyer is representing Mr. Ray in the criminal case. This has caused a big up-roar in the Jew owned "New York Times." Note the enclosed reproduced clipping. Attorney Stoner has not been a Klan organizer in over 20 years. Yet, this is the headline the Times comes up with. There can be little doubt that this smear is being fabricated because they fear Mr. Stoner's legal ability, despite the fact he is not defending the Memphis case. This is one more bit of evidence as to the evil methods our enemies will resort to. Communist, negroes and Jews receive every right the courts can create for them, but a loyal Whiteman has to fight just to obtain a fair trial.

NSRP PROGRAM: Patriots throughout America support the National States Rights Party because of its white racist and anti-Jewish program. We have distributed hundreds of thousands of pieces of literature explaining the righteousness of our cause throughout the nation. Meetings are continually being held by the Party to alert the public and form new Chapters so that our work can be expanded on the local level.

A great wave of RIGHT WING sentiment is now sweeping America. The Johnson-Humphrey machine is fast on its way out of office. White Christians are indeed moving to the RIGHT. It is our job to keep the movement going and growing. It is acknowledged that the masses are not as yet fully conditioned to accept the total solution as presented by the NSRP.

The first concept that must be implanted in the minds of our people is the solution which will solve the life and death struggle for the SURVIVAL of the White race. The people must ask themselves: will law and order in the streets stop the mongrelization of our race?

The NSRP has always maintained that in order for civilization to survive, the White race must survive. America and Christianity itself would cease to exist if it had to depend on some future generation of Black mongrels who might populate this land. The light of knowledge and mental creative power which gives our race the exclusive ability to develop the arts, science, engineering, and culture are God's gift to us.

Mongrelization is marching on. More and more mongrels are being born in America. Interracial marriage is on the rise, especially under recent Supreme Court decisions. Not only between Whites and Blacks, but even more between Whites and Mexicans, Whites

and Asiatics, Whites and Puerto Ricans. Ignorant and brainwashed youths do not realize the inherent inferiority of the non-White races. Under the corruptive influence of race-mixing preachers and teachers the grave threat of mongrelization now surrounds us. Mongrels passing for Whites are marrying full blooded Whites, their offspring then are able to marry White or Black without much raising eyebrows of the people.

### MAKE AMERICA RACE CONSCIOUS

The trend back to sound White racial pride has begun. It is the duty of the NSRP member to work day and night to enlighten his fellow Whiteman to the dangers we now face. We are WHITE RACISTS and proud of it. To deny RACE is to deny the identity of those who created America. In the months to come we will not only be stressing the great threat the negro poses to the very existence of the White Race, but the qualities which give the White race its immense SUPERIORITY over the Black race. The time has arrived for a great and outspoken advance by WHITE RACISTS to bring our cause to the minds of all Americans. Ours is a holy crusade. If we fail, there will be no America in the future. There is no turning back in this fight. We are either going to win total victory, or be totally annihilated.

### THE SOLUTION IS SIMPLE

The negro must be stripped of his citizenship and deported back to Africa. There is no other way. As long as the negro remains within our midst, he will continue to interbreed and debase our Race. The day is coming when we will implement our program to deport the negro back to Africa. There will be much opposition from the Jews and their liberal puppets. But in the end our will must triumph over all who would allow interbreeding to end our White race for all time to come. It is our goal to enlighten ever increasing numbers of energetic and outspoken White Americans. It is our duty to keep the movement growing and keep on waking up the masses of the people. The majority must completely realize that by allowing the negro to remain in our midst, eventually we will be mongrelized. It is actually a humanitarian act to remove him to Africa. In this way the innate genius of the Whiteman will continue to spread the light of civilization throughout the entire world.

Our goal is survival of the White Race. The genetic makeup of the negro is a terrible liability to the White race. He is holding back the advance of American civilization. His natural criminal instincts are a threat to all law abiding people. His drain on our hard earned tax dollars in welfare and poverty aid are luxuries we no longer can afford. His subversion of our rights, heritages and traditions must cease, else we will be slaves to the Blackman. The negro is a cancer which must be cut out of our body politic so that our race may live.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1963

## A KLAN ORGANIZER MADE VISIT TO RAY

J. B. Stoner Talks With the  
Prisoner of Aiding Defense

By MARTIN WALDRON  
Special to The New York Times

MEMPHIS, Oct. 2 — J. B. Stoner, known as an organizer of the National States Rights party and the Ku Klux Klan and as an apostle of anti-Negro violence, visited James Earl Ray in his Memphis jail cell last Saturday.

Mr. Stoner, who has lived in Atlanta and Augusta, Ga., discussed with Ray the possibility of his joining in Ray's defense against a charge that he murdered the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last April.

Ray's attorney, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, said that he had no comment.

#### An Exchange of Letters

Before visiting Ray in the Shelby County Jail at Memphis, Mr. Stoner had been writing letters to and receiving letters

from Ray since the escaped convict was arrested in London on June 10.

At one point in this exchange of letters, the National States Rights party offered to pay for Ray's defense.

In his letters to Ray, Stoner had suggested that several publications might be sued for having referred to Ray as the "killer of Dr. King" and as a "killer."

#### Support Reported for Stoner

Ray's brothers were reported to have advised Ray to accept Stoner as a defense attorney and to follow his advice.

Stoner has been known since 1947 as a Ku Klux Klan organizer and, later, as an attorney and organizer for the National States Rights party.

The National States Rights party was founded in Birmingham and was later moved to Savannah, Ga., by Dr. Edward Fields, a chiropractor.

Dr. Fields in June made public the National States Rights party offer to finance Ray's defense.

Stoner and a colleague, C. C. Lynch, were active in opposition to civil rights movements in the South for the last 10 years.

Our job thusly, is to enlighten others who are now involved in this present American swing to the right. There is an immediate way in which you can involve yourself in this project. The NSRP has obtained a large list of active right-wing individuals who have been active in other causes. In various forms, these people have all been working, in one way or another, to bring on the national sweep to the right which now threatens all liberals in office.

As of today, most of these people have not been indoctrinated with the NSRP'S message of White Salvation and our program for obtaining it. Our plan is to sensitize these people to action by giving them a one year subscription to The Thunderbolt. We do not believe that it is possible for any sincere Patriot to read our paper for one year and not be awakened to the full message we present.

