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obtaining descriptions and registrations for the automobiles of such persons. A review of such records might indicate whether any one individual might have accompanied Ray or been in contact with him during this period. Pertinent or questionable registration records should be obtained if possible for examination by the FBI Laboratory.

Memphis should insure that the Bureau is kept currently advised of pertinent developments in this case, particularly all aspects of court action since the death of Judge Battle on March 31, 1969.

April 7, 1969

Interview with Rev. James M. Latimer 6 Rev. John Balten Sperger: 10:00 A.M., March 11, 1969 concerning James Earl RE: Ray Murder Case.

Rev. Latimer was interviewed at the above time concerning information he had furnished the Memphis Police Department on April 13, 1968, with the purpose of this interview being to allow Rev. Latimer to look at a group of pictures to see if he could identify one of them as being the man that identified himself as Jay Chris Bonneveche to Rev. Latimer on April 13, 1968. From a group of six photographs, Rev. Latimer stated that the photographs of Thomas Robert Henderson looked more like the man than any other picture in the group. On this interview with Rev. Latimer, he furnished about the same information he had given to the Police on April 13, 1968, other than the fact that the man who identified himself as Bonneveche advised Rev. Latimer that on the same date, April 13, 1968, he had been to the office of Attorney Russell X. Thompson, but when he advised Thompson that the Mafia was looking for him, he stated that Mr. Thompson kicked him out of his office.

Rev. Balten Sperger was interviewed at the same time and from this same group of pictures, he was unable to pick out anyone that resembled the man who identified himself as Bonneveche on April 13, 1968. Rev. Balten Sperger stated that while he and Rev. Latimer were talking to this man the man removed his coat and by him wearing a short sleeve shirt, he observed quite a few scars on the inside of each arm which indicated to him that the man was or was at one time, a dope addict.

Both Rev. Latimer and Rev. Sperger stated that they put this man on a bus enroute to Brownsville, Tennessee, and that about two days later he was back in Memphis, stating that he was on his way to St. Louis. Sheriff Sullivan of Haywood County, Bolivar, Tenn. was contacted by phone and he advised that he had no information on anyone living in or around Bolivar or staying there in April, 1968, under the name of Thomas Robert Henderson or Bonneveche.

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Supplement number fifty six reported by Lt. G. E. Dandridge and Lt. B. J. Johnson is relative to memo number 122 of this investigation, which reflects that Darwin Keichline stated that on the night of April 10, 1968 he was at Pancho's Mexican Resturant on Highway 70 East, of West Memphis, Arkansas, and observed a white Mustang with Tennessee license BN4026, and that it had a short wave antenna on the trunk of the car. Supplement number 56 reflects that the investigating officers checked this automobile registration out and found it belonged to a F. L. Chaput, who is a surveyor for the city of Memphis Public Works Department. Mr. Chaput was checked out, and he stated he got off work on April 4, 1968 at approximately 5:00 PM, and went to a girlfriend's house, at 888% Pearce, and the girlfriend, Mrs. Jean Davis was contacted by the investigating officers and she stated she had been going with this man for two years, and that on the night that Dr. King was slain, he had came to her house immediately after getting off of work, and arrived there sometime between 5:30 and 6:00 PM, and was going to take her out to dinner, but that she told him whe would rather stay in, and fix something to eat, and when he said okay, she then fixed him some dinner, and they sat down and ate and after finishing with their eating, which was very close to 6:00 PM, he left, to visit another friend in Frayser, therefore supplement number fifty six, and memo number 122 are not pertinent to the investigation of the Martin Luther King Homicide.

Supplement number fifty seven reported by Lt. B. J. Johnson and Lt. G. E. Dandridge relative to memo number 71, which reflects that on April 8, 1968, at 3:00 PM, Insp. N. E. Zachary received a phone call from Capt. Buck Halsell, of the Arkansas State Criminal Investigation Division, Little Rock, Arkansas, stating that on Saturday, April 6, 1968 there were two suspicious male whites at Lake Charles, in Lawrence County, at a boat dock, just west ofWalnut Ridge. One of these male whites used the name of Tom Smith. They had clothes in the car, and asked about a motel, and were directed to the Walnut Ridge or Imboden, Arkansas, and they stated they would be back on Sunday, but did not return. There were driving a late model Oldsmobile, bearing Shelby County License AV 4061, or AU 4061. The investigating officers were successful inflocating a Mr. James W. Hampton, male white, 39, unemployed who stated that he and a friend of his, who lives with him, had been to the lake as mentioned in the memo, and had stayed there for the weekend for fishing, and had arrived Friday, night, April 5, 1968. He further stated that his friend's name was actually Tom Smith, worked at John C. Hines Co., at 1886 E. Brooks Rd. He further stated that he was driving a 1966 Oldshobile but it was a Maroon color, and not white. The Homicide Bureau was unable to connect anyone in this memo, or supplement to the Martin Luther King Homicide, and supplement number 57, as well as memo 71 is not pertinent to the Investigation of the Martin Luther King, Homicide.

Supplement number fifty eight reported by Lt. J. G. Ferguson and Det. W. C. Hylander is relative to information from the Rev. Lames Latimer of Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at 944 Linden. The supplement reflects that on April 13, 1968 the investigating officers were instructed by Capt. R. A. Cochran to proceed to 944 Linden and meet Rev. Latimer at 10:00 AM. On arrival at 944 Linden, they interviewed Rev. Latimer in his office, and he stated that on Thursday, April 11, 1968 at approximately 11:35 AM, he had received a phone call while in his office with a friend, Rev. John Raltensperger. from an unknown male white, who told him he needed help, and asked if he, Rev. Latimer, would meet him at Jim's Steak House on Second street, north of Union. Rev. Latimer, and Rev. Baltensperger proceeded to this location, arriving there shortly before 12:00 Noon, April 11, 1968. Rev. Latimer stated they met this man who was seated in a booth at the rear, and they described him as a male white, bronze complected, 6'2", slim, dark haired wearing tight pants, and a sport coat. He was wearing a blue shirt with two buttons on each sleeve, a paidey tie, with a matching hankerchief, in the breast pocket. This male white had a pair of dark tinted prescription glasses which he constantly took on and o: at time placing them in his cost pocket. They observed a small square scar on his right eyebrow, which appeared to be an old scar. The man identified himself as Lay Chris Bonneveche, alias Half-Breed. This male white stated he was half-italian and half-fren and could speak eight languages, including Hebrew, which he could write. Bonneveche told the two Reverends that he needed spiritual help, and related the following story: On Thursday, April 4, 1968 he had been in St. Louis, Missouri, employed as a runner for the Mafia, making a delivery to a contact. He said he was delivering a briefcase containing \$300,000.00 worth of Counterfeit American Express Traveler's Checks. He was rolled by two male coloreds, who took this briefcase and it's contents. He further stated he had called New York City to a person that he did not identify, and advised them of this loss, and he stated this person told him to come up with the money in 24 hours, or else. Bonneveche stated he became scared for his life, caught a bus to Popl Bluff, Missouri, where he stayed until April 10, 1968, when he caught a bus to Memphis, because Memphis is one of the only cities in the United States that he has never gone business for the Mafia, and it was his velief that the Mafia would have tgouble locati him here. He further stated he was leaving Memphis, and going to Brownsville, Tenness

