

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

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The following information from FBI record, NUMBER 743 663 A  
is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match  
those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

Description and Related Data:

Race: White

Sex: Male

Height: 72"

Weight: 190

Hair: Black

Eyes: Brown

Date and Place of Birth:  Collinsville Oklahoma

Scars and Marks: diag ct sc between Tip Rt index eyes 1" vert ct finger  
ampt rt upper lip and left corner of mouth

Address: (in 1967) 2813 E 45th St N Tulsa Oklahoma

Occupation: Truck Driver

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Since neither fingerprints nor an  
identifying number which is indexed  
in our files accompanied your request,  
FBI cannot guarantee in any manner  
that this material concerns the  
individual in whom you are interested.

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

4-23-69

Airtel

To: SACs, Butte (173-2) - Enclosure  
Kansas City - Enclosures (2)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Butte airtel to Bureau dated 4-16-69.

Butte should submit information as furnished by Morris R. McCarver in a form suitable for dissemination. Butte may conceal his identity and otherwise paraphrase to protect McCarver as being the source of this information. An appropriate characterization of McCarver should be included.

A copy of referenced communication is enclosed for Kansas City. It is noted that according to McCarver, he admitted himself to the State Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, in 1968, and was under the care of Doctor Shaker for three months. Kansas City should determine the hospital in which McCarver was confined, and all pertinent information surrounding his confinement including the reason for confinement and diagnosis.

A copy of an arrest record for one Morris R. McCarver under FBI #743 663 A is enclosed for the information of Butte, Kansas City and Memphis.

Based upon available data, Bureau files contain no information identifiable with Gordon Whitner.

① - Memphis - Enclosure

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FBI MOBILE

1020 AM CST URGENT 4/24/69 FLK  
TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM ALD MEMPHIS  
FROM MOBILE 157-2627

✓ 44-1987  
MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MARCH TWENTYEIGHT,  
LAST.

LEON JACKSON, MONTGOMERY RESIDENT OFFICE, ONE HUNDRED  
ELEVENTH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP (IV) U. S. ARMY,  
ADVISED INSTANT THAT HE HAD RECEIVED DAILY INTELLIGENCE  
SUMMARY FROM HIS HEADQUARTERS INDICATING THAT THE BLACK  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF TALLADEGA COLLEGE, TALLADEGA, ALA.  
HAD SCHEDULED A BLACK ALABAMA CONFERENCE ON SUNDAY,  
APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYNINE, THE THEME OF WHICH WOULD BE  
"THE BLACK STUDENT, A MAGNETIC FORCE IN THE BLACK  
REVOLUTION". ACCORDING TO JACKSON, JAMES BEVEL IS  
SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT THIS CONCERANCE.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE INSTRUCTS THAT THE BUREAU HAS  
DIRECTED THAT REV. JAMES BEVEL, SCLC OFFICIAL, BE LOCATED  
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ALD INTERVIEWED CONCERNING HIS STATEMENT IN "NEW YORK TIMES"  
THAT LETTER WAS TURNED OVER MEMPHIS PD APPROXIMATELY APRIL  
THREE, SIXTYEIGHT, CONTAINING INFORMATION THAT MARTIN LUTHER  
KING WAS TO BE KILLED WHILE IN MEMPHIS. MEMPHIS PD HAS  
NO KNOWLEDGE THIS LETTER.

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4-24-69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

Re Mobile teletype this date.

Latest information available Memphis Division indicated that Reverend JAMES BEVEL reportedly made efforts to enter sanitarium in New York area. To date, no information received as to whereabouts of Reverend BEVEL.

Memphis of opinion that BEVEL probably will not appear at scheduled conference in Talladega, Alabama. In the event he does appear, he should be interviewed in line with previous Bureau instructions.

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1 BIRMINGHAM (AM)  
1 MOBILE (AM) (157-2627)  
1 MEMPHIS

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4-24-69

AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1983) P

MURKIN

The Bureau has previously instructed that JERRY RAY, brother of JAMES EARL RAY, be located and interviewed.

St. Louis Office requested to recontact sister of JAMES EARL RAY, to ascertain current whereabouts of JERRY RAY so that necessary interview can be had.

2 BUREAU  
2 ST. LOUIS  
1 MEMPHIS

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TRUE COPY

Union, Ontario, Canada.  
February 3, 1969

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director, F.B.I.  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation.  
Washington, District of Columbia,  
The United States of America

Dear Director M. John Edgar Hoover (The Federal Bureau of Investigation):

I write this letter to you Mr. Hoover because I am certain that the accused: James Earl Raye is not the man who used a rifle to shoot (Dr.) Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.,; but that it was rather a full brother of his a multiple birth who used a rifle to shoot the Late Martin Luther King Jr., which shooting resulted in Mr. King's death.

I think that "Mrs. King" was expecting a baby at the time of the shooting and that the father (physical) was the man who used the rifle to shoot The Late Mr. King Jr. (Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.) (who was an adopted son.)

