

DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: FBI LABORATORY) (44-38861) 1/5/70

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

MURKIN

The following items are enclosed herewith to the Bureau:

- (1) Envelope postmarked Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dec. 30, 1969, addressed, "U. S. District Court Judge, Robert M. Mc Rae, Jr. Memphis, Tenn."
- (2) Xerox copy of Item No. 1.
- (3) Original 2-page letter dated December 29, 1969, addressed to U. S. District Court Judge, ROBERT M. McRAE, JR., and ending "Learn to pray to 'God'," which was received in Item No. 1.
- (4) Newspaper article captioned, "James Earl Ray Loses Court Suit," which was contained in envelope described as Item No. 1.
- (5) Pamphlet entitled, "It Can Happen Here," which also was contained in envelope described as Item #1.
- (6) Xerox copies of Items 3, 4, and 5.
- (7) Envelope postmarked Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dec. 17, 1969, addressed, "U. S. District Court Judge, Robert M. McRae, Jr., Memphis, Tenn."
- (8) Christmas card which was received in Item No. 7. This card contains a handwritten message beginning, "Judge McRae, Jr. You are wrong..." and ending, "U. S. Security Training 1942 - 1969."
- (9) Xerox copies of Items 7 and 8.

Xerox copies of Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are also being forwarded with copies of this communication to the Philadelphia Office.

3 - Bureau (Enc.-12)(REGISTERED MAIL)

2 - Philadelphia (Enc.-6)(Info.)

② - Memphis

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[Signature]

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United States District Judge ROBERT M. McRAE, JR., Memphis, Tenn., made the original items described above available to the Memphis Office, January 2, 1970. Judge McRAE stated that obviously these communications were directed to him as a result of newspaper publicity about his having ruled against JAMES EARL RAY in RAY's suit seeking to void a series of contracts between JAMES EARL RAY and his former attorneys and to forbid publication of certain information in connection with the slaying of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Judge McRAE gave this ruling in U. S. District Court, Memphis, Tenn., 12/1/69.

Judge McRAE stated he realizes that the contents of the two communications in question do not constitute a violation of any Federal Law and that these communications do not contain threats to do bodily harm. He stated that these communications have been handled by numerous friends and that he wanted to make these communications available to the FBI in view of the fact that perhaps the same anonymous person may have written similar communications to other people connected in some way with this case. Judge McRAE was also of the opinion that the FBI perhaps maintained a file on such anonymous communications. Judge McRAE stated he would abide by any decision the FBI makes in connection with action to be taken on these letters. In summary, he stated his reason for referring the letters to the FBI is merely informative and that he does not desire to know the results of any possible action taken.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Laboratory is requested to search the handwriting on the original communications through the Anonymous Letter File.

- L E A D S -

THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Copies of this communication and copies of the enclosures described above are being made available to Philadelphia inasmuch as the envelopes bear the Philadelphia postmark and it is possible the same anonymous person may have written other letters to the Philadelphia Office.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 1/5/70

ReBHlet 10/30/69. *serial 707*

Please advise results of discussion with local authorities.

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- ② - Memphis
- 1 - Birmingham

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SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

1/7/70

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Birmingham letter to Memphis 1/5/70.

Submitted herewith is a copy of a letter prepared by local authorities in instant matter. It appears that this letter is self explanatory.

2 - Birmingham (Enc. 1)
2 - Memphis

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44-1987-Sub-M-77



1/8/70

AIRTEL

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

Submitted herewith for the Bureau's information is an article which appeared in the Memphis Press-Scimitar dated January 8, 1970. It is to be noted the article states that the Tennessee Supreme Court in an 8-page decision denied JAMES EARL RAY a new trial.

The Memphis Office will secure copy of this 8-page decision and forward same for completion of Bureau's file. //

2 - Bureau (Enc.-2)
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Date: 1/12/70

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
 FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (2P)

MURKIN.

REBUTELCALL THIS DATE.

ON JANUARY TWELVE INSTANT JESSE CLYDE MASON, ASSISTANT
 STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, TENN.,
 ADVISED THAT THE ONLY OTHER APPEAL RECOURSE THAT JAMES EARL
 RAY HAS IN CONNECTION WITH HIS CONVICTION IN THE MURDER
 OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IS TO FILE A MOTION UNDER
 THE TENNESSEE "POST CONVICTION RELIEF ACT." HE STATED THAT
 ATTORNEYS FOR RAY HAVE NOT FILED SUCH A MOTION TO DATE;
 HOWEVER, HE ANTICIPATES THAT SUCH A MOTION WILL BE FILED
 WITHIN THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS.