We will soon be applying for a second class mail permit for The Thunderbolt, (which will give our paper Air Mail service to you). Under the postal regulations for said permit, all reader's subscriptions must be paid for. Therefore, it would be a great advance to the Party to have these potential first class supporters on our list. Yet, they cannot be kept on our list, and would have to be removed, if not paid for under Second Class Postal regulations.

Therefore, this month we ask that all our supporters make a contribution toward paying for gift subscriptions for this special list of people who could potentially do so much for the furtherance of this cause once they are fully indoctrinated with our beliefs. This is a campaign which will reap solid benefits for the NSRP in the months ahead.

Please do not overlook this important opportunity to introduce this exceptional list of new people to the NSRP movement. Send in your contribution without delay. Let's keep pushing America to the RIGHT!

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For Christ, Race & Nation,

*Dr. Edward R. Fields*

APPENDIX

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY  
(NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont", a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party, to be known as the United White Party". According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals".

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt", self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP), reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party", with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of Klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue No. 19, dated June, 1960, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

Issue No. 69, dated July, 1965, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 184, Augusta, Georgia.

Issue No. 88, dated April, 1967, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 6263, Savannah, Georgia, 31405.

On August 4, 1965, a source advised that Edward R. Fields, the Information Director of the NSRP and Editor of "The Thunderbolt", is the individual who actually controls the NSRP.

Issue No. 72, dated November, 1965, of "The Thunderbolt", reflects Dr. Edward R. Fields to be National Director of the NSRP as well as Editor of "The Thunderbolt".

"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.



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Savannah, Georgia  
October 21, 1968

Title : NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY  
(NSRP)

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Reference: Savannah memorandum dated  
October 21, 1968, captioned as  
above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ AIRMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-66233)  
FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (157-871) (P)  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY  
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OO: Savannah

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Enclosed for the Bureau are an original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum entitled and dated as above.

The source furnishing the information and newsletter was SV 524-R (PROB), who furnished same to SA JOHN H. MURPHY on 10/18/68.

On the same date, source also advised that CONNIE LYNCH, national NSRP speaker, had come by the NSRP headquarters that same morning. Source said LYNCH indicated he had been in Arkansas, and had also been home to San Bernardino, California. LYNCH indicated he was proceeding to Berea, Kentucky, to attend some type of hearing in connection with the murder charges pending against him and others.

Source also related that J. B. STONER, attorney and NSRP Vice-Chairman, had expressed the opinion within the past few days that LYNCH would probably have to go to jail for about two

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years on the Maryland conviction presently pending appeal before the Supreme Court. STONER expressed doubt that the Supreme Court would consider the case.

Source noted that LYNCH was driving a new model Pontiac sedan automobile which he claimed "a girl" gave him. According to source, the car bore Arkansas license plate.

On 10/19/68, SA JOHN H. MURPHY observed a late model Pontiac car, four-door sedan, medium green in color, Arkansas license plate AIJ 626, parked in front of NSRP headquarters.

For information of Los Angeles, which may already be aware of above vehicle, LYNCH was not observed in the car during the period of time it was under observation.

Copies of this airtel and letterhead memorandum are being sent to indicated offices in view of NSRP activity within their areas.

Little Rock, if not already done, should ascertain and advise Louisville, Los Angeles and Savannah identity of registered holder of Arkansas license AIJ 626, believed to be that of car being used by CONNIE LYNCH.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) DATE: 10/23/68

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P\*)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReSAairtel to Chicago, 8/26/68.

On 9/24/68, Special Agent CARAWAY of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics (FBA), San Antonio, Texas, was recontacted and advised that he would try to obtain the identity of the unnamed individual mentioned in referenced airtel.

On 10/22/68, SA JERRY RICE of the FBN, San Antonio, advised that SA ALLEN CARAWAY was no longer with the FBN and is now a Deputy U. S. Marshal. RICE said that he worked with CARAWAY and could not recall the incident mentioned in referenced airtel.

In view of the above, San Antonio will make no further efforts to determine the identity of the unnamed individual mentioned in referenced airtel.

It is assumed that Chicago was able to locate (FNU) TURNTIDE.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

DATE: 10/25/68

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (44-38861)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

*Sub M-213 ✓  
Sub A-606 ✓*

Re Indianapolis airtel to the Bureau dated 10/17/68.

Bureau is in receipt of referenced communication concerning information as given to Indianapolis by Robert H. Strader and also in receipt of Springfield airtel to the Bureau dated 5/1/68 concerning information as provided by Margaret Carmichael Strader, wife of Robert Strader.

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Memphis should advise the results of any investigations conducted as a result of information furnished by Margaret Carmichael Strader and submit your recommendations based on both interviews.

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

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

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RE: ROBERT H. STRADER

*Sub - M-213*

ReBulet to Memphis, 10/25/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies of New Orleans airtel to the Bureau dated 5/10/68, reflecting an interview with RAYMOND HENRY STARNs, a Louisiana businessman.

The Bureau will note that STARNs has stated a belief that both STRADER and STRADER's wife are irrational and that STRADER has a "mental problem."

The Memphis Office has reviewed the investigation regarding STRADER and does not believe that this phase of this investigation warrants further action.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P  
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Re Miami airtel to the Bureau 10/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted by  
IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

At Jefferson City, Missouri

On 10/23/68, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for DONALD LEE MITCHELL. The following information was obtained:

DONALD LEE MITCHELL was received at the MSP 3/2/60, and assigned #00312, from Dunklin County to serve a two year sentence on charge of Larceny from the Person. He was transferred to Missouri Intermediate Reformatory (MIR) 3/30/60. He was paroled 11/1/60 and returned to MIR 3/3/61, as a PV. He was transferred back to the MSP 3/16/61, from MIR as incorrigible. He was given a discharge on 6/28/61, from the MSP.

As DONALD RAY MITCHELL, MSP #03045, he was held to serve a new sentence of two years on charge of Uttering in Dunklin County. He was given a discharge from this sentence on 8/21/62.