It is possible to suppose that "Mrs. King." told the Late Martin Luther King Jr., to go out on the portch (second floor portch) where he was standing when he was shot.

"Mrs. King," wife of the Late (Dr.) Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., lived in (the city of) St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, for a time; with the name "Verna Pearson," ----- she was a portrait painter and she had some of her paintings shown in a display of Art, at The St. Thomas Public Library on Mondamin Street, in the city of St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada. at that time her "(Mrs. Pearson's)" address was 52 Hincks Street, St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada.

The father of the baby (an adopted brother) is shown in one of the two newspaper clippings enclosed.

The mother of the baby ("Mrs. King") is shown in the other clipping.

I write this true letter with hope that if not otherwise possible to do so it may save the life of an innocent man in this instance.

Yours Sincerely,

John Douglas Burgess,  
Union, Ontario, Canada.

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# ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE - GENDARMERIE ROYALE DU CANADA

RCMP-GRC 6892

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REV. 1-4-66

OTHER FILE REFERENCES: Cf. AUTRES DOSSIERS:	DIVISION "O"	DATE 2 APR 69	IP FILE REFERENCES: DOSSIERS GRC: HQ-702-2-1313 69-0-702-9 69-1-702-4 69-702-4
	SUB-DIVISION - SOUS-DIVISION LONDON		
	DETACHMENT - DÉTACHEMENT LONDON		

RE:  
OBJET:

John D. BURGESS,  
Union, Ontario.

31 MAR 69

1. BURGESS was interviewed with regards to his letter of 3 FEB 69 to the Director, R.C.M.P. BURGESS could not supply any information regarding the Dr. KING murder. It is the opinion of this investigator that BURGESS is unstable mentally and that most of his letter was his imagination with a small part being information he obtained from local news media.
2. BURGESS is 39 years old and resides by himself in a house which was left to him by his parents. The house is very run-down outside and the immediate area is very messy. The interior of the house is very filthy, having numerous piles of garbage and other debris scattered around. BURGESS could be classified as a hermit, although he leaves the house daily and hitch-hikes continually to London and St. Thomas, Ont.
3. Prior to the interview with BURGESS, several enquiries were made to try and verify some of the points brought out in the letter. Enquiries conducted with regards to Verna PEARSON proved negative, as no such person had ever resided at 52 Hinks St., St. Thomas. As far back as could be checked, there was no record of Verna PEARSON.
4. BURGESS has also written letters to the Ontario Provincial Police and the London City P.D., attempting to assist them in investigations. The London P.D. investigator has also interviewed BURGESS and reached the same opinion as I did.
5. At present, BURGESS is in the process of writing another letter to the Director, R.C.M.P.
6. I feel BURGESS would not harm anyone, although I believe he could cause embarrassment to dignitaries visiting in this area. A photograph of BURGESS will be obtained and forwarded under separate cover with all particulars concerning him so that a V.I.F. Surveillance card can be distributed. Report will be submitted under appropriate caption.

CONCLUDED HERE:

(T.S.B.) Sgt.  
I/C London Det.

Cst.  
(K. C. St. Germain) #25025



BH 44-1740

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA ERVIN B. BRUNINGA:

Guest registration cards and other pertinent available records from the following motels in the Florence, Alabama area were searched in an effort to identify a registration of subject, JAMES EARL RAY, with aliases, at any of these motels during the period March 30, 1968, through April 3, 1968, with particular emphasis on the dates of April 1 and 2, 1968.

<u>Name and Address of Motel</u>	<u>Person Making Records Available &amp; Date</u>
Riveree Motel Jackson Highway Sheffield, Alabama	RALPH VINES, April 15, 1969
Bel-Air Motel Jackson Highway Sheffield, Alabama	BENJAMIN HENSON, April 15, 1969
Shelaine Courts Jackson Highway Sheffield, Alabama	CHARLES CARRUTH, April 16, 1969
Hillcrest Motel Jackson Highway Sheffield, Alabama	Mrs. A. L. HARVEY, April 15, 1969
Alabama Motel Jackson Highway Sheffield, Alabama	CURTIS McGRAW, April 15, 1969
Holiday Inn South Court Street Florence, Alabama	IRENE CHRISTERSON, April 15, 1969
Four-Way Motel Highway 43 Tuscumbia, Alabama	FAYE PITTMAN, April 14, 1969

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<u>Name and Address of Motel</u>	<u>Person Making Records Available &amp; Date</u>
Robin's Court Jackson Highway Sheffield, Alabama	BENJAMIN HENSON, April 16, 1969
<p>Note: The ownership and management of this motel has changed during the latter part of 1968 and all guest registration cards and other pertinent records for the March and April, 1968 period have been destroyed.</p>	
Lakeview Inn Lee Highway Florence, Alabama	COLEMAN PARKER, April 16, 1969
Lee Hi Motel Lee Highway Florence, Alabama	V. J. GIACOMA, April 16, 1969
King's Inn Florence Boulevard Florence, Alabama	ELSIE MORRIS, April 16, 1969
Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge Florence Boulevard Florence, Alabama	MIRIAM WEILER, April 16, 1969
Florence Courts Florence Boulevard Florence, Alabama	Mrs. MACK STANFIELD, April 16, 1969
Florence Travel Lodge East Tennessee Street Florence, Alabama	PAUL SUTTER, April 16, 1969
Downtowner Motor Inn South Court Street Florence, Alabama	WILLIAM WILLINGHAM, April 16, 1969

Note: The ownership and management of this establishment changed in the latter part of 1968 and all guest registration cards and other pertinent records of the previous owner were destroyed.