HE ASSERTED THAT THERE IS NO TIME LIMITATION FOR SUCH
 A MOTION TO BE FILED IN RAY'S BEHALF; HOWEVER, THE LONGER
 THAT RAY WAITS TO FILE SUCH A MOTION HINDERS HIS CHANCES OF
 HAVING A SUCCESSFUL OPINION RENDERED IN HIS BEHALF. IF

IF SUCH A MOTION IS FILED AND IS DECLINED AT THE SHELBY COUNTY
 CIRCUIT COURT LEVEL, RAY DOES HAVE RECOURSE THROUGH THE

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 Special Agent in Charge

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APPELLATE COURT AND STATE SUPREME COURT ON THIS PARTICULAR
ISSUE.

MASON STATED THAT IF RAY IS UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING
A NEW TRIAL UNDER THE TENNESSEE "POST CONVICTION RELIEF ACT,"
HE THEN HAS RECOURSE THROUGH THE FEDERAL COURTS BY A HABEAS
CORPUS ACTION CLAIMING THAT HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS HAVE
BEEN VIOLATED IN THAT HIS PLEA OF GUILTY TO THE MURDER CHARGE
WAS NOT GIVEN VOLUNTARILY.

MEMPHIS WILL KEEP THE BUREAU ADVISED OF FURTHER LITIGATION
ON BEHALF OF RAY IN THIS MATTER. P. END.

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

1/15/70

AIRTEL

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

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN 44-1987

Re Memphis letter dated 1/5/70.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are sample handwritings of VICTORIA CRAIG, aka "Yankee". The writing is being forwarded to the Laboratory because of the similarity in handwriting in referenced letter and the handwriting of VICTORIA CRAIG.

VICTORIA CRAIG, 4644 Strable Street, Pennypack Gardens, Pa., is employed at the Western Savings Fund Society, Broad and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia. Mrs. CRAIG was first contacted by this office on March 29, 1966, when the name VICTORIA CRAIG, 4644 Strable Street, Pennypack Gardens, Philadelphia, Pa., was found in a group of 4"x6" cards maintained in a file card box at "Minutemen" headquarters. At the time she appeared extremely emotionally unstable and claimed she had been a member of various subversive organizations for over 20 years. She said she had been an informant for HERBERT PHILBRICK in these matters.

She said she lived in Arlington, Mass., for most of her life but her husband and she moved to Florida and through some unexplained misfortune they lost their home. She came to Philadelphia about one year before the interview.

At the time of the interview, Mrs. CRAIG carried a large shopping bag with the official letters from prominent personages which included letters from legislatures, RICHARD Cardinal CUSHING of Boston, General WALKER and some letters from "REBEL", whom she identified as HERBERT PHILBRICK.

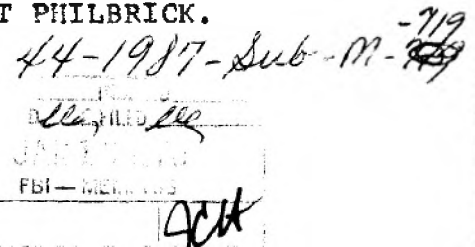
2 - Bureau (44-38861) (Encls. 7) (RM)

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2 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

1 - 157-1721 (VICTORIA CRAIG)

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PH 44-1368

By letter dated 7/21/65, the Boston Office indicated that Mrs. CRAIG was a notorious letter writer who made generalized allegations of government mishandling and the Communist menace. According to this letter, she is known to use exaggeration, diatribe, and vituperation in her correspondence.

At the time of the interview, Mrs. CRAIG insisted she loved her country and burst into tears at the thought she was being investigated. She insisted the Minutemen were extremely loyal people and that she knew absolutely nothing which she felt might be dangerous in them. Since that time Mrs. CRAIG has forwarded to the Philadelphia Office numerous pamphlets put out by resistance type groups and Quaker groups concerning anti Vietnam war activities. Philadelphia Office accepts information from her but she has never been directed in any way to help the Philadelphia Office.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the handwriting of Mrs. CRAIG with sample handwritings furnished by Memphis. If the Laboratory so desires, they can keep the samples for their records as they need not be returned to Philadelphia.

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Warden In charge
tennessee state Penitentiary
Nashville.
Tenn.