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On 6/4/65, DONALD LEE MITCHELL was received at the MSP and assigned #10379, from Butler County to serve a two year sentence on charge of Burglary and Stealing. He was discharged on 6/1/66.

During MITCHELL's incarceration he was assigned to the Church Farm outside assignment on 7/6/65. On 12/15/65, he went to the Renz Farm from the Church Farm. On 1/5/66, he was transferred back from Renz Farm to the MSP and assigned to Food Service on 1/14/66.

Available records reflects MITCHELL celled in the following cells at the MSP:

1/5/66 - C Hall, Cell 57  
1/14/66 - K Hall, Cell 96  
3/31/66 - K Hall, Cell 80

Mr. HAROLD SWENSON, Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, furnished the cell assignments of JAMES EARL RAY.

RAY was in the penitentiary from 3/17/60, to 4/23/67, when he escaped.

He occupied the following cells:

4/12/60 - 7/28/60	B-24
7/28/60 - 3/15/61	K-178
3/13/61 - 11/22/61	K-118
11/22/61 - 5/25/62	E-224
5/25/62 - 6/8/62	B-16
6/8/62 - 7/23/62	E-66
7/23/62 - 8/10/62	K-15
8/10/62 - 8/15/62	K-161
8/15/62 - 3/8/63	K-168

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3/8/63 - 10/22/65	K-172
10/22/65 - 12/16/65	K-2
12/16/65 - 3/4/66	J-42
3/4/66 - 3/14/66	CB-6
3/14/66 - 6/11/66	BB-9
6/11/66 - 9/8/66	State Hospital #1
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11/17/66 - 1/18/67	C - 17
1/18/67 - 4/23/67	K-135

Additional leads in this matter being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

10/30/68

ASAC C. O. HALTER

MURKIN

U. S. Attorney GILBERT MERRITT, Nashville, Tenn., telephonically informed as follows at approximately 8:30 AM, 10/30/68:

A reporter named JIM SQUIRES connected with the morning newspaper in Nashville called USA MERRITT at approximately 10:30 PM, 10/29/68. MERRITT had been asleep and does not recall too clearly just what SQUIRES had to say; however, MERRITT understands that SQUIRES has written or will write articles on RAY's defense.

During the evening of October 29, 1968, SQUIRES received a long distance telephone call from some place in Canada, possibly Toronto. The person calling identified himself as "APPEL" (phonetic). APPEL indicated he was representing or calling for a man named GERSTAT (phonetic). GERSTAT is supposed to have testified before the Warren Commission regarding some person he had seen in Canada who allegedly had something to do with the assassination of the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY. APPEL has told SQUIRES that the description of the person described by GERSTATE is similar to the description of the individual in Canada who allegedly made an offer of money to JAMES EARL RAY to go to Memphis for some job.

GIL MERRITT suggested that an Agent from the Nashville RA contact SQUIRES today for further particulars.

MERRITT apologized for being so indefinite on the information furnished by SQUIRES but admitted that he was half asleep during the telephone call.

I thanked Mr. MERRITT for calling and told him that before an Agent would contact SQUIRES, this would be cleared with Departmental officials in Washington, D. C. 44-1987-Sub-M-224

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

USA GILBERT MERRITT, MDT, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS MORNING OF FOLLOWING:

MERRITT SAID NEWSPAPER REPORTER NAMED JIM SQUIRES, ASSOCIATED WITH THE "NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN," CALLED MERRITT AT ABOUT TEN THIRTY PM, OCTOBER TWENTYNINE LAST. MERRITT ADVISED HE HAD BEEN ASLEEP AND DOES NOT RECALL CLEARLY EVERYTHING SQUIRES HAD TO SAY. MERRITT SAID HE UNDERSTANDS SQUIRES HAS WRITTEN, OR WILL WRITE, ARTICLES ON RAY'S DEFENSE.

SQUIRES REPORTEDLY TOLD MERRITT THAT ON EVENING OF OCT. TWENTYNINE, SIXTYEIGHT, SQUIRES RECEIVED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM SOME PLACE IN CANADA, POSSIBLY TORONTO. THE PERSON CALLING IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO SQUIRES AS APPEL (PH). APPEL SAID HE WAS REPRESENTING OR CALLING FOR MAN NAMED GERSTAT, ALSO PHONETIC. GERSTAT IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE TESTIFIED BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION RE SOME PERSON HE HAD SEEN IN CANADA WHO ALLEGEDLY HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH ASSASSINATION OF LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. APPEL TOLD SQUIRES DESCRIPTION OF PERSON DESCRIBED

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Approved: *R. Jensen*  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 11:26 P M Per *llb*

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BY GERSTAT IS SIMILAR TO DESCRIPTION OF INDIVIDUAL IN CANADA WHO ALLEGEDLY MADE OFFER OF MONEY TO JAMES EARL RAY TO GO TO MEMPHIS FOR SOME JOB.

MEMPHIS INDICES HAS NO DATA WHICH CAN BE IDENTIFIED WITH EITHER APPEL OR GERSTAT. SQUIRES, REPORTER IN QUESTION, KNOWN TO AGENTS IN NASHVILLE AREA AS BEING LONG TIME REPORTER. NO KNOWLEDGE THAT SQUIRES HAS EVER PRESENTED PROBLEM IN CONNECTION WITH INTERVIEWS BUT AGENTS OF OPINION THAT SQUIRES WILL REPRESENT NEWSPAPER FIRST.

MEMPHIS RECOMMENDING THAT INTERVIEW OF REPORTER SQUIRES BE HAD AND THAT INTERVIEW BE CONDUCTED ALONG LINES THAT SQUIRES IS BEING CONTACTED SOLELY FOR PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHAT INFORMATION HE HAS THAT HE REPORTED TO USA MERRITT. AFTER INTERVIEW OF SQUIRES AND IF MATERIAL APPEARS PERTINENT CONSIDERATION CAN THEN BE MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES ARE WARRANTED IN CANADA.

UACB, EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW WITH SQUIRES THIS DATE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

FROM : SA FRANCIS W. NORWOOD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 10-31-68

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*James David*

On 10/31/68, the writer contacted JAMES SQUIRES, Assistant Editor, "Nashville Tennessean," at his residence, Hendersonville, Tennessee. At this time, SQUIRES stated that he is covering the trial of JAMES EARL RAY at Memphis, Tennessee, for his newspaper. He stated he has done some research in connection with this and also has been interested in the past in the Warren Commission report on the Kennedy Assassination.