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No registrations at the above motels were located which could be identified with subject.

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Date 4/24/69

Through the cooperation of Mr. and Mrs. WALTER C. MADDOX, Managers, Travelodge Motel, 821 South 20th Street, Agents were allowed to search a storeroom on the second floor of the motel wherein registration cards are maintained in a large box and on shelves for previous guests at the motel. From an entire list of guests which is prepared each date, a notation appeared on the list dated March 29, 1968, under the name "GALT" who was assigned Room 307, with the guest registration card indicated as being number 18586. No other entry listing of guests during the pertinent period reflected the name "GALT," nor was there noted any name which during previous investigation might have any connection with the registration of "GALT."

After a diligent search, it was determined that one packet of the registration cards beginning with the number 18500 and contained 500 such cards was not located with the registration cards of that period; however, card number 18586 was subsequently located on the said day in the packet which had been removed from the box, and the following information obtained from this card:

ERIC S. GALT, residence 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered on March 29, 1968, and was assigned Room 307.

There was only one in his party and he was charged for one day at a rate of \$8.00, plus .48¢ State Tax, total \$8.48. He was in possession of a 1966 Mustang automobile with Alabama license 138993. No telephone calls, local or long distance, were charged to the room from which he departed at an unspecified time on March 30, 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. WALTER C. MADDOX, Travelodge Motel, are maintaining possession of this registration card should its production in court in the future be desired.

On 4/11/69 at Birmingham, Alabama

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SA RALPH N. BUTLER

by SA HENRY A. SNOW HAS:bsg

Date dictated 4/18/69

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**Xerox copies of this card were obtained and are  
being made a part of this document.**

PRINTED IN U.S.A.  
NOTICE - THIS CONTRACT LIMITS OUR LIABILITY - PLEASE READ.  
WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS OR INJURY, NOR FOR LOSS OF  
ANY MONEY, JEWELRY OR VALUABLES OF ANY KIND SUFFERED BY OUR GUESTS  
FROM WHATEVER CAUSE. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE  
SERVICE TO ANYONE.

242 18586 THE UNDERSIGNED AGREES TO  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

NAME Eric S. Salt

ADDRESS 2608 Highland Ave

CITY & STATE Birmingham Ala

REPRESENTING

MAKE OF CAR	LICENSE NO.	YEAR	STATE REGISTERED
<u>Mustang</u>	<u>138993</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>Ala.</u>

THE GUEST WILL PAY → CASH ☐ CREDIT CARD ☐ OTHER ☐

ROOM 217 CLERK 217 ROOM CHARGE \$

ARRIVAL DATE 3-24-68 TAX \$

NUMBER OF GUESTS 2 MISC. CHARGES \$

RATE \$ 22.00 TELEPHONE \$

NUMBER OF DAYS CHARGED 1 TOTAL AMOUNT \$

821 South Twentieth Street  
Birmingham, Alabama 35205

BIRMINGHAM


TRAVELODGE

"FOR THE BEST REST EAST OR WEST" - STAY AT



ROOM  
307

Galt

				PHONE OUT	
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Date: 4/24/69

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)  
MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, 4/7/69, and Birmingham airtel to Bureau and Memphis, 4/15/69.

Attached are 9 copies of an FD-302 re the location of the registration card of subject as ERIC S. GALT, on 3/29/68, at the Travelodge Motel, Birmingham. Also attached are a similar number of copies of an insert reflecting negative investigation at motels in the Florence, Alabama area.

It is presumed that your office through liaison with the State Attorney General's Office, at Memphis, will provide that official with pertinent information.

② - Memphis (Enc. 18)  
2 - Birmingham  
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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana  
April 25, 1969

JAMES EARL RAY

Raul Victor Esquivel, Sr., was interviewed at his residence, 4534 Persimmons Street, Metairie, Louisiana. Esquivel identified himself as a Trooper with the Louisiana State Police, and stated he had been so employed for the past ten and one-half years. He further advised that he had been assigned to Troop B of the State Police in Metairie, Louisiana, for the past several years.