1-1-70

Dear sir:

my name is Mrs Beverly Jean Evans.

I would like for you to Listen to what I
now Have to tell you!

three weeks Prior to Nov-22-63. I was
in a Restaurant two blocks this side of 30th mission
three men came in & sat next to me, the one man
was talking about Kennedy. I over heard this.
How all three men Had Planed to Kill the President
Kennedy Robert Kennedy & Red King. three weeks
Prior to the Dallas Killing! I approached the
three men. I asked him ~~you~~ not Really going
to kill Kennedy are you. the next Day I went
Back into the Restaurant for coffee. the one
man came in. I asked him are you Really
going to shoot all three Persons in a head with
a Rifle. & he said were going to Blow all there
Brains out. & that there are 6 - of us, two Rifles
will Be used in Dallas tex Nov-22-63
I figured they were nuts) on Nov 22-63 it
Be came no longer a joke! Kennedy was shot.
I wanted them to go to the Police! & my
husband, threatening phone calls came to
our home, If you ~~for~~ your husband Mrs Evans
& children you'll for get what you've seen &
head. other wise they will get what Kennedy
got! (I dont get much of a chance to
Read news Papers. until yesterday, then I

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Had seen this mans Picture in the Paper, named James Earl Ray. I remembered the mans face in the Restaurant, this same man now in the news Paper is one of the three men which Planned to shoot all three men.

I Have a very good memmoire Warden, this man was in S.F. three weeks Prior to nov 22-63)

I can assure you Warden in no nut!

I Have a good memmoire for faces, the second Rifle used in Dallas Texas is in Nashville,

You may turn my ~~letter~~ Letter over to the Police F.B.I. or who ever you wish. Because I'm not a nut. there are 6-men involved in this, one of the 6-men I've just seen now in the Paper & thats James Earl Ray.

I would like to hear from you.

Please keep my address listed on know. Because I've gotten threatening Letters & Phone calls since nov 22-63.

Please acknowledge

Mrs Beverly Jean Evans ✓
1693 market st
S.F. Calif

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION



Tennessee State Penitentiary

STATION A • NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37203

January 8, 1970

Mr. Bill Hobbs
Federal Bureau of Investigation
P.O. Box 870
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Bill:

I am sending you this letter I received a few days ago. I get quite a few of these but since this one referred to names, I would pass it on to you.

Yours truly


W. S. Neil
Warden

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Tennessee State Penitentiary
Station A
Nashville, Tennessee 37203



Mr. Bill Hobbs
P.O. Box 870
Nashville, Tennessee

Ray's Plea To Leave Solitary

Nashville, Tenn.

James Earl Ray told a federal judge yesterday he would prefer to face the threat of death at the hands of fellow inmates than to remain in solitary confinement in the Tennessee State Penitentiary here.

After he feared harm from other inmates, Ray, the admitted killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., replied, "I'd rather face that than 99 years in solitary."

The hearing before United States District Court Judge William E. Miller was called to hear Ray's petition that continued confinement in maximum security is impairing his health and violating his rights.

The state contends that Ray, 41, who was sentenced to 99 years after pleading guilty to a charge of murdering King, is being kept in the 6-by-9-foot maximum security cell for his own protection.

Miller said he would decide only if the confinement violates Ray's rights under the Eighth Amendment, which prohibits cruel and unusual punishment.

Dr. Roger White, a psychiatrist who has responsibility for the mental health of all



AP photos

JAMES EARL RAY
He'd take his chances

inmates at the prison, said he feels Ray's life "would be in danger on the main yard of the prison."

White said he feels there is someone in the prison "who would like to go down in history as the one who killed" Dr. King's assassin.

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Food Poisoning Kills 16 in Java

Jakarta, Indonesia

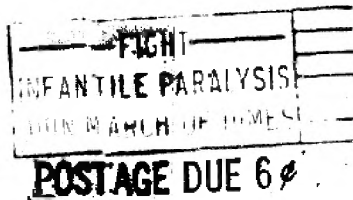
Sixteen persons died of food poisoning after a party in the central Java village of Kedongpen, police said yesterday. Several of the party's organizers were arrested.

Reuters

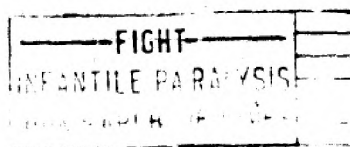
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Mrs Beverly Jean Evans
1693 market street
San Francisco
California



Warden in charge
Tennessee state Penitentiary
Nashville, Tenn.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 1/12/70

FROM : SA WILLIAM M. HOBBS, JR.