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because he knew a man that lived there that he hoped would give him help in hiding. He said he had once served time in Leavenworth Prison with this man whose last name was Crocket. Bonneveche stated that he had once taken the dope cure in Lexington, Kentucky and he proceeded to pull up his shirt sleeve to show the Reverends the scar on the inside of his elbow, on his right arm. He further stated he had killed many people personally, and had been involved in other killings, which he had not personally done. The Reverends observed that when he pulled up shis shirt sleeve that they saw many tatoos covering his arm, one of which looked like a T over a J, which Bonneveche said was a Mafia Death Sign. This J had a curl at the lower end, which would appear as an Bonneveche stated he had one of the Traveler's checks which was suppose to be counterfeit, and gave it to Rev. Baltensperger as a souvenier. Rev. Baltensperger produceed this check at this time, and it is described as follows: An American Express Traveler's Check, showing a value of \$50.00. This check has the letters and numerals printed in the upper right hand corner, H A 69624715, and the numerals 8000-0005 71 printed in the lower left hand corner. There was a handwritten signature in the upper left hand corner, Tommie R. Henderson. Denver, Colorado, and was dated 4-5-88. Rev. Latimer stated that Bonneveche showed them a leather billfold which was carried in the inside coat pocket, that contained numerous credit cards. He stated that he could not see any name on any of these, but Bonneveche told him they were Air Traveler's Card, American Express Cards, Diners Club Card, and numerous others, all of which bore different names of applicants. These cards were allegedily obtained through the Mafia, in order that he might travel under assumed names. They saw no money other than a dollar bill which Bonneveche paid to the cashier at Jim's Steak House. He further stated that Bonneveche told them he had a counterfeit five dollar bill, that he would like to give them as a souvenier, but after searching his pockets he told them he must have spent it. They then left the Steak House and went to Robilio's on Vance and East where they/stayed with Bonneveche for approximately five hours. They asked him had he killed for. King, and he replied no, that he knew who did, how much he was paid, and who paid him/ They questioned him about this, and he sated the killer's name is Nick Papedikes, and that the Masons had paid him \$20,000.00 to do it. Bonneveche told the Reverends that Papadikas who was dark compected came to Memphis wearing make-up disguised as a male colored. He said Papadikas mixed in with the colored population formulating his plans. He stated that Papadikas then removed his make-up, killed King, and left town, not saying in what manner he left town. Bonneveche told them that he had his fingerprints removed by special surgery and then showed them his fingers. All the tips of his fingers were smooth, and he dould not see any fingerpripts. Rev. Latimer stated that Bonneveche gave him the name of a person to write to advise this person to contact Bonneveche's wife and tell her he was all right, and had accepted Christ as his Saviour. The information on the card is as follows: Linda Poole, 1513 Arcidia Drive, Lexington, North Carolina, and signed Chris. Rev. Latimer stated he chedked Greyhound Bus lines and found that the next bus to Brownsville, departed shortly after 5:00 PM on that date, April 11, 1968. Latimer stated he carreid Bonneveche to the intersection of Third and Union, where he told him he would get out, as he had left his baggage in a locker at the Trailway Bus Station, and that he had spent the night at the Tennessee Hotel in a room that cost \$6.00. Rev. Latimer stated they let Bonneveche get out at this location, and they did not know which direction he took from there. Rev. Latimer stated that he normally gets many calls and visits from persons asking for spiritual help, but the unusual thing about this incident was that Bonneveche did not ask for any financial help. He stated most of the calls and visits he received ended in the person asking for financial help. The Homicide Bureau's investigation could not connect this male white with the Martin Luther King Homicide in any way, therefore supplement numb 58 should not be considered pertinent to the investigation.

Supplement number fifty nine, reported by Lt. B. J. Johnson, and G. E. Dandridge relative to memo number 155, which reflects that an anonymous phone caller notified Lt. J. B. Williams that the male white Charles Bicknell was a gun collector and a traveling salesman, traveled into Alabama and could easily be the one who had bought the gun in Braingham., and that Bicknell lived on Whiteway Drive. The supplement shows that the investigating officers interviewed Mr. Charles Bicknell, his wife Mary Lou, and his daughter, Sherry Bicknell, and found that Mr. Bicknell was at home on Thursday, April 4, 1968 from 4:00 PM on, and that he and his family were watching television when they heard about Martin Luther King being assassinated. Supplement number 59 and memo number 155 are not pertinent to the Martin Luther King Homicide Investigation.

Supplement number sixty reported by Det. W. C. Hylander and Lt. J. G. Ferguson is relative meme number 94, which is a letter to Barbara Parker at 2417 Blue Road. The letter postmarked Chicago, Illinois, the 7th of April, 1968, and was printed on lined notebook paper, stated the men you want for the death of King is Artis Parker of 3410 Remarks 52.

The Sim belongs to John Feltman, 190 Bolan Road. They both have white cars.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

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MURKIN

By previous communication, Bureau has been furnished results of interview with RUSSELL X. THOMPSON, Attorney, Memphis, Tennessee.

For additional information of the Bureau, there is enclosed report of investigation in this regard by Memphis PD and the Shelby County Attorney General's Office. This report seems to confirm that BONNEVECHE is probably identical with THOMAS ROBERT HENDERSON.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re Butte letter to Memphis, 4/1/69 (no copies to Bureau) reflecting that one MORBIS R. McCARVER has told Agents of the Butte Office that just prior to KING's murder he, McCARVER, was approached by one GERDON WHITNER (PH) who asked what it would take to get McCARVER to kill KING.

Butte Office should furnish McCARVER's information to the Bureau and Memphis in a form suitable for dissemination.