Esquivel stated that he has resided at his present residence for the past several years, that he built the residence himself, that he has raised his family in that residence, and that at the present time, only he and his wife are residents of the home. He stated that his son, Raul Esquivel, Jr., is married, resides in New Orleans and that he is a grandparent as a result of his son's marriage, his grandson having been named Raul Esquivel, III. Esquivel furnished the following information:

Upon observation of a photograph of Charles J. Stein, Esquivel did not recognize Stein as a person he has ever seen, nor did he recall of having ever heard of the name Charles Stein. Upon observation of three photographs of James Earl Ray, including two front and one right profile, Esquivel recognized Ray for the reason that Ray's photographs were widely publicized following his identification as the individual who assassinated Martin Luther King. Esquivel has never been personally acquainted with Ray and to the best of his knowledge has never personally observed Ray, except by photographs through news media. Esquivel has never visited Canada, Mexico, Birmingham, Alabama, or Memphis, Tennessee. Esquivel has no personal knowledge of James Earl Ray.

According to "Look" magazine articles concerning activities of James Earl Ray, the following dates are noted wherein Ray and his friend "Raoul" are alleged to have been together.

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July 18 - August 24, 1967	According to "Look" magazine articles, subject met "Raoul" in Canada on about eight occasions during this period.
August 21, 1967	Subject Ray and "Raoul" were in Windsor, Canada.
August 28 - 30, 1967	Ray met "Raoul" during this period in Birmingham, Alabama.
October 7 - 10, 1967	Ray arrived San Francisco Hotel, Acapulco, Mexico, on October 10, 1967. One or two days prior to that time, he met "Raoul" in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.
December 17 - 19, 1969	Ray met "Raoul" at New Orleans, Louisiana, and received \$2500 from him.
April 4, 1968	"Raoul" allegedly was in Memphis, Tennessee, and fired the shot at 6:00 PM that killed Martin Luther King.

Prior investigation has disclosed that Trooper Esquivel had worked as follows during the month of August, 1967:.

August 1, 2, and 3:	On Duty; 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
August 4:	Day Off
August 5:	On Duty; 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
August 6 and 7:	Off duty due to a death in his family.
August 8 and 9:	On duty; 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
August 10:	Off Duty.
August 11 through 23:	On duty; 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

August 24: Off Duty.  
August 25 and 26: On duty; 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
August 27: Off Duty  
August 28, 29, and 30: On duty; 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.  
August 31: Off Duty.

Further investigation has disclosed that during August, 1967, Esquivel was assigned to duties in different areas of the Troop B responsibility since he was filling in for other troopers on their day's off. During August, 1967, Esquivel worked in the New Orleans area.

Esquivel stated that he has not engaged in any lengthy travel of recent years and noted that for the past three years, a great majority of his off-duty time has been devoted to the building in his garage at home of a small airplane. Esquivel advised that he is a licensed pilot.

Esquivel recalled that during the summer months of 1967, he was performing duties out of Troop B, but that he does not recall any specific activities on any specific dates. He stated that he would also be unable to recall any specific dates of his activities during the months of October and December, 1967, and April, 1968.

Esquivel pointed out that he regards himself as a professional law enforcement officer, that he takes pride in his occupation and that he has nothing whatsoever to hide. He stated that if he did possess any information concerning Ray or the assassination of King, he would not hesitate to furnish same to the FBI.

The following background and descriptive data was obtained by interview and observation:

Name	Raul Victor Esquivel, Sr.
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of birth	Beliz, British Honduras

Nationality	Naturalized as U. S. Citizen during early 1940's (World War II) at Alexandria, Virginia, while a member of the U. S. Army.
Military service	U. S. Army and U. S. Navy during World War II, NSN [REDACTED] ASN [REDACTED]
Height	5'9"
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Build	Stocky.

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4/25/69

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles tel to Bureau, 2/3/69; Los Angeles airtel and LHM, 3/4/69; New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 2/7/69, and 2/10/69; and New Orleans airtel and LHM to Bureau, 2/8/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of a self-explanatory LHM together with two copies for Memphis and an information copy for Los Angeles.

Trooper Raul Victor Esquivel, Sr., was cooperative with Bureau Agents when interviewed, 4/24/69.

New Orleans is closing its case in this matter.

2-Bureau (Encl. 5) (RM)  
2-Memphis (Encl. 2) (44-1987) (RM)  
1-Los Angeles (Encl. 1) (44-1574) (RM)  
1-New Orleans

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URGENT

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

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

MURKIN

REFERENCE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL THREE,  
SIXTYNINE, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

ON APRIL TWENTY FOUR SIXTYNINE, AT THIRTEEN EIGHTY  
SEVEN DASH R ADVISED HE UNDERSTOOD THAT JAMES BEVEL, DIRECTOR  
OF NON VIOLENT EDUCATION, SCLC, WAS CURRENTLY IN PHILADELPHIA,  
PENNSYLVANIA. INFORMANT STATED NO SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION HAD  
COME TO HIS ATTENTION PERTAINING TO THE REPORTED RECENT  
HOSPITALIZATION OF BEVEL. HE SAID HE ASSUMED BEVEL COULD  
PRESENTLY BE CONTACTED THROUGH SCLC, PHILADELPHIA.