For the purpose of laying the groundwork for the information which he was about to furnish, SQUIRES noted that in February, 1964, a man named RICHARD DICK GIESBRECHT from Winnipeg, Canada, announced to the Press in Canada and the U. S. that he had overheard a blond Latin individual who appeared to be a salesman talking about a plot to kill KENNEDY.

SQUIRES stated that in connection with his coverage of the RAY trial he has been doing background inquiry and in connection therewith had been in touch with WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, who is the only individual who has had specific contact with RAY from the Press media. SQUIRES was aware of the fact that HUIE was going to publish a story relating to RAY's possible defense which was to appear in "Look" magazine. SQUIRES had information for a story concerning RAY's defense and in order to beat HUIE's release he published this story in the "Nashville Tennessean," a daily newspaper, on Monday morning, 10/28/68. Associated Press picked up his story, combined information from Huie's "Look" article, and put it on the AP wire. He noted that HUIE in his story stated that RAY claimed that he was approached by a blond man in Montreal, Canada, named RAOUL. He noted that his story had only indicated that RAY claimed he had been contacted by a man in Canada.

As a result of the Associated Press release which apparently went into Canada, on Tuesday night, 10/29/68, at 8:30 PM, SQUIRES received a long distance telephone call from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, from a man giving his name as DONALD STEWART APPELL. APPELL identified himself as an investigator employed by GIESBRECHT in connection with the KENNEDY case. He apparently misunderstood the Associated Press story and was under the impression

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that SQUIRES was the reporter who had published information relative to RAY being contacted in Canada by RAOUL. He began pumping SQUIRES concerning RAY and the information that RAY had given concerning RAOUL. He stated to SQUIRES that GIESBRECHT is of the opinion that the RAOUL who allegedly contacted RAY is identical with the blond Latin seaman that he had heard discussing the KENNEDY assassination.

SQUIRES stated he thought something might be fishy and he called back to Winnipeg, Canada, on Wednesday, 10/30/68, to see if such a person as GIESBRECHT existed and if he could contact APPELL again. He stated that prior to his call he checked the Warren Commission report and could find no reference to GIESBRECHT. He stated that when he did call back to Canada he did get in touch with RICHARD "DICK" GIESBRECHT's wife, who told him that her husband was out. Through her, he got in touch with DONALD STEWART APPELL again, at which time they discussed the RAY case and APPELL's interest in the KENNEDY case, and again APPELL told him that GIESBRECHT was of the opinion that the man who allegedly contacted RAY and the man who had been discussing the plot to assassinate KENNEDY were the same individual. APPELL advised SQUIRES that he and GIESBRECHT planned to go to New Orleans next week (first week in November) to give information which they had in their possession to District Attorney General GARRISON in New Orleans.

SQUIRES stated that the telephone number for GIESBRECHT in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, is 339-5652. The telephone number where he reached APPELL in Winnipeg is 452-8468.

SQUIRES advised that some years back he met and interviewed an investigator for the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities in Washington, D. C. named DONALD APPELL, a former Agent with the FBI. He stated he asked DONALD STEWART APPELL on the telephone if he were identical with the investigator for the HCUA and DONALD STEWART APPELL said he was not the same individual.



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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

REMYTEL OCT. THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

JAMES SQUIRES, ASST. EDITOR, NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN, CONTACTED OCT. THIRTYONE INSTANT. SQUIRES SAID HE IS COVERING TRIAL JAMES EARL RAY AT MEMPHIS AND HAS DONE SOME RESEARCH IN CONNECTION WITH RAY MATTER. ADVISED HE HAS ALSO BEEN INTERESTED IN PAST IN WARREN COMMISSION REPORT ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. SQUIRES SAID IN FEBRUARY, SIXTYFOUR, MAN NAMED RICHARD "DICK" GIESBRECHT FROM WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA, ANNOUNCED TO CANADIAN PRESS AND U. S. PRESS THAT HE HAD OVERHEARD BLOND LATIN INDIVIDUAL WHO APPEARED TO BE SEAMAN TALKING ABOUT PLOT TO KILL KENNEDY.

SQUIRES STATED HE HAS BEEN CONDUCTING BACKGROUND INQUIRY IN CONNECTION WITH RAY CASE AND HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE. SQUIRES AWARE OF FACT HUIE GOING TO PUBLISH STORY RE POSSIBLE DEFENSE FOR RAY AND THAT STORY WOULD APPEAR IN LOOK MAGAZINE. SQUIRES SAID HE HAD INFO FOR A STORY CONCERNING RAY'S DEFENSE AND IN ORDER TO BEAT HUIE'S RELEASE IN LOOK HE PUBLISHED HIS STORY IN NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN ON MONDAY A.M., OCTOBER TWENTY-

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EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT. SQUIRES SAID ASSOCIATED PRESS PICKED UP HIS STORY AND COMBINED INFO FROM HUIE'S LOOK ARTICLE AND PUT THAT ON AP WIRE. SQUIRES SAID HUIE IN HIS STORY SAID RAY CLAIMED HE WAS APPROACHED BY BLOND MAN IN MONTREAL, CANADA, NAMED RAOUL. SQUIRES SAID HIS STORY ONLY INDICATED RAY CLAIMED CONTACTED BY MAN IN CANADA.