Little Rock should attempt to identify and interview GERDON WHITNER (PH) and should submit this interview to the Bureau and Memphis in an LHM.

Little Rock should correspond directly with Butte for any additional facts needed to identify WHITNER.

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LEGAT, MEXICO (173-1) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtels, 2/10/69, 2/14/69 and 3/13/69.

Investigation conducted to date has not developed concrete information regarding the telephone call allegedly made by JAMES FARL RAY to Corpus Christi, Texas, from Acapulco, Mexico, or additional information concerning his alleged dealing in marijuana in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco.

In an LHM dated 12/31/68 this office furnished results of inquiry at Acapulco which showed that FRICS. GALT registered at the Hotel fan Francisco, 92 Miguel Aleman, on 10/10/67. The actual registration card for GALT was not located and any telephone calls made by him from this hotel would have been noted on this card. The source who conducted this investigation is PCI RAMON DEL RIO CARBAJAL, head of the Federal Judicial Police in Acapulco.

PCI DEL RIO has been requested to determine, if at all possible, whether a telephone call was made by RAY from Acapulco but has been unsuccessful to date. It is suggested that since this PCI is a police officer in Acapulco, the investigation conducted by him on 11/11/68 may be the basis for the allegation that the Mexican police came to the hotel and examined the records.

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In addition, cooperative contacts at the Mexico City headquarters of Telefonos de Mexico have been requested to determine whether a record of any such telephone call would still be in existence and, if so, to attempt to locate this record. Experience in passed cases has shown that local telephone exchanges in many parts of the country usually forward their toll tickets for long-distance calls to a central point in their area or to the main office in Mexico City.

his efforts to locate additional records in Acapulco pertaining to the visit there by GALT in October, 1967. The informant has furnished three written reports since December, 1968, reflecting that he has continued to check in the hotels and motels and listing more than 15 of these establishments which he has contacted during periodic visits to Acapulco. To date, no additional information has been developed regarding GALT's brief visit to Acapulco in 1967.

bartender in Puerto Vallarta were dealing in marijuana, it is believed that this is a reference to LUIS GARCIA. bartender at the Hotel Oceano, who was extensively interviewed in Puerto Vallarta during April, 1968. GARCIA admitted having associated with GALT, appeared to be cooperative and furnished a number of leads which were valuable for the additional investigation conducted at that time. He did not, however, provide any information about having dealt in marijuana with GALT and, to the contrary, stated on one occasion that he terminated his association with GALT because the latter indicated an interest in buying marijuana.

she had lived with GALT for about five days in Puerto Vallarta and claimed that she had parted company with him because he wanted her to buy marijuana which she refused to do. She said he told her he had made various trips to Yelapa, a nearby beach area, in order to buy marijuana.

With regard to the possibility that local authorities might have information concerning GALT's dealing in marijuans in Puerto Vallarta, the violations of narcotics

laws are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Judicial Police in Mexico. GEORGF EMBICH, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BMDD), U. S. Imbassy, Mexico, D. F., has advised that his office is in nearly daily contact with the Federal Judicial Police and that there have been no reports from that agency concerning narcotics activities by Americans in Puerto Vallarta. BMRICH stated the Federal Judicial Police do not have a representative in Puerto Vallarta and. about five years ago, asked the U. S. Narcotics Agents in the Embassy to send someone there to investigate the narcotics traffic. At that time, a source of U. S. Narcotics did spend about three weeks in Puerto Vallarta and found areas where marijuana was being grown and sold, not only in Puerto Vallarta but also in Yelapa and Mismaloya, two nearby beach areas.

A source of local U.S. Narcotics Office advised them in May, 1967, that there had been a large influx of narcotics traffickers into Puerto Vallarta because of a crackdown by authorities in Acapulco. This source said that marijuana and other drugs were readily available in Puerto Vallarta and that there is practically no law enforcement there. Another source of U.S. Narcotics in the United States advised in September, 1965, that he had been in touch with an individual who lived on an island near Yelapa and who told him that he would be able to buy any amount of marijuans eif he went to Yelapa.

It is noted that the LHM forwarded by this office under date of 7/24/68 sets forth the information mentioned above which was received from ELISA ARELLANO TORRES concerning GALT's trips to Yelapa and statements from several other individuals interviewed regarding trips that GALT did make to Mismaloya.

It is the opinion of BNDD Agents now assigned to the Fmbassy that there is traffic in marijuana in the Puerto Vallarta area and that neither the local or federal authorities have any effective means of controlling it or obtaining information concerning it. They believe that Mexicans employed in the various tourist enterprises in Puerto Vallarta would be unlikely to admit to any investigator that they had dealings with GALT in marijuana.

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The State Judicial Police in Jalisco do have a small contingent in Puerto Vallarta. MEX 24, who has handled other aspects of this investigation, has been instructed to attempt to determine, on his next road trip to Puerto Vallarta, whether any information is available to this police unit which would establish whether GALT was involved in traffic in marijuana during the time he spent there.

The Bureau and Office of Origin will be promptly advised of any concrete results obtained during this inquiry.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

SAC. MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

The Bureau has previously been advised that one of the attorneys representing JAMES EARL RAY is ROBERT W. HILL, JR. ROBERT W. HILL, JR. is an attorney at Chattanooga, Tennessee, which is covered by the Knoxville Division. Telephonic contact with Knoxville has disclosed that the Knoxville indices contain no derogatory information re HILL.

The Senior Resident Agent and Alternate Senior Resident Agent at Chattancoga had difficulty in recalling HILL. They both advised that they knew he had been a law clerk for Federal Judge FRANK WILSON, EDT. To the best of their recollection HILL was a loner, one who seemed to be different, and one they did not get to know as readily as other law clerks.

Memphis indices disclose no identifying data re HILL.

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FROM:	SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
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April 8, 1969

BOY RICHARD ERVIN. Georgia State Prison (GSP)
Number 57075, was located in the visitor's section just
off the rotunda, GSP. He was advised he was to be
interviewed in regards to a letter from a ROY ERWIN
received at the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C. ERWIN was given a Rights and Waiver
form, which he read and signed.

A letter was read to KRWIN as follows:

"Dear Sir:

"I would like to inform you that I drove a 1965 model Mustang from Memphis, Tenn. t to Atlanta, Ga. on April 4th, 1968. If this date reminds you of anything that happen in Memphis, last April 4th at 9:45 p.m.