INFORMANT POINTED OUT THAT BEVERLY STERNER, WHITE  
FEMALE, SCLC EMPLOYEE, SERVES AS AN AIDE TO BEVEL IN PHILADELPHIA.  
STERNER HAS BEEN PROMISCUOUS WITH VARIOUS SCLC OFFICIALS AND  
EMPLOYEES INCLUDING BEVEL. THE SCLC EXECUTIVE STAFF GENERALLY  
CONSIDERED STERNER TO BE VERY PARTIAL TO BEVEL. IN INFORMANT'S  
OPINION, STERNER IS MORE LIKELY TO KNOW OF BEVEL'S CURRENT

3 - Atlanta  
    (1 - 44-2386)  
    (1 - 157-656) (JAMES BEVEL)  
    (1 - 170-290A)  
① - Memphis (Rm)  
1 - Mobile (Rm)  
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WHEREABOUTS AT ANY TIME THAN ANY ONE ELSE IN SCLC.

PHILADELPHIA, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, LOCATE BEVEL  
THROUGH SCLC, PHILADELPHIA, AND/OR STERNER.

PERTINENT PORTIONS ABOVE INFORMATION WILL BE  
INCLUDED IN LHM RE BEVEL.

INFORMATION FROM AT THIRTEEN EIGHTY SEVEN DASH R  
CONFIDENTIAL.

ONE COPY (RM) MEMPHIS AND MOBILE.

4/29/69

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Re Mobile teletype, 4/24/69, regarding request of the Bureau that JAMES BEVEL be interviewed in event he appeared at a conference sponsored by the Black Student Association of Talladega College, Alabama, on 4/27/69.

From liaison with sources at Talladega, Alabama, during the period 4/26-28/69, it was determined that BEVEL did not appear.

2 - Bureau  
② - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Mobile (157-2627) (Info)  
3 - Birmingham  
2 - 44-1740  
1 - 157-3757

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

4/29/69

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

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Kansas City airtel to Director 2/7/69.

On 4/22/69, Mr. KARL RAPP was interviewed at his office, 208 Nichols Road, Kansas City, Missouri. RAPP advised he had just returned from a vacation in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and is now residing at 103rd and Mores Road, Overland Park, Kansas.

RAPP advised that he could furnish no information regarding JAMES EARL RAY, or any conspiracy against MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; however, he did furnish the following information regarding HEINZ MANGER whom he met in Puerto Vallarta during 1965. RAPP advised that he and his family were vacationing there and they met MANGER at the Hotel Coronada in Puerto Vallarta. They became friendly and had dinner and drinks together on several occasions. MANGER advised them that he had been a former Colonel in the German Army and served under General ROMMEL in the desert of North Africa.

RAPP remembered one incident that took place down there; they bought a painting from a local artist and MANGER wrote on back of the canvas, "To my good friends from HEINZ MANGER." RAPP advised that his wife showed this painting to a Reverend DALE POLLOCK, Kansas City, Missouri, and POLLOCK reportedly determined from a handwriting comparison that HEINZ MANGER was a former SS General by the name of HEINZ MUELLER. RAPP could not elaborate on this.

RAPP further advised that when he left Mexico in 1965, he was contemplating purchasing some property in the area of Puerto Vallarta, and for this reason, maintained correspondence with a JOHN MATHIESON, a retired American living in the area. MATHIESON was in his 70's but periodically wrote letters to RAPP. RAPP stated that in a letter written January, 1967, MATHIESON stated that HEINZ MANGER had left Puerto Vallarta and was no longer living in the area. A subsequent letter determined that he had moved to Guadalajara.

2 - Director (RM)  
② - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
2 - Kansas City  
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RAPP stated that the visit this year was the first time that they had been back to Puerto Vallarta since 1965, and JOHN MATHIKSON was no longer living there, nor was HEINZ MANGER, and their whereabouts was unknown to him. RAPP felt that inasmuch as MANGER left Puerto Vallarta before January, 1967, he could not have been there during the time JAMES EARL RAY was in Puerto Vallarta.

RAPP advised that he would like to help the Bureau in any way possible, and any information that comes to his attention, he will immediately contact the Kansas City Office.



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Date: 4/29/69

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
 FROM: *WJ* SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel 4/22/69.

Inquiries concerning Mrs. FREINDLY VAR at Bank of America, Seventh and Spring Streets, Los Angeles, California, and at Baptist Churches in the area of Seventh and Spring Streets, Los Angeles, as well as the Hollywood area, have proved negative.

On 4/28/69 the Postmaster's Office, Los Angeles, California, advised that VAR submitted a change of address card requesting her mail be forwarded to the Hollywood Station of the Post Office, c/o General Delivery. Personnel at the Main Post Office were unable to recall VAR.

On 4/29/69 GABRIEL TOGNERI, Superintendent, Hollywood Station, U. S. Post Office, advised that on 4/28/69 a white female, age between 40 and 50, called at the General Delivery window to request mail for VAR. She also requested mail for a different name, which he did not recall. TOGNERI advised he would notify the FBI the next time VAR called for her mail.

Los Angeles indices contain no references to Mrs. FREINDLY VAR.