SQUIRES SURMISES AS RESULT OF AP RELEASE, WHICH APPARENTLY WENT INTO CANADA, HE RECEIVED ON TUESDAY NIGHT, OCT. TWENTYNINE, SIXTYEIGHT, LONG DISTANCE CALL FROM WINNIPEG, MANITOBA. CALLER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS DONALD STEWART APPELL, INVESTIGATOR EMPLOYED BY GIESBRECHT IN CONNECTION WITH KENNEDY CASE. SQUIRES SAID APPELL APPARENTLY MISUNDERSTOOD AP STORY AND UNDER IMPRESSION SQUIRES WAS REPORTER WHO FURNISHED INFO RE CANADA CONTACT OF RAY BY RAOUL. SQUIRES SAID APPELL BEGAN ASKING QUESTIONS RE RAY AND THE INFO RAY HAD GIVEN CONCERNING RAOUL. APPELL TOLD SQUIRES THAT GIESBRECHT IS OF OPINION RAOUL, WHO ALLEGEDLY CONTACTED RAY, IS IDENTICAL WITH BLOND LATIN SEAMAN THAT GIESBRECHT HAD HEARD DISCUSSING KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

SQUIRES SAID HE THOUGHT SOMETHING MIGHT BE FISHY AND

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HE CALLED BACK TO WINNIPEG, CANADA, ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, TO DETERMINE IF A PERSON SUCH AS GIESBRECHT EXISTED AND IF HE COULD CONTACT APPELL AGAIN. SQUIRES ALSO SAID PRIOR TO HIS CALL TO CANADA HE CHECKED THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT AND COULD FIND NO REFERENCE TO GIESBRECHT. HE SAID WHEN HE CALLED BACK TO CANADA HE DID GET IN TOUCH WITH RICHARD "DICK" GIESBRECHT'S WIFE, WHO TOLD HIM HER HUSBAND WAS OUT. THROUGH HER HE GOT IN TOUCH WITH DONALD STEWART APPELL. THEY AGAIN DISCUSSED THE RAY CASE AND APPELL'S INTEREST IN THE KENNEDY CASE. APPELL AGAIN TOLD SQUIRES THAT GIESBRECHT WAS OF OPINION THAT MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY CONTACTED RAY AND THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN DISCUSSING THE PLOT TO ASSASSINATE KENNEDY WAS ONE AND SAME INDIVIDUAL. APPELL ALSO TOLD SQUIRES THAT HE AND GIESBRECHT PLANNED TO GO TO NEW ORLEANS FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER TO GIVE THEIR INFORMATION TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL GARRISON, NEW ORLEANS.

SQUIRES ADVISED TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR GIESBRECHT IN WINNIPEG IS THREE THREE NINE DASH FIVE SIX FIVE TWO. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR APPELL IN WINNIPEG IS FOUR FIVE TWO DASH EIGHT FOUR SIX EIGHT.

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SQUIRES ALSO STATED THAT A FEW YEARS BACK HE HAD MET AND INTERVIEWED A HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES INVESTIGATOR BY NAME DONALD APPELL. HE SAID HE ASKED THE APPELL IN CANADA IF HE WERE IDENTICAL WITH THE HCUA INVESTIGATOR AND THE CANADIAN APPELL SAID HE WAS NOT.

MEMPHIS INDICES DISCLOSE NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH EITHER GIESBRECHT OR APPELL AND MEMPHIS HAS NO DESCRIPTIVE DATA RE RAOUL OTHER THAN THAT WHICH APPEARED IN LOOK ARTICLE. MEMPHIS INDICES DISCLOSE NO INFORMATION RE BLOND LATIN SEAMAN INVOLVED IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. SUGGEST BUREAU REVIEW ITS INDICES AND MATERIAL COLLECTED IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT NAMES GIESBRECHT OR APPELL HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANCE.

REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT BUREAU INDICES CONTAIN INFORMATION, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT DATA RE GIESBRECHT AND APPELL AND RESPECTIVE PHONE NUMBERS BE FURNISHED RCMP FOR APPROPRIATE CHECK TO ASCERTAIN WHAT THAT AGENCY CAN FURNISH REGARDING THESE PEOPLE.

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
879 UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37203

REFER REPLY TO

October 30, 1968

Mr. Robert G. Jensen  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
167 N. Main Street  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear Mr. Jensen:

Following up on my telephone conversation of October 30th with Mr. Halter of your office, this letter is to give you information about the Ray case in Memphis for whatever it is worth.

Mr. James Squires, a reporter for The Nashville Tennessean who is assigned to cover the Ray murder trial, called me at home last night and gave me the following information:

(1) That he recently wrote a series of stories about Ray's defense that were picked up and moved by the Associated Press. In these stories he stated that Ray was going to say that a man named Raoul (phonetic) met Ray in Montreal and either gave or promised him money for taking certain actions which Ray now contends made him a foil in the murder of Martin Luther King. This story described Raoul as a blond Latin, perhaps a seaman.

(2) At approximately 8:30 p.m., October 29th, Squires received a long distance telephone call described by the long distance operator as a call from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

The man calling from Winnipeg gave his name as Don Appell and said he was an investigator for Richard Giesbrecht from Winnipeg.

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(3) The man said he had read the Associated Press article giving Squires as the source of the information contained in the article. He asked Squires what else Ray had said in addition to the facts contained in the article and particularly wanted to know more about what Ray said about Raoul. Squires advised Appell that he had never talked to Ray and that his information came about this matter from a recent Look magazine article.

(4) Appell then said that he is interested in the matter because Giesbrecht told Appell that Raoul's description matches the description of the man whom Giesbrecht testified before the Warren Commission about. Apparently Giesbrecht testified before the Warren Commission that in 1963, in the Montreal Airport, Giesbrecht overheard a conversation, the contents of which were a plot on the life of President Kennedy.

(5) Appell told Squires to call him back if he got any additional information and Appell gave as his home phone number 452-8468 in Winnipeg and said that he has a telephone in his automobile, the number for which is JL8-3368.

(6) Squires said Appell did not sound like a "nut" but he could not be sure.

Sincerely,

  
GILBERT S. MERRITT, JR.  
United States Attorney

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis 10/28/68.

HARRY LOFF, Records Clerk, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised that ROBERT DALE PORTER, MSP #03189, was incarcerated at the penitentiary from 7/19/61 until 9/1/62 and again from 3/2/64 until 12/8/67 under MSP #08123. No information regarding any escapes or escape attempts on the part of PORTER or information that he was ever in the same cell as JAMES EARL RAY.

MSP records fail to reveal any inmates by the name of CARL RAYMOND OSBORNE or WALTER ALEXANDER.

It is to be noted that ROBERT DALE PORTER was interviewed on 4/29/68 by Agents of the Oklahoma City Office, results in their airtel to Director 4/30/68.