"Sincerely,

Roy Erwin"

BOY RICHARD ERWIN orally advised as follows:

He did not write the letter and did not send any letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C. No one has hinted to him that such a letter had been written. He was unable to think of any inmate in the GSP who would write such a letter. He knows of no inmate in the GSP that dislikes him who would write a letter and send it out with his name on it.

He has engaged in conversation with other immates regarding the Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING case, but he does not recall ever having mentioned a Mugtang automobile in these conversations with other; however, he could have said something about such a vehicle.

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He recalled that a friend of his, JERRY BENNETT, had owned a 1965 Mustang, white, two door hardtop. BENNETT is employed at Coronet Carpet Company, Dalton, Georgia, but it is believed that he had traded the 1965 Mustang in on another car.

On the last Saturday in March, 1968, he had left Dalton, Georgia, with JERRY BENNETT and MICHAEL BLALOCK, who lives near Dalton, Georgia. BLALOCK's home is located by going out the Chatsworth Highway about six miles, then turn off the highway onto a dirt road. BLALOCK is in the U.S. Army at the present time.

After leaving Dalton, Georgia, on the last Saturday of March, 1968, BENNETT, BLALOCK and he drove In BENNETT's 1965 Mustang to Atlanta, Georgia, where they stayed about two hours. They then traveled back to Dalton, Georgia, where he, ERWIN, obtained his 1963 Lincoln Continental, light blue, and drove to Chattanooga, Tennessee, along with BENNETT and BLALOCK in BENNETT's 1965 Mustang. In Chattanooga, Tennessee, BENNETT, BLALOCK and ERWIN checked in at the Florida Hotel and stayed there for one night and a day.

He left his car, the Lincoln Continental, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and drove with BENNETT and BIALOCK to Knoxville, Tennessee, where they stayed for four or five hours. They then drove to Memphis, Tennessee, where they stayed for a couple of days. They left Memphis and drove back to Chattanooga and checked in at the Florida Hotel, Chattanooga. A Florida Hotel porter, TEASDALE ROOSEVELT, a Negro male, about 65 to 66 years of age, tall and muscular build, knows him, ERWIN, Well. Between 9 PM and 10 PM on April 4, 1968, TEASDALE ROOSEVELT told him about the fact that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had been killed in Memphis, Tennessee.

The next day, April 5, 1968, in the early afternoon, he drove back to Dalton, Georgia, in his 1963 Lincoln Continental. About a half mile from Dalton, his 1963 Lincoln motor burned up and he had to have the car hauled into Dalton to his home.

He knows nothing about the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

A description of ERWIN as obtained by observation and interrogation, is as follows:

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Name GSP Number

Race Sex Age Born Place Height

Weight Build Hair Eyes Tattoo

Marital status

Father

Mother

Mother

ROY RICHARD ERWIN

57075 White Male 20

Dalton, Georgia 5 feet 10½ inches

145 pounds Slender Blond Blue

Three dots on left wrist

Single OSCAR ERWIN

302 Fleming Street, Dalton,

Georgia (operates Erwin Discount

Outlet, Dalton, and Ocoee, Tennessee) Hrs. MARIE ERWIN

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same address

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 8, 1969

Mr. LAWAR L. MC GREGORY, Record Clerk, Record Room, Georgia State Prison (GSP), furnished the GSP file on ROY ERWIN, GSP #57075.

A review of the file revealed the following:

Name
Serial number
GSP # 57075
Race White
Sex Male
Age 20
Born

Place Whitfield County, Georgia Meight 5 feet 9 inches Weight 140 pounds Build Slender Light brown Ryes Blue

Complexion Ruddy
Violation Forgery
Sentence 3 years and 7 months, probated and

revoked, received in penitentiary on June 11, 1968, received at GSP June 20, 1968

Occupation Textile worker
Nother Mrs. MARIE REWIN
Pather OSCAR ERWIN

302 Fleming Street, Dalton, Georgia

Dalton, Georgia Three dots left wrist

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Not psychotic on August 1, 1968 Psychiatric examination, Degember 19, 1968, found not psychotic by Medical Board of Examiners on January

16, 1969

On_4/3/69 of Tattnall	County, Georg	La File# Sevenneh 44-1768
by SA SYDNEY J. SHITTE	/1bb	Date dictated 4/4/69

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> Report of Punishment

- 1) Hefused to return to assigned dormitory, June 26, 1968
- 2) Disobeying orders, October 2, 1968
- 3) Disobeying orders and back talk to an officer, December 12, 1968

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	FROM:	SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (RUC)
	SUBJ:	MURKIN
		Re Bureau airtel to Savannah and Memphis, 3/28/69.
		Enclosed for the Atlanta Division are the following:
	communica	1) One xerox copy of above referenced Bureau tion.
	ROY ERWIN	2) One xerox copy of a letter reportedly from
		3) One copy of an FD-302 with Mr. LAMAR L. MC GREGOR lerk, Record Room, Georgia State Prison, Tattnall a., conducted on 4/3/69.
	GSP #5707	4) One copy of an FD-302 with ROY RICHARD ERWIN (5, GSP, Tattnall County, Ga., conducted on 4/3/69.
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Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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AT DALTON, GEORGIA

- 1) Will identify, locate and interview JERRY BENNETT, who is employed at Coronet Carpets Company, thoroughly regarding trip taken in latter part of March, 1968, and first part of April, 1968, together with ROY RICHARD ERWIN (protect name of ERWIN at all times) and MICHAEL BLALOCK, to Atlanta, Ga., Chattanooga, Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., and Memphis, Tenn., and back to Chattanooga, Tenn., and Dalton, Ga.
- 2) Will determine from BENNETT where he, BLALOCK and ERWIN stayed in Memphis and purpose of their trip to Memphis, Tenn.
- 3) Will determine from BENNETT where he heard about murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.
- 4) Will determine where BENNETT, BLALOCK and ERWIN went after leaving Chattanooga, Tenn., after hearing of death of KING.
- 5) Will determine whether or not 1965 Mustang disposed of and to whom, so that 1965 Mustang can be examined to determine if a police radio ever was installed in it.
- 6) Will identify, locate, and interview MICHAEL BLALOCK, who lives on dirt road six miles out Chatsworth Highway from Dalton, Georgia, who is said to be in U.S. Army, at present, along same lines as JERRY BENNETT.