On 4/29/69 MARIE MARTIN, former associate of RAY, denied sending a letter to RAY using the name Mrs. FREINDLY VAR.

② - Memphis (AM)  
 1 - Los Angeles  
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She advised that the only time she had sent a communication to RAY was a couple of months ago on his birthday, which consisted of a birthday card.

Los Angeles will advise Memphis as additional information is developed concerning VAR.

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

4/30/69

SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

MURKIN  
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Reference Bureau airtel to Butte, 4/23/69.

Enclosed herewith is one copy of Kansas City letter to Memphis dated 4/18/69 which reflects results of investigation requested by Butte in interoffice communication.

Enclosure contains results of investigation requested in referenced communication, therefore, no additional investigation regarding MC CARVER is being conducted at this time UACB or by Memphis.

2-Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)  
1-Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
2-Kansas City  
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Date: 5/1/69

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(Priority)

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Director, Chicago, Memphis, Mobile, Philadelphia and New York, dated 4/3/69; Chicago teletype to Director, Memphis, Mobile, Philadelphia, New York and Atlanta, dated 4/4/69; and Philadelphia airtel to Chicago, dated 4/25/69.

For the information of Philadelphia, CG 7116-R (Probation) has been closed per authority of the Bureau and present whereabouts of this individual unknown.

Investigation conducted by Chicago has failed to develop present whereabouts and activities of JAMES BEVEL. ✓

Atlanta is Office of Origin in SCLC matters and therefore it is suggested that Philadelphia contact Atlanta in an attempt to develop whereabouts of BEVEL in New York City through SCLC informants.

Information copies of this communication being furnished to Atlanta, Philadelphia and New York in view of their interest in this matter.

In view of the above, Chicago conducting no further investigation.

- ② - Memphis  
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)  
1 - New York (Info)  
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368) (Info)  
1 - Chicago

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5/1/69

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) RUC  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Director and St. Louis, 4/24/69.

CAROL PEPPER advised SA HOWARD C. KENNEDY, 4/30/69, she had not heard from JERRY RAY since he left early in month; that he had promised to phone her but had not done so; that she had no knowledge or information as to his whereabouts; and no reason to believe her brother JOHN knew. Denied knowledge of any information upon which statements to press by JERRY RAY regarding existence of conspiracy based. Agreed FBI would be proper agency to investigate any conspiracy, and promised to promptly report to FBI any information as to conspiracy or whereabouts of JERRY RAY coming to her attention.

JOHN RAY advised SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY, 5/1/69, JERRY RAY is traveling with family's civil attorney J. B. STONER of Savannah, Ga.; that he filled speaking engagement at Jacksonville, Fla., night of 4/30/69 and left for short visit in Memphis, after which he will reside with STONER at Savannah, and will travel between Savannah and Memphis periodically.

JOHN had no opinion as to existence of conspiracy, denied JERRY had ever told him of same, and stated if JERRY made statements regarding same, they were probably based on information received from subject.

2 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Savannah  
1 - St. Louis  
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Show St. Louis  
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John*

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For information of Savannah, Bureau has requested JERRY RAY be interviewed as to basis for his statements alleging existence of conspiracy.

Memphis or Savannah interview JERRY RAY when located.



5/1/69

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Re Mobile teletype to Director dated 4/24/69.

On 4/24/69, ERIC STANLEY, Vice-President of the Student Senate, Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama, advised SA LARRY K. SYLVESTER that JAMES BEVEL was to speak at 4:00 PM on 4/24/69. He said BEVEL did not appear and he has determined there was no confirmation between the college and BEVEL. The student leaders at the college had contacted SCLC who in turn had agreed to have the speakers present at Talladega College. STANLEY said he had no idea of the present whereabouts of BEVEL or how to contact BEVEL.

On the same date, MILTON HURST, Dean of Students, Talladega College, advised JAMES BEVEL did not appear at the College. He said other speakers who were listed on the program did not appear and he does not expect many of the others to appear. HURST said if BEVEL does appear at a later date he will be aware of same and he will immediately advise this office.

On 4/28/69, HURST said BEVEL did not appear at the college and he has talked with no one who has any knowledge as to his present whereabouts.

2 - Bureau  
② - Memphis (44-1987)  
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SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563) (RUC)

MURKIN

Re Kansas City letter to Memphis, 3/7/69.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN D. BURROUGHS, JR.:

On 4/21/69, JAMES DEVLIN, Records Officer at the United States Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana, advised that FRED ALEXANDER MICHAELSON was formerly confined under number 26656-TH, however he was recently transferred to the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

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KANSAS CITY: AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

At USP, will interview MICHAELSON for all possible information concerning MURKIN and other possible matters.

2 - Kansas City  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)  
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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)  
 From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

William Bradford Huie was interviewed by Betty Groebli on WRC (NBC Radio), Washington, D. C., on 4-18-69, concerning James Earl Ray and the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Enclosed is a reel of tape containing the interview of William Bradford Huie by Betty Groebli.