In view of this and because of PORTER's extensive arrest record and background, the Kansas City Office feels that no credence should be placed in the information furnished by CARL RAYMOND OSBORNE.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois  
October 31, 1968

**JAMES EARL RAY, ALSO KNOWN AS  
DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING -  
VICTIM  
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Mr. Harvey Klingman, owner, Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, advised on October 30, 1968, that on the date he was interviewed by reporter Art Petacque he, Klingman, made no statement whatsoever to the effect that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had utilized tape recordings of voices of friends of James Earl Ray. He said that he also was interviewed by numerous television and newspaper commentators and reporters and on each and every occasion he made no mention whatsoever of tape recordings. He said that the comments regarding the tape recordings set forth in Mr. Petacque's articles were a complete figment of Petacque's imagination. Mr. Klingman did state that he told the various members of the news media that the FBI had asked his wife if she could possibly identify or recognize again the voice of the individual who made the telephone calls to Ray and that she had replied negatively.

Mr. Klingman advised that he and his wife have reviewed the article which is to appear in Look Magazine and that the only portion of it that they read was the information they furnished to Mr. Huie and that it was exactly the same as what they had previously told both Huie and the FBI.

Mr. Klingman reiterated his desire to cooperate with the FBI in this matter and again stated that neither he nor his wife made any statement which could be construed to indicate that the FBI was using tape recordings of the voices of James Earl Ray's acquaintances.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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**AIRTEL**

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

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 10/30/68, Memphis teletype to the Director dated 10/15/68 and Memphis airtel to the Director dated 10/25/68.

Enclosed herewith are 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) setting forth interview of Mr. HARVEY KLINGMAN. One (1) copy of LHM enclosed for Memphis.

Mr. KLINGMAN advised that he would be more than willing to testify for the State of Tennessee in the RAY trial, but that due to pressure of business his wife should be the individual to be subpoenaed.

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*Jim Beasley  
in Cavalieri's Office  
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**AIRTEL**

**To: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)**  
**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

**Re Legat, Ottawa, airtel to the Bureau 10-25-68.**

**Review of the referenced communication and copies of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) letters indicates that the anonymous female was interviewed on 10-15-68, as a result of information supplied to them by the Superintendent of Security, Department of Transport, Ottawa, Canada, on 10-8-68.**

**Review also indicated that this information was provided to you by the RCMP by their letter dated 10-25-68. You transmitted this information to us by your communication dated 10-25-68, and this was received at the Bureau on 10-28-68.**

**In the future you should make every effort to insure that such information is furnished to you by the RCMP on a timely basis. This is particularly true in instances such as this where the information was included in an article which appeared in a national magazine released on October 29, 1968. Obviously, it is desirable that the Bureau receive information of this type as early as possible so it can be evaluated at the Bureau prior to its actual publication.**

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Via **AIRTEL** \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)  
✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
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*Bureau Instructions*  
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In view of state trial of subject at Memphis, Tennessee, on November 12, 1968, you should submit a daily teletype summary of court proceedings to the Bureau beginning on November 12, 1968, until the Bureau advises you to discontinue.

This teletype should be in a form that is clear, concise and should not leave any questions unresolved. This teletype should reach the Bureau no later than 10:00 p.m. each day, and it will be incumbent upon Memphis to keep the Bureau fully advised. Any developments requiring immediate notification should be handled accordingly.

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**AIRTEL**

**To: Legat, Ottawa**  
**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

**James Squires, Assistant Editor, "Nashville Tennessean," who in the past has been interested in the Warren Commission Report on the Kennedy assassination, advised he is covering the trial of James Earl Ray at Memphis, Tennessee.**

**Squires advised that he recently received a telephone call from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and the caller identified himself as Donald Stewart Lovell, an investigator, employed by one Richard "Dick" Giesbrecht. According to Squires, Giesbrecht is under the opinion that "Boudi" is identical with a blond Latin woman that Giesbrecht had overheard discussing the Kennedy assassination in 1964. It is noted that President Kennedy was assassinated in November of 1963 and the conversation was overheard in 1964.**

**A copy of the communication received from Memphis regarding James Squires is enclosed for the information of Legat, Ottawa.**

**Bureau files indicate that an article appears in the 1-28-68, issue of the "National Enquirer" newspaper entitled "Suppressed JFK Evidence" relating to information furnished by one Richard Giesbrecht. The "National Enquirer" is a well-known, sex-type newspaper. It is totally unreliable and is known to feature wild sensational stories. The article that appeared in the "National Enquirer" is no exception to this.**

**The article reports that Richard Giesbrecht, a Canadian insurance salesman, claims to have overheard a conversation in 1964 which proves Lee Harvey Oswald had not acted alone in the Kennedy assassination. Bureau files further disclose that on 2-27-64, Giesbrecht informed one of our Agents that while he was**

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**Airtel to Legat, Ottawa  
Re: MURKIN**

in a bar in the International Airport in Winnipeg, Canada, on 2-13-64, he overheard a conversation between two unknown individuals concerning the Kennedy assassination. The information as provided by Giesbrecht was included in a report which was disseminated to the Warren Commission. Logical investigation by the Bureau disproved numerous parts of Giesbrecht's allegation and failed to confirm verifiable portions of his story.

Bureau's investigation subsequently indicated that Giesbrecht was attempting to sell his story to a radio station in North Dakota. Giesbrecht stated to his radio station that he felt the story he has to sell would be buried by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), and that the Canadian papers were not big enough to handle it. Personnel at the radio station described Giesbrecht as a beer-drinking type, childlike and one who felt he could possibly obtain some money from his story. Investigation in Canada disclosed Giesbrecht had an arrest record for robbery and theft in 1951 and for possible assault in 1954.

Legat, Ottawa should furnish this information to the RCMP for appropriate check to determine what they can furnish us regarding this matter.

Legat, Ottawa should forward to the Bureau any additional RCMP investigative results relative to the female employed by the Canadian Government that James Earl Ray allegedly consorted with.

Legat, Ottawa should also request the RCMP to furnish us any information they have recently developed concerning Jules Recco Kishle.

FBI MOBILE

9-55PM URGENT 11-9-68 JEB

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

FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN; OO MEMPHIS.

RE BUTELCALL TODAY.