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY
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Attached is letter from Warden W.S. NEIL, Tenn. State Prison, Nashville, Tenn. which enclosed letter from Mrs. BEVERLY JEAN EVANS, 1693 Market St., San Francisco, California which is also attached.

WMH:
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*Bill -
Ples tell
Warden Neil
Record for Ray
shows he was
received at
Jefferson City, Mo on 3/17/60
for 20 year sentence. He didn't
escape until 1967. Therefore
impossible for woman to
have seen Ray 3 weeks
prior to Kennedy assassination
in Texas*

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supreme court.

1-11-70

Knoxville, Tenn

Gentlemen!

My name is Mrs Bederly Jean Evans
1693 Market Street. San Francisco, Calif
Please Listen!

You have a man in the state Prison
called James Earl Ray. charged with the
shooting at Rev King Memphis. Tenn!
he is not the killer of Rev Martin Luther
King! only a crack Pot!

there are 6-men involved in the killing
of President Kennedy Nov 22-63 Dallas
Texas! Robert Kennedy Los Angeles Calif.
& Memphis. Tenn!

this man called James Ray looks like
the killer. But is not the same man!

Martin Luther Kings killer is still
free! I want you people there in
the supreme court to know the truth.

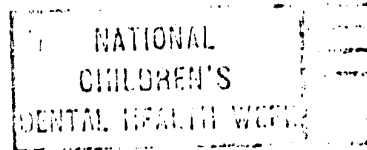
I sure can prove it, as I have it
in writing in notes letters!

I'm signing my name to this letter
also my address!

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Mrs Bederly Jean Evans
1693 Market St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs Beverly Jean Woods
1693 Market St
San Francisco
California



~~Very Urgent~~ Judge
Supreme Court
City Hall.
Knoxville
Tenn.)

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supreme court.

1-11-70

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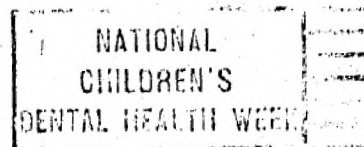
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also my address! ~~44-1987-Sub-M-723~~ ~~44-1987-Sub-M-723~~

Mrs Beverly Jean Evans
1693 Market St.
S.F. Calif.

44-1987-Sub-M-723

Mrs Beverly Jean *Edwards*
1693 Market St
San Francisco
California



Very urgent Judge
supreme court
city Hall.
Knoxville
Tenn.)

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OFFICE OF
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHN A. PARKER, CLERK
ANNA S. BOYD, D.C.
HELEN BISHOP, D.C.

KNOXVILLE 37901

P.O. BOX 444
TEL. 615/525-5171

January 16, 1970

Honorable David M. Pack
Attorney General of Tennessee
Supreme Court Building
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

Attention: Hon. Thomas E. Fox, Deputy Attorney General

Re: STATE OF TENNESSEE
VS.
JAMES EARL RAY
(MURDER)

Dear Sir:

The accompanying letter was delivered to my office on January 16, 1970, and is being relayed to interested prosecutive and investigative agencies for such action as they deem necessary.

The writer purports to be Mrs. Beverly Jean Evans, 1693 Market Street, San Francisco, California, with whom a personal interview would appear to be indicated to develop further information as to her allegations.

Very truly yours,

John A. Parker
John A. Parker
Clerk of the Court

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JAP:br
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cc: Mr. Charles W. Bates, SAC Federal Bureau of Investigation 450 Golden Gate Ave., Box 36015 San Francisco, Calif. 94102 (Encl.)	cc: District Attorney General Shelby County Court House Memphis, Tenn. 38103 (Enc.)
cc: Mr. Robert G. Jensen, SAC Federal Bureau of Investigation 841 Federal Office Bldg. Memphis, Tenn. 38103 (Encl.)	cc: Hon. Ross W. Dyer, C. J. Tennessee Supreme Court Halls, Tenn. 38040 (Enc.)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
January 20, 1970

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On January 19, 1970, the Memphis Office of the FBI
received a copy of the following letter:

"Office of Clerk of Supreme Court
State of Tennessee
Knoxville 37901
January 16, 1970

"Honorable David M. Pack
Attorney General of Tennessee
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Nashville, Tennessee 37219

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Enclosure

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450 Golden Gate Ave., Box 36015
San Francisco, Calif. 94102 (Enc.)