Memphis should review this tape containing the interview of William Bradford Huie by Betty Groebli, determine if any information is recorded thereon pertinent to this case and thereafter make this tape available to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who handled the state's case of murder against Ray. The Bureau is retaining a copy of this tape.

Advise Bureau results of your review of this tape.

Enclosure *(2)*

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5/6/69

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau dated 5/1/69.

It is requested that St. Louis interviews of CAROL PEPPER and JOHN RAY be recorded on FD-302's and that these be included in a LHM suitable for dissemination to District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dissemination of the St. Louis LHM will be held in abeyance pending receipt of Bureau instructions to disseminate it.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Butte, Montana, 59701  
May 2, 1969

MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

A confidential source, who has furnished insufficient information to determine reliability, but who has an arrest record dating back to 1951, advised that in about February, 1968, GERDON WHITNER (Phonetic), who resided in the Eureka Springs, Arkansas, area, and who had been for sometime a "political hack" in Northwest Arkansas, attempted to solicit the services of different individuals in the Eureka Springs, Arkansas, area to eliminate MARTIN LUTHER KING. WHITNER was not successful in his efforts with these individuals, but indicated that KING would die.

The source advised that WHITNER has a strong dislike for Negroes and indicated it would be a service to the community to eliminate KING.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, BUTTE (173-2) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

ReBuairtel to Butte, 4/23/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 4 copies of an LHM containing information voluntarily furnished by MORRIS R. McCARVER, 490 "D" Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho, which information is being paraphrased to protect the source.

Enclosed to Memphis are 2 copies of this LHM.

For the Bureau's information, it is being pointed out that by letter dated 4/18/69, the Kansas City Office reported a check of the medical records, Topeka State Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, reflected that MORRIS R. McCARVER was a voluntarily committed patient at the Topeka State Hospital on 4/8/68. McCARVER went AWOL from that hospital and was discharged from the hospital as AWOL on 6/1/68.

3 - Bureau (Encs. 4) (Reg.) (AM)  
② - Memphis (Encs. 2) (Reg.) (AM)  
2 - Butte  
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Mr. VIRGIL CROW, Chief of Medical Records, Topeka State Hospital, stated that hospital regulations prohibited him giving further information concerning this patient without written consent of the patient himself.

LEADS

BUTTE DIVISION

AT IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO

Will recontact McCARVER and obtain his written consent to check records at the Topeka State Hospital and reset leads for Kansas City Office to check the records for additional information requested in reairtel.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

215 U. S. Post Office Building  
P. O. Box 1111  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203  
May 6, 1969

MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On May 2, 1969, Mr. J. GURDON WHITENER, Busch, Arkansas (located about 10 miles west of Eureka Springs, Arkansas), was located at the Hillbilly Gift Shop in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, which is owned and operated by Mr. WHITENER and his wife, LU RENE WHITENER.

Mr. WHITENER advised that he did at one time work as a guard during the construction of Beaver Dam on the White River near Busch, Arkansas, which was constructed between the years 1961 and 1965, and he said that he worked there from 1963 to 1964. He advised further that an individual named MORRIS MC CARVER is the son of a sister of his mother, and that MC CARVER and his parents, many years ago, lived near Hindsville, Arkansas. MC CARVER's parents have been dead for many years and he, WHITENER, had had no contact with MORRIS MC CARVER for over twenty years when suddenly, possibly a year or year and a half ago, MC CARVER appeared at WHITENER's home at Busch, Arkansas, sometime after dark. Mr. WHITENER said that it is possible that this did take place possibly in November or December of 1967, but he has no way of knowing exactly when it occurred. MC CARVER was alone, and on foot, and had been drinking, and he stayed at the WHITENER home the entire evening with WHITENER and his wife, and no one else was present, and they did not leave the house. They did no drinking while at the house, but MC CARVER definitely had the appearance of having been drinking when he arrived.

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MC CARVER allegedly slept rather late the next day and sometime, possibly prior to noon, Mr. and Mrs. WHITENER drove MC CARVER into Eureka Springs, Arkansas in their car and dropped him off because Mrs. WHITENER did not desire to have MC CARVER around the house any longer and definitely did not want him to remain for another night.

Mr. WHITENER advised that he recalls MC CARVER was short of money, so he, WHITENER, cashed a \$15 check for him, and MC CARVER said that this would be enough to get him by. The check later bounced. Mr. WHITENER was unable to recall the details of the check or upon which bank it had been drawn.

Mr. WHITENER advised that at no time did he ever make any statements to MC CARVER or anyone else concerning Governor ORVAL FAUBUS of the State of Arkansas or concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING or his activities. Mr. WHITENER denied that he had ever been on a drinking spree of any kind with MC CARVER or anyone else and stated that this one short overnight visit which MC CARVER paid to WHITENER, possibly in December of 1967, is the only time he has seen or heard from MC CARVER in more than twenty years.