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MRS. BESSIE BARRETT, OWNER AND OPERATOR OF FLAMINGO MOTEL HIGHWAY EIGHTY EAST, SELMA, ALA., ADVISED THAT SHE RECALLS LOCATING A REGISTRATION CARD FOR ONE ERIC S. GALT DATED MARCH TWENTYFOUR SIXTYEIGHT. BARRETT ADVISED REASON SHE RECALLS ABOVE, SHE WAS CONTACTED BY ARTHUR HAYNES, AN ATTORNEY, WHO ASKED HER IF SHE RECALLED AN INDIVIDUAL BY THE NAME OF GALT, WHO HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS KING'S MURDERER, EVER STAYING AT THIS MOTEL. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE TOLD HAYNES THAT SHE WOULD NEVER KNOWINGLY PERMIT THIS INDIVIDUAL TO STAY AT HER MOTEL AND ADVISED THAT SHE COULD NOT RECALL THIS INDIVIDUAL EVER STAYING AT THE FLAMINGO. HAYNES THEN REQUESTED HER TO CHECK HER REGISTRATIONS CARDS FROM MARCH ONE THRU TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT AND UPON CHECK OF MOTEL RECORDS REVEIL ABOVE REGISTRATION CARD FOR GALT, WHICH HAYNES REQUESTED AND THE REGISTRATION CARD WAS FURNISHED. MRS. BARRETT ADVISED THAT A SHEET RECORD OF THIS MOTEL REGISTRATION CARD WAS AVAILABLE, BUT CURRENTLY IN THE POSSESSION OF

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MOTEL BOOKKEEPER, MRS. THELMA GARDNER, SERVICES UNLIMITED,  
ONE THREE FIVE THREE MADISON AVENUE, MONTGOMERY, ALA.

MRS. BARRETT ADVISED THAT THE MOTEL WOULD NOT HAVE ANY  
RECORDS OF ANY PREPAID CALLS MADE BY GALT FROM THE MOTEL OR  
RECEIVED AT THE MOTEL. HOWEVER SHE ADVISED THAT ANY CALLS  
LOCAL OR OTHERWISE MADE BY GALT OR RECEIVED BY GALT AT THE MOTEL  
SHOULD BE REFLECTED ON THE SHEET RECORD AND ON THE BILLING CARD  
IN THE POSSESSION OF THE BOOKKEEPER.

RECORDS OF SERVICES UNLIMITED AS REVIEWED BY MR. U. K.  
GARDNER REVEAL ONE ITEM FROM FLAMINGO MOTEL RECORDS UNDER THE  
NAME OF ERIC GALT DATED MARCH TWENTYTWO SIXTYEIGHT FOR ROOM  
NUMBER THREE FOR ONE DAY DURATION FOR A TOTAL CHARGE OF EIGHT  
DOLLARS. NO OUTGOING OR INCOMING TELEPHONE CHARGES REFLECTED  
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Date December 9, 1968

RE: **ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

For information     Retention optional     For appropriate action     Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_

The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report,  conceal all sources,  paraphrase contents.

Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_.

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RE:  
OBJET:Martin Luther KING. Murder of:  
ASSISTANCE TO THE F.B.I.

21 Nov 68

1. FPS 737045 Richard Alvin GIESBRECHT was interviewed this date in order that a current assessment of his position as an informer concerning the assassinations of President J.F. KENNEDY and Dr. Martin Luther KING could be obtained.
2. GIESBRECHT was quick to create the impression that he was working closely with James GARRISON of New Orleans in the latter's investigation into the KENNEDY assassination, in fact, indicated that he had become aware of what he described as the most delicate facet of the United States' agencies' investigations concerning the two assassinations. He told me that he had received this vital information through several anonymous telephone calls approximately three months ago and had relayed it immediately to GARRISON. The substance of his information was that "RAOUL", the unknown individual with whom James Earl RAY allegedly associated in Montreal, is one and the same person whom GIESBRECHT claims to have overheard discussing the KENNEDY assassination in a local beverage room in February of 1964. According to GIESBRECHT, he mailed certain documents to support some of his information to GARRISON in New Orleans, however, GARRISON apparently did not receive this mail. I might point out that while GIESBRECHT spoke quite openly concerning his involvement in this matter, he was careful to maintain an aura of intrigue by vaguely touching on points of interest or by hinting that he was aware of much more than he cared to impart.
3. GIESBRECHT left me with the impression that his prime interests in the matter under investigation were recognition and personal gain. He admitted that he had attempted to sell information in his possession to the news media. He belaboured the fact that the information which he had was vitally important to GARRISON and to the F.B.I., to the point where I was prompted to question the wisdom of his releasing such information for personal gain. He stated that it is his belief that the general public should be kept abreast of all developments in investigations of this nature. He also expressed the opinion that if the public were aware of his identity, those responsible for the assassinations would be hesitant to do likewise to him. Although I have no firm basis for disbelieving anything which GIESBRECHT said, I formed the opinion that I would hesitate to accept anything he said which was of vital importance without some supporting evidence. He is obviously a promoter, and through my brief exposure to him I would suggest that he would not be above fabrication, for personal gain.
4. FPS 926280 Donald Stewart APPEL is known to members of this Force and to the Winnipeg City Police as a confidence man, and is not even trusted by GIESBRECHT, according to the latter. GIESBRECHT

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.....GIESBRECHT stated that he has known APPEL for many years and had revealed some of the information which came to him, to APPEL. Without a doubt APPEL's motivation for calling the Assistant Editor of the "Nashville Tennessean" was strictly monetary, and I might suggest, probably at the prompting of GIESBRECHT. As stated earlier, APPEL is known to be a most unscrupulous "con" man, capable of practically any scheme of defrauding, extortion, theft by conversion, and like schemes which would give him financial return. His record follows:

APPEL, Donald Stewart, FPS 926280. (B. 20 June 33) Ste. 14 - 275 Nassau St., Winnipeg Manitoba. Salesman.