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AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

- 1) Will contact the Florida Hotel to determine dates on which JERRY BENNETT, MICHAEL BLALOCK and ROY RICHARD ERWIN (protect at all times) were registered in the Florida Hotel. (Note BENNETT, BLALOCK and ERWIN were allegedly registered in Florida Hotel on 2/separate occasions in late March, 1968, and early April, 1968.
- 2) Will contact a porter, TEASDALE ROOSEVELT, who allegedly worke at Florida Hotel to determine if he knows JERRY BENNETT, MICHAEL BLALOCK and ROY ERWIN, and if he told them of death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

DFFICE OF THE SHERIFF 3HELBY COUNTY . TENN! SEE



WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., SHERIFF

April 1, 1969

Mr. Robert G. Jensen Federal Bureau of Investigation Federal Office Building 167 North Main Street Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Jensen:

On behalf of all the law enforcement agencies in this community and the people of Shelby County, we wish to extend to you and your entire staff, as well as others from your department throughout the country, our warmest thanks and appreciation for your support in helping us in the case of James Earl Ray, accused assassin of Martin Luther King.

Mr. Jensen, I know that so many people in your department helped on this case, and it would be impossible to name each of them individually. I hope that in some way you can communicate with those that you know best of our great appreciation. If we can ever serve you in any way, please give us the opportunity, for until that time we remain in your debt and sincerely your friend.

Yours very sincerely,

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April 9, 1969

Mr. William N. Morrisy Jr.
Sheriff of Shelby County
Criminal Courts Building
150 Washington Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

My dear Sheriff:

Special Agent in Charge Jensen has brought to my attention your letter to him of April 1st. It was thoughtful of you to comment as you did regarding the assistance rendered by personnel of this Bureau in connection with the case involving James Earl Ray. It is always a source of encouragement to receive such kind comments, and you may be sure my associates appreciate, as I do, your most generous remarks.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Memphis - Enclosure (44-1987)
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Personal Attention SAC: Bring to the attention of appropriate personnel.

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4/11/69

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: MAC, NEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of Savannah airtel to Memphis dated 4/8/69, and an FD-302 dated 4/8/69 which reflects an interview on 4/3/69 with ROY RICHARD ERWIN, an insate of the Georgia State Prison.

The Bureau will note that EEVIN has denied writing a letter bearing his name which indicated that he had driven a 1968 Mustang from Nemphis, Tenn., to Atlanta, Ga., on 4/4/68, the date that victim was killed. The subsequent interview with EEVIN on 4/2/69 indicates that EEVIN was in Chattanooga, Tenn., on 4/4/68, and EEVIN denies having any knewledge regarding KING's murder.

Since it does not appear to serve any useful purpose to conduct the investigation set out in Savannah airtel of 4/8/69, Atlanta and Enexville should hold the requested investigation in abeyance and should not conduct same, UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND NEW YORK

PROM: PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

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RE BUREAU AIRTEL DATED WARCH TWENTYSIX, LAST, AND ATLANTA TELETYPE DATED APRIL THREE, LAST.

REFERENCED AVAITEL INSTRUCTED PHILADELPHIA TO INTERVIEW REV. JAMES BEVEL OF SCLC FOR INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION REDARDING HIS STATEMENT IN "THE NEW YORK TIMES" ON MARCH EIGHTEEN, LAST, THAT A LETTER WAS TURNED OVER TO NEMPHIS POLICE ON APPROXIMATELY APRIL THREE, SEXTYPIOHT, WHICH CONTAINED INFORMATION THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS TO BE ASSASSINATED.

REFERENCED ATLANTA TEL STATED RUMORS WERE THAT BEVAL HAD RECENTLY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO A HOSPITAL IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A REST AND SEEK WHATEVER MEDICAL ATTENTION MAY BE NECESSARY.

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PH EIGHT NINE SEVEN - R ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE HAD BEEN AT BEVEL'S APARTMENT AND AT SCLC HEADQUARTERS AND THAT ONE LOCAL OFFICIAL OF SCLC STATED BEVEL WAS IN NEW YORK BUT THAT SCLC WAS KEEPING THE QUIET. ALL OTHER SCLC PROPLE ADVISED SIMPLY THAT BEVEL WAS OUT OF TOWN.

NEW YORK ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HOSPITAL AT WHICH BEVEL IS LOCATED BUT DO NOT INTERVIEW WITHOUT BUREAU PERMISSION.

IT IS FELF BEVEL SHOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED IF HE IS IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE BUREAU.

IF BEVEL IS LOCATED IN NEW YORK, THE FACT THAT HE IS IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL MAY BE EXCELLENT MATERIAL FOR COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT BEVEL IS TO BE INTERVIEWED IN HOSPITAL.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS.

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TO SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
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HE PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND HEW YORK DATED APRIL TEN LAST.

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RE:

OBJECT TO F.B. I.

25 MAR 69

- he had been advised by a local press representative that William John BEATTIE would be coming to this Headquarters on this date to offer information regarding the murder of Martin Luther AING.
- John william BEATTIE claims to be the National Leader of the Canadian Mational Socialist Party. His philosophies and political ideologies are extremely right wing and he has written several articles and given numerous speeches on anti-Semitism and anti-negro events. He is continually seeking any recognition through the press and news media. It was learned that he had originally offered this information to the press and when nothing appeared in the papers, he told the press that he was going to the R.C.A.P.
- 3. The Assistant C.I.B. Officer instructed that BEATTIE be interviewed by S/Sgt. Morse and myself.
- redical member of his organization, forwarded names of Toronto residents to the National States Rights Party in Birmingham, Alabama, so that the publication THUNDERBOLT could be forwarded to them. STANLEY chose these names out of the City Directory and forwarded lists of two to three hundred names on several occasions. This incident took place in 1965 and shortly after this, STANLEY went to the South States and went on a speaking tour with J.B. STONER, who is now the Defence Counsel for James Sarl AAT.
- 5. BEATTIE feels that the names Ramon SNEYD, Paul BRIDGEMAN and Eric Vincent GALT were some of the names forwarded to J.B. STOMER. These names and identities were eventually utilized by James Rarl RAY.
- 6. SHATTIE supplied postcards and letters which connect STANLEY with STONER on his speaking tour, and these documents were photostated and returned to BEATTIE; copies are attached.
- 7. BEATTIE feels that there is a conspiracy between STONER, RAY and others concerning the murder of Martin Luther KIRD. He admits that it is only a presumption on his part.
- 8. With reference to the attachments, OTUANA is noted as Vice Chairman of the National States Party and the copies of the postcards indicate that STANLEY was with him on one of his speaking tours.
- 9. We place little value in any information received from 18. BEATTIE, however his admitted presumptuous information is being submitted

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Martin Luther KING

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considering that it will possibly substantiate other facts presently being held by the U.S. Authorities.