Mr. WHITENER advised that he is not certain that MC CARVER left the Eureka Springs area after he and his wife dropped MC CARVER off in Eureka Springs because he had heard later from an unrecalled source that MC CARVER had been somewhere in the area of Eureka Springs and had been drinking. He said he knew none of the details of this and was not interested. He said further that he knows nothing of the personal habits of MC CARVER or where he lives, but he categorically denied information furnished by MC CARVER, stating that it definitely is not true. In addition, he stated that his wife could certainly vouch for the fact that he and MC CARVER never

MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

left the house the night MC CARVER was there and that they were not drinking. Mr. WHITENER continued that he felt he was doing MC CARVER a favor by cashing his check, that they had never had any falling out, and actually had never had any close association with each other, there had never been any trouble between them, and he is at a complete loss to understand statements made by MC CARVER.

Mr. WHITENER advised that he recalls MC CARVER did have a younger sister who was mentally retarded and who died when she was about twelve or fourteen years of age. He said that after the check bounced, he and his wife talked this matter over, and they decided between themselves that the bad check was worth it if it would keep MC CARVER from ever returning to their home.

As a matter of background information, Mr. WHITENER advised that he was born [redacted] at Mayfield, Arkansas, and that he and his family moved to the Busch, Arkansas area in 1916. A number of years ago his wife died, and he remarried less than four years ago, and he and his wife have been operating the Hillbilly Gift Shop in Eureka Springs.

LU RENE (Mrs. J. GURDON) WHITENER advised on May 2, 1969, that she recalls MORRIS MC CARVER appeared at her home near Busch, Arkansas at least a year ago and possibly a year and a half ago. He stayed over one night, but he had been drinking, so she and her husband brought him into Eureka Springs the next day and dropped him off as she did not want him to stay another night. She said her husband cashed a small check for MC CARVER which check later bounced.

Mrs. WHITENER advised that MC CARVER and her husband remained at her home the entire time he was there, and her husband did not go out drinking with MC CARVER at any time.

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Date: 5/6/69

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

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau, 4/8/69, and Little Rock airtel to Butte, 4/21/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies; for Butte one copy; and for Memphis two copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning interview with J. GURDON WHITENER, Busch, Arkansas.

For information of the Bureau, referenced Little Rock airtel to Butte merely sets out background information concerning MORRIS R. MC CARVER contained in Arkansas State Penitentiary records, all of which information was obtained by the penitentiary in 1952. No record was contained in the files of the penitentiary in the name of GERDON WHITNER or with the last name of WHITNER.

- 2 - Bureau (44-38861) (Enc. 7)  
1 - Butte (173-2) (Enc. 1)  
② - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 2) *ll*  
1 - Little Rock (157-1215)  
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5/7/69

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel 5/1/69.

On 5/5/69, SV 524-R related that Attorney J. B. Stoner, NSRP official, is currently in Tennessee and that she believes that JERRY RAY is with him in connection with the case involving the RAY matter.

As Memphis is aware, source has previously advised that STONER is representing RAY in the civil aspect of his claims and periodically visits him. It is noted that informant was uncertain as to STONER's exact location in Tennessee but believed that he could possibly be in Chattanooga.

A copy of this airtel is being furnished Knoxville in the event Memphis desires to set forth a lead for JERRY RAY to be interviewed at that location.

In the event JERRY RAY cannot be located, Memphis is requested to advise Savannah in furnishing details of his reported statements concerning an alleged existence of a conspiracy. //

- 2 - Bureau
- 1 - Knoxville (Info.)
- ② - Memphis (44-1987)
- 3 - Savannah

(1 - 44-1768) (1-170-120-SV 524-R) (1-157-970-J.B. STONER)

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5/9/69

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 5/5/69.

On 5/7/69, SA JOE C. HESTER of the Memphis Office reviewed the tape recording of the interview of WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE by BETTY GROEBLI on WRC (NBC radio) at Washington, D. C., on 4/18/69.

Mr. HUIE states in this interview that he originally believed RAY to be a part of a conspiracy to murder Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, however, he now believes that RAY alone was responsible for the decision to kill KING. He stated he believes RAY to have had sufficient motivation to kill KING and he does not believe that he was a hired killer.

Mr. HUIE said RAY was not totally inept as a criminal and that RAY committed numerous successful crimes. He said RAY was able to support himself from his criminal acts, and he has now realized from interviews with RAY's brothers that RAY is a racist, dedicated to the suppression of Negroes. He said RAY considers himself a political prisoner and that RAY and both his brothers had expected GEORGE WALLACE to be elected President of the U. S. and had expected WALLACE, following his election, to pardon RAY for killing KING.

According to Mr. HUIE, RAY felt that killing KING would give some purpose to an otherwise useless life, and RAY now enjoys the publicity and notoriety which resulted from his crime. He further said that RAY is appealing his sentence to the Tennessee State Prison as RAY is afraid of being forgotten by the public.

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**Since Mr. HUIE's interview has not disclosed any new information concerning this case, no additional investigation is warranted on the basis of this interview. This tape recording has now been turned over to District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE.**