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44-1987-Sub-M-725

Memorandum dated 1/20/70
Re: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

"cc: Mr. Robert G. Jensen, SAC
Federal Bureau of Investigation
841 Federal Office Bldg.
Memphis, Tennessee 38103 (Enc.)

"cc: District Attorney General
Shelby County Court House
Memphis, Tenn. 38103 (Enc.)

"cc: Hon. Ross W. Dyer, C. J.
Tennessee Supreme Court
Halls, Tenn. 38040 (Enc.)"

The above-quoted letter furnished an enclosure which is a letter dated January 11, 1970, from Mrs. Beverly Jean Evans, 1693 Market Street, San Francisco, California. This letter is set out hereafter:

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"suPreme court.
Knoxville, Tenn.

"gentlemen!

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Memorandum dated 1/20/70

Re: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

" I'm signing my name to this Letter also my address!

/s/ Mrs. Beverly Jean Evans
1693 Market St.
S. F. Calif."

In addition to the above letter to the Supreme Court, Mrs. Beverly Jean Evans directed a letter to W. S. Neil, Warden, Tennessee State Penitentiary at Nashville, which is set out as follows:

"1-1-70

"Warden in Charge
Tennessee State Penitentiary
Nashville, Tennessee

"Dear Sir:

"My name is Beverly Jean Evans. I would like for you to listen to what I now have to tell you. Three weeks prior to Nov. 22 - 1963, I was in a restaurant 2 blocks this side of 30 - and Mission three men came in and sat next to me. The one man was talking about Kennedy. I overheard this. How all 3 men had planned to kill the President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and Rev. King. three weeks prior to the Dalas killing! I approached the 3 men and asked him your not really going to kill Kennedy are you. the next day I went back into the restaurant for coffee. the one man came in and I asked him are you really going to shoot all 3 persons in a head with a rifle. and he said we are going to blow all there brains out and that there are 6 of us. 2 Rifles will be used, in Dalas, Tex. Nov. 22-63. I figured they were nuts. On Nov. 22-63 it became no longer a joke. Kennedy was shot. I wanted then to go to the Police and my husband, threatening phone calls came to our home. If you love your husband Mrs. Evans and chidren youll for get what you seen and head. Otherwise they will get what Kennedy got! (I don't get much of a chance to read newspapers until yesterday. Then I had seen this man's picture in the paper, named James Earl Ray. ; I remembered the man's face in the restaurant. This same man now in the newspaper is one of the 3 men which planned to shoot all 3 men.

Memorandum dated 1/20/70

Re: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

" I have a very good memmoire Warden. This man was in San Francisco 3 weeks prior to Nov. 22-63.)

" I can assure you Warden I am no nut! I have a good memmoire for faces. The second rifle used in Dalas, Tex. is in Nashville, you may turn my letter over to the Police, FBI, or who ever you wish because I'm not a nut. there are 6-men involved in this. One of the 6 men I have just seen now in the paper & thats James Earl Ray. I would like to hear from you.

" Please keep my address listed unknown because I have gotten threatenig letters and phone calls since Nov. 22-63. Please acknowledge.

/s/ Mrs. Beverly Jean Evans
1693 Market St.
S. F. Calif."

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841 Federal Office Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
January 20, 1970

Mr. Phil Canale
District Attorney General
157 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear Mr. Canale:

Re: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Reference is made to letter dated January 16, 1970, forwarded by John A. Parker, Clerk of the Supreme Court, State of Tennessee, enclosing a copy of letter dated January 11, 1970, written by a Mrs. Beverly Jean Evans, 1693 Market Street, San Francisco, California.

It is to be noted that Mrs. Evans alleges she has material indicating that James Earl Ray is not the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. For your additional information, Warden W. S. Neil, Tennessee State Prison, advised that Mrs. Beverly Jean Evans, 1693 Market Street, San Francisco, California, did write him a letter dated January 1, 1970. Mrs. Evans in her letter to Warden Neil made a statement that a short time prior to the murder of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas, she did observe three men who were conspiring and later one of the men told her there were six in all who were planning the killing of President Kennedy, his brother Robert Kennedy, and Dr. Martin Luther King. She at this time furnished with her letter a photograph of James Earl Ray which had appeared in a newspaper. She alleged that in 1963, James Earl Ray was one of the people she saw in Dallas, Texas. Prison records, as you are well aware, have established that James Earl Ray was incarcerated in 1963 in the State Prison of Missouri.