10. BEATTIE is subject of a Colour Coded (V.I.P.) Gasette Card File No. NQ-702-Q-2-664.

11. "O" Division SIB maintain files on both SEATTIS and STANLEY, therefore could a copy of this report please be forwarded.

S.U.I.

D.D.: 30-5-69

(L.H.M.) S/Sgt. i/c For. CIB Gen. Cpl. (J.S. Dunlop) # 17852. Teronto C.I.S. General.

THE COMMISSIONER. OTTAWA

FORWARDED for your information, to ether with copies of the enclosures.

- 2. We are not in a position to assess BEATTIE's supposition. Consequently, this information is being forwarded primarily for your information and the information of the F.B.I.
- 3. As there is a possibility of a new trial, our file will be held open pending your advice in that regard.

S.U.I.

TORONTO 8-4-69 (C.R. Doey), Supt. Officer i/c C.I.B.

cc: The Officer i/c S.I.B., Toronto - Encls. - S.U.I.



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National Headquarters:

POST OFFICE BOX 783

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

HATIONAL OFFICERS:

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DIRECTOR

LOCAL BRANCH

HEADQUARTERS

June 29th, 1965.

John Beattle, 181 Rhodes Ave., Toronto 8, Ontario

Dear John:

Well I am now in Birmingham till about August 1st. I will then drive back to Toronto via a long route to arrive about September 1st. PLEASE KEEP THIS UNDER YOUR HAT.

Enclosed is an inquiry you can check out. I have a few more new names here which I will send you if you request them.

How did your case come out? If my estimate of Toronto Jew-Justice is correct you will never read this letter due to the fact that it is stollen or you in jail.

Well let me hear from you, and until I do, I remain,

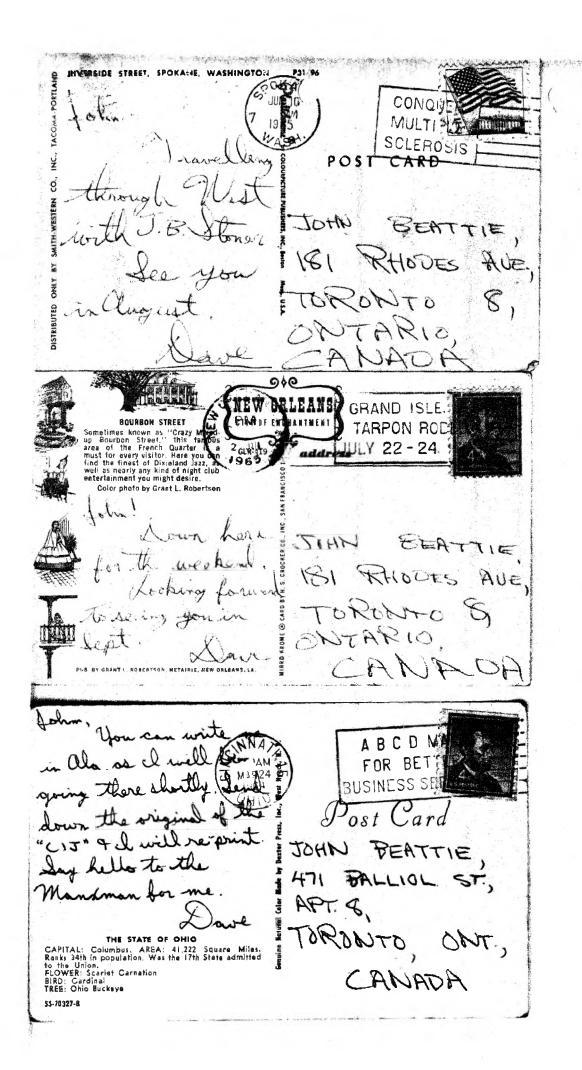
Yours for RACE and NATION,

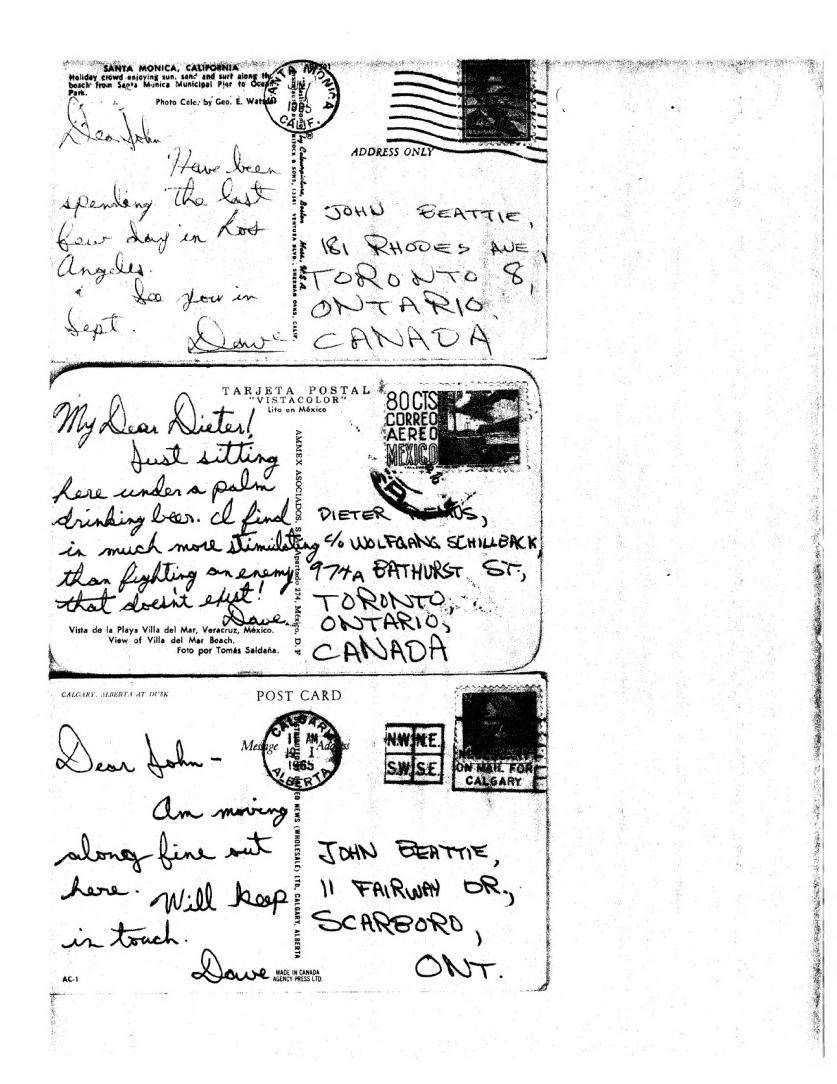
David Stanley.