- 24 June 59 - Lethbridge Alta. (1) Extortion - withdrawh.  
(2) Soliciting with license - fined \$75.00 and costs \$26.00
- 25 Sept 63 - Winnipeg Man. Disorderly on street - fined \$50.00
- 24 Sept 65 - Winnipeg Man. Theft (7 chgs) Sec. 280 C.C. - fined \$50.00 each chge.
- 3 Oct 68 - Winnipeg Man. Fraud (3 chgs) - stayed.  
Attempt Fraud - stayed.  
Conspiracy - discharged.  
Conspiracy (3 chgs) - stayed.

GIESBRECHT, Richard Alvin, FPS 737045. (B. 6 July 32) 757 Adamdell Cresc., Winnipeg Manitoba. Insurance Representative.

- 24 Feb 49 - Winnipeg Man. Theft (no disposition shown)
- 5 Apr 51 - Selkirk Man. B.E. & Theft - Given 3 year Suspended Sentence.
- 19 July 54 - Winnipeg Man. Assault Causing Bodily Harm - fined \$40.00 and costs.

5. GIESBRECHT advised me that a friend of his who is employed by a local newspaper sketched a likeness of the man whom GIESBRECHT described as the person he overheard discussing the KENNEDY incident in the beverage room. He gave me a copy of this drawing, stating that GARRISON and the newspaperman each have one. This is the person then, whom GIESBRECHT says is "RAOUL". (Photostatic copy attached)

6. Mr. M. NELSON, F.B.I. Agent at Grand Forks N.D., USA, interviewed GIESBRECHT in Winnipeg on 27 Feb 64 concerning the conversation GIESBRECHT is said to have overheard. At that time subsequent investigation by the F.B.I. apparently failed to substantiate vital points of the story given by this subject. It was after his contact with the F.B.I. that GIESBRECHT began his campaign to publicize his story, and when District Attorney GARRISON began his enquiries, he made himself known, and according to him, has been co-operating with GARRISON since.

(D.P. Wershler) #19842 Col.



21 Nov 68: Photo of composite drawing  
of person GIESBRECHT overheard in  
Horizon Room 13 Feb 64.

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URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELCALL THIS DATE.

PERSONAL REVIEW GUEST ENTRY BOOK GRANADA HOTEL, TWO TWO THREE  
FOUR FOURTH AVENUE NORTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, BY BUAGENT THIS DATE  
FAILED TO REVEAL ANY ENTRY IN NAME JOHN L. RAYNES OR OTHER KNOWN  
ALIASES OF RAY FOR PERIOD OCTOBER TWENTYTHREE - THIRTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN

ALL AVAILABLE HOTEL PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED AND DISPLAYED PHOTOS  
OF RAY THIS DATE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. OWNER AND OTHER HOTEL  
EMPLOYEES UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL NOVEMBER TWELVE, NEXT.  
PROMPT INTERVIEW RE THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THAT  
TIME.

AIR MAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

PERCY FOREMAN IS NEW ATTORNEY OF RECORD FOR SUBJECT RAY.  
JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE GRANTED POSTPONEMENT TODAY UNTIL NEXT  
TERM OF COURT. THIS CASE SET FOR TRIAL MARCH THREE SIXTYNINE.  
P. END.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN.

REMYTEL TO DIRECTOR NOVEMBER NINE LAST.

OWNER AND ALL PREVIOUSLY UNINTERVIEWED EMPLOYEES, GRANADA  
HOTEL, TWO TWO THREE ZERO FOURTH AVE. NORTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,  
DISPLAYED PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, WITH  
NEGATIVE RESULTS. AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-

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REBUTELEPHONE CALL TO INDIANAPOLIS NOV. TWELVE LAST.

ALL MOTELS IN AREA EAST OF GARY, IND., CHECKED BY  
BUAGTS NOV. THIRTEEN INSTANT AND NO REGISTRATION FOR AUG.

TWENTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN, FOUND FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC S. GALT,  
OR JOHN L. RAYNS. RECORDS UNAVAILABLE THIS DATE AT U.S.

TWENTY MOTEL, PORTAGE, IND. THAT MOTEL WILL BE RECONTACTED  
NOV. FOURTEEN, NEXT. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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To: SACs, Birmingham  
New Orleans  
Memphis  
Mobile  
San Antonio

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

William Bradford Huie, author, has written a second article for "Look" magazine concerning the travels of James Earl Ray since Ray's escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967. The second article appears in November 26, 1968, issue of "Look" (circulated November 12, 1968) and alleges the involvement of an individual by the name of "Raoul" in the King assassination. According to the article, Ray contacted "Raoul" in New Orleans, Louisiana; Selma, Alabama; Birmingham, Alabama, and in a motel across the border in Mexico.

The following is a listing of those motels and a hotel in the respective areas in which Ray was alleged to have registered as a guest using the name Eric S. Galt or John L. Rayns.

New Provincial Motel  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
December 17, 18, 1967  
(New Orleans Division)

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Airtel to SACs, Birmingham  
New Orleans  
Memphis  
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San Antonio

RE: MURKIN

Granada Hotel  
Birmingham, Alabama  
August 25, 1967  
(Birmingham Division)

Flamingo Motel  
Selma, Alabama  
March 24, 1968  
(Mobile Division)

Each division will obtain a list of the guests registered at the respective motels and hotel for a period of three days before, during, and three days after the listed period. This list should include, but not be restricted to, name, address, and identification of any vehicle used by the guests. The possibility exists that a common denominator will appear at the above in order that the identity of "Raoul" will be established.

In addition, the article sets forth that Ray stayed at an unnamed motel in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, 10-7-67. Since it is not known how many motels are located in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, the San Antonio Office should conduct the desired investigation only if feasible. Advise the Bureau and Memphis accordingly.

The Memphis Division, upon receipt of this information from the other listed divisions, will completely evaluate this information for possible identification of "Raoul." The name "Raoul" is Spanish for Ralph and it should be considered that this could be either a given name or a surname.

This is to be handled immediately and results furnished to the Bureau promptly.

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URGENT

TO : DIRECTOR  
FROM : INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN. OO - MEMPHIS.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU, NOV. THIRTEEN LAST.  
REGISTRATION RECORDS FOR AUG. TWENTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN,  
CHECKED THIS DATE AT U. S. TWENTY MOTEL, PORTAGE, IND. NO RECORD  
FOUND FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC S. GALT OR JOHN L. RAYNS.

AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

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