DAS /-

P.S. - Please send all letters to: Mr. R. Todd, Box 3848, Birmingham, Ala.

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New York, New York March 19, 1969

Many responsible people in Harlem feel that there are facts in the Martin Luther King assassination which have not been brought out; they believe James Earl Ray did not operate alone; that he was part of a conspiracy. The real culprits are still at large. Many people feel that there are unanswered questions in the case which patently demand an explanation.

While this is the general tenor of feeling in Harlem concerning the Martin Luther King assassination and prosecution of $R_{\rm A}y$, these convictions by themselves are not engendering racial tensions at this time. The Negro people appear to be accepting this state of affairs in a spirit of resigned frustration.

AIRTEL

To: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Legat Ottawa teletype to the Bureau dated 4-11-69.

Bureau files contain no information to the effect that lists were received by National States Rights Party at Birmingham or any other location as allegedly transmitted by John William Beattle or David Stanley of the Canadian National Socialist Party.

For the information of Legat Ottawa, Jesse B.
Stoner is vice-chairman of the National States Rights Party
whose offices are currently based in Savannah, Georgia.

Keep the Bureau advised of pertinent developments.

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MURKIN.

RCMP, TORONTO, HAVE ADVISED JOHN WILLIAM BEATILE, LEADER
CANADIAN NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY, WHOSE PHILOSOPHY AND
POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES ARE EXTREMELY RIGHT WING AND WHO
HAS WRITTEN SEVERAL ARTICLES AND GIVEN NUMEROUS SPEECHES ON ANTISEMITISM AND ANTI-NEGRO EVENTS, WAS RECENTLY IN CONTACT WITH
THE TORONTO RCMP OFFICE. AT THAT TIME, BEATTLE SAID DAVID
STANLEY, WHO AT THAT TIME WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CANADIAN
NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY, HAD FORWARDED NAMES OF TORONTO RESIDENTS
TO THE NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, IN ORDER THAT
THE PUBLICATION "THUNDERBOLT" COULD BE FORWARDED TO THEM. ACCORDING
TO BEATTLE, STANLEY CHOSE THESE NAMES FROM THE TORONTO CITY DIRECTORY
AND FORWARDED LISTS OF TWO TO THREE HUNDRED NAMES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.
THIS INCIDENT REPORTEDLY OCCURRED IN SIXTYFIVE AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER,

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ACCORDING TO BEATTIE, STANLEY WENT TO THE SOUTHERN STATES AND WENT ON A SPEAKING TOUR WITH J.B. STONER, WHO, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, IS NOW THE DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR JAMES EARL RAY.

BEATTIE SAYS HE FEELS THE NAMES RAYMOND SNEYD, PAUL BRIDGEMAN, AND ERIC VINCENT GALT WERE AMONG THOSE FORWARDED TO STONER AND THE NAMES AND IDENTITIES OF THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WERE EVENTUALLY UTILIZED BY RAY. HE SAID HE FEELS THERE IS A CONSPIRACY BETWEEN STONER AND RAY AND OTHERS IN THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, BUT ADMITS THIS IS ONLY A PRESUMPTION ON HIS PART.

RCMP, TORONTO, INDICATE THEY PLACE LITTLE VALUE ON ANY INFO RECEIVED FROM BEATTIE AS HE IS CONTINUALLY SEEKING ANY RECOGNITION THROUGH PRESS AND NEWS MEDIA. ACCORDING TO RCMP, IT WAS LEARNED HE HAD ORIGINALLY OFFERED THE ABOVE INFO TO THE PRESS AND WHEN NOTHING APPEARED IN THE PRESS, HE THEN WENT TO THE RCMP.

RCMP, TORONTO, HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW STANLEY IN AN EFFORT TO CONFIRM ABOVE INFO AND, FURTHER, TO INTERVIEW SNEYD, BRIDGEMAN AND GALT IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF THEY EVER RECEIVED PUBLICATION "THUNDERBOLT" OR OTHER MATERIAL WHICH COULD HAVE ORIGINATED WITH THE NATIONAL STATES

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RIGHTS PARTY IN BIRMINGHAM.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE OF ANY INFO RECEIVED THROUGH ITS SOURCES TO INDICATE ANY SUCH LISTS RECEIVED FROM CANADIAN NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY.

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3RD CC: MR; BRENNAN

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SAC. BUTTE (173-2) (P) PROM

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Re Momphis mirtel to Bureau, 4/8/69.

For the information of Bureau, At is being pointed out that on 3/25/69, MORRIS R. McCARYES (protect identity), who has furnished insufficient information to determine his reliability, contacted the Butte Division and indicated he had information concerning JAMES HARL RAY which he wanted to furnish the FBI. During interview he indicated he had been drinking considerably, but it was only after several drinks that he could build up enough courage to contact the FBI and discuss information concerning RAY. He stated he was furnishing the information for whatever use the FBI could get from it and emphasized the fact that if the information was attributed to him him life would not be "worth a plug nickel."

MCCARVER stated that in 1951 he spent six months in the Arkansas State Prison (ASP) for involuntary manulaughter. He indicated some knowledge of people in political power in the State of Arkansas over the past years. McCARVER stated his cousin, GERDON WHITHER (phonetic), a "political hack" in northwest Arkansas, who resides around Eureka Springs, Arkansas, offered McCARVER & considerable amount of money in 1983 to eliminate ORYAL FAURIE former Governor of Arkansas, but Boyle RB
Dester NO McCARVER turned the offer down.

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In 12/67, McCARVER was back in Eureka Springs visiting. In about 2/68, McCARVER was on a drinking spree with GERDON WHITNER, during which WHITNER told McCARVER that he was aware of McCARVER's background and asked McCARVER what it would take to get McCARVER to eliminate MARTIN LUTHER KING. McCARVER advised WHITNER he would not get involved in this type of a deal. WHITNER stated it did not matter, as "King would die." McCARVER pointed out that WHITNER has a strong dislike for Negroes and talked in terms of doing the community a service by eliminating KING.

McCARVER stated that after this drinking spree he traveled to the State Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, where he admitted himself and was under the care of Dr. SHAKER for three months. McCARVER stated that about a week after he entered this hospital KING was killed.

McCARVER felt that GERDON WHITNER could shed light on the killing. McCARVER stated he would be available to answer additional questions if necessary, and again requested his name not be linked to the information.

It is noted that in Memphis airtel they instruct the Butte Division to furnish the information in a form suitable for dissemination; however, if the information is disseminated, WHITNER would not have any difficulty determining where the information came from. This would greatly jeopardize the life of MORRIS R. McCARVER.

It would appear that if the information must be disseminated to outside sources, such as the Memphis PD, it would be safer to disseminate the information verbally and not make mention of MORRIS R. McCARVER or the offer made to him by WHITNER.

UACB, Butte Division will not set information out in a form suitable for dissemination, as to do so might very possibly jeopardize the life of McCARVER.

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Memorandum

TO

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/18/69

FROM

AAQ, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

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OO MEMPHIS

Re Butte letter to Memphis, dated 4/1/69.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RALPH P. HUSTON:

AT TOPEKA, KANSAS

On 4/14/69, Mr. VIRGIL CROW, Chief of Medical Records, Topeka State Hospital, advised that according to the Topeka State Hospital records, MORRIS R. MC CARVER was a voluntary committed patient at the Topeka State Hospital on 4/8/68. He indicated at that time that he was a resident of Harvey County, Kansas, and stated that his cousin was CARL PORTER of RR #1, Box 25, Sedgwick, Kansas.

The records further reflect that MORRIS R. MC CARVER went AWOL from the hospital and was discharged from the hospital as AWOL on 6/1/68.

Mr. CROW advised that according to hospital regulations no further information concerning this patient may be disclosed without the written consent of the patient himself. He said the hospital is not able to disclose the reason for this patient's committment without a written consent from the patient authorizing the hospital to release such information.

In view of the above information no further information can be obtained from the hospital records at this time without the written consent of MC CARVER. Memphis and Butte will note, however, that MC CARVER was not committed to the Topeka State Hospital a until 4/8/68.

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All of the above information was obtained by the penitentiary in 1952.

Mr. GRASINGER advised there was no record at the penitentiary of a previous inmate by the name of GERDON WHITNER or with the last name of WHITNER.

LEADS:

LITTLE ROCK

AT EUREKA SPRINGS AND HINDSVILLE, ARK.

Will identify and interview GERDON WHITNER as requested in referenced Memphis airtel to Bureau. (It is noted from information set forth in referenced Butte letter to Memphis, GERDON WHITNER appears to have resided in northwest Arkansas in the Eureka Springs area. Also information set forth above from penitentiary records indicates that the mother and father of MORRIS R. MC CARVER, G. W. and CORA MC CARVER, resided in Hindsville, Ark., and that MC CARVER had an aunt, Mrs. ARTHUR WHITNER, who resided in Eureka Springs, Ark. Through these individuals, GERDON WHITNER may possibly be identified and located.)

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AIR MAIL

TO:

SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM .

SAC. MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

Enclosed is copy of letter addressed to JAMES KARL REY, Mashville State Penitentiary for Men. Mashville, Tennessee, dated 4/15/69, signed FREINDLY VAR, furnished this office by W. E. HOPTON, Director, Tennessee Bureau official Identification, Mashville, Tennessee. The envelope bears the return address of FREINDLY VAR, Main Post Office, 300 Los Angeles Street, General Delivery, Los Angeles, California, 90053, but does not bear a postmark. The reverse side of the envelope bears a special delivery stamp, Mashville, Tennessee, dated 4/17/69, 6 AM.

Mr. HOPTON advised that RAY has filed motion for a new trial which has been set for hearing in Memphis on 5/26/69, and in all probability RAY will be returned to Memphis for hearing on the motion. He has requested assistance of this office in identifying FREIHDLY VAR, to determine if this individual is related to RAY, and any information concerning her connection with RAY, in order that appropriate security measures can be taken in any transportation of RAY out of Nashville.

Warden LAKE RUSSELL, TSP, Nashville, informed HOPTON that he has no record of receipt of a telegram or letter to RAY from VAR, but did receive a telephone call from an individual who identified herself as VAR on 4/15/69, who requested permission to talk with RAY. She was not permitted to do so and then informed RUSSELL that she was an aunt of RAY and was being supported by the Baptist Church in Los Angeles and that the church was paying for the telephone call to Nashville. She refused to furnish RUSSELL with her address.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will furnish any information re VAR known to that office and if not known will attempt to identify her through logical sources and at the Bank of America, 7th & Spring Street, or through contact with the Baptist Church which might have funds to assist indigents.

Memphis indices contain no references to FREINDLY VAR, nor is there any information available to show any relationship between correspondent and RAY.

FBI

Date:	April	18,	1969
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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Birmingham, 4/7/69;
Birmingham airtel to the Bureau, 4/15/69.

On 4/14/69 and 4/15/69, contact was made with all motels located in Corinth, Mississippi, and vicinity and voluminous motel registration records were obtained. These records have been reviewed under the subject's true name and all known aliases and reviewed for Alabama license number on car driven by subject. No identification by name or aliases or license number was affected.

Two of the 12 motels contacted did not have their records readily available; therefore, these two motels will be re-contacted in an effort to secure motel registrations for the pertinent period.

Upon completion of a more comprehensive review of the motel records, appropriate FD-302's will be furnished the Memphis Office and the names of those individuals who indicate residences in Mississippi will be reviewed through the Jackson Office indices.

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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF USTICE DERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGAT A WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

1. Edgar Hoover Director.

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SO Tulsa Okla:	Morris R. McCarver #2153	6-13-51	att 2nd deg burg	
SP Gould Ark	Morris McCarver #45676	4-10-52	invol manslaught	er 6 mos 9-4-52 rel
PD Chula Vista Calif	Morris R. McCarver #CV#3166q	8-31-55	drk dr vio of Basic speed law	\$125.00 fine fo drk dr & \$50 fi for Vio of Basi Speed Law.
PD Holtville Calif	Morris B McCarver #2060	11-8-55	502 CVC (drk dr)	100 da pr \$200. serving
D Santa Monica alif	Morris R. McCarver #43953	7-15-63	647f PC (intox)	pail forf \$21
PD Santa Monica Calif	Morris R McCarver #CR 43953	11-29-63	647-F PC (1ntox)	F \$25 & 4 or 5 das Co J1,
SO Santa Ana Cali	Morris Ralph McCarver #109484	3-27-64	\$25 & \$4	holding for Santa Ana PD Com on chg of
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Director.

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