No further action is contemplated by this office.

Sincerely,

44-1987-Sub-M-726
[Signature]
Robert G. Jensen
Special Agent in Charge

2 - Addressee
(1) - Memphis (44-1987)
RGJ:BN
(3) *[initials]*

1-20-70

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

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Submitted herewith for the Bureau's assistance and completion of its files is LHM setting forth correspondence furnished by one Mrs. BEVERLY JEAN EVANS, 1693 Market Street, San Francisco, California. Based on the information set forth in an initial letter written by Mrs. EVANS to Warden W. S. NEIL, Tennessee State Prison, in which she reports she saw JAMES EARL RAY in Dallas, Texas, in 1963, it is readily apparent that she has no information pertinent to the MURKIN case. As the Bureau is aware, JAMES EARL RAY was confined in the Missouri State Prison from 1960 until his escape in 1967, and it therefore would not have been physically possible for him to have been in Dallas and been seen by Mrs. EVANS as she alleges.

The San Francisco Office should review its indices regarding Mrs. EVANS and conduct a local credit and criminal check, and results ^{to be} furnished the Bureau. No effort should be made by San Francisco to interview Mrs. EVANS, UACB.

District Attorney General PHIL CANALE, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, has been advised separately of the contents of the letter which Mrs. BEVERLY JEAN EVANS forwarded to W. S. NEIL, Warden, Tennessee State Penitentiary.

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✓ **TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)**
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Reference is made in Philadelphia airtel 1/15/70 to a Memphis letter dated 1/5/70.

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
REPORT OF
DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT

REGISTER NO. W-16200 NAME Raymond Leon Yount AGE 29
TRUE NAME ALIAS
BIRTH DATE [REDACTED] BIRTH PLACE Ft. Smith, Ark.
HEIGHT 5 FT. 11 3/4 IN. WEIGHT 155 RACE White
BUILD Tall HAIR Brown EYES Hazel COMPLEXION Fair
MARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS Small scar inner left wrist; 6" scar right hip.
OCCUPATION OR TRADE Engineering - survey MARITAL STATUS Married
EDUCATION College hours in engineering RELIGION Mormon
GRADE ACHIEVEMENT 11.8 INTELLIGENCE CLASSIFICATION Above average
SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED] SELECT. SERVICE NO. Tulsa, Okla. 73 CLASS.
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113 Linwood Dr.
Sand Springs, Okla.
PRESENT CONVICTIONS

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OFFENSE: PG: No account check

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
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Diagnostic Center Report

Name: Raymond Leon Yount

Number: W-16900

Date: 5-27-1969

FELONY INCARCERATIONS:

4-1-59, Englewood Colo., 60 days to 6 yrs. by Youth Corr. Act., trans. El Reno Okla. after 4 mos., par. 7-1961, par. viol., 2nd par. 4-1963, p.v., rel. full time served 4-25-65.

11-1965, Cummings Ark. SP Farm, 2 yrs., 1 yr. suspended sentence, rel. on administrative par. after 5 months.

7-13-66, Nev. SP, forg., 1-14 yrs., par. after 2½ years.

CRIMINAL HISTORY: Subject indicates that his first arrest was at age 18 for forgery. The FBI Report indicates that the subject has been arrested for investigation, passing checks on a government reservation, Dyer Act, insufficient funds checks, bogus checks, involuntary manslaughter, investigation of forgery, forgery, ex-convict registration, no account checks, no operator's license, and for the present offense which is no account check.

At the time of the present offense the subject was on parole from the state of Nevada.

PRESENT OFFENSE: The subject states that he was having problems with his wife, who left him, taking all of his possessions and money. Subject states that he had already technically violated his parole from the state of Nevada, and wrote several checks during a 1 week period.

There is no Commitment Report available at this time.

Accomplices: None listed.

Detainers: None at present.

FAMILY: Subject is 29 years old. He was born and raised in Fort Smith, Arkansas under fair economic conditions. The subject indicates that his relationship to his parents and to his sister was not good. A previous psychiatric evaluation describes the subject's father as being very nervous and high strung. The report indicates that subject's father has a mental history in connection with his military service. The subject's mother was described as being obese and appearing older than her actual age.

EDUCATIONAL: The subject states that he has completed the requirements for his G.E.D. while in the federal institution. He states that he has also taken numerous college hours in engineering and related topics. Diagnostic Center test data indicates that the subject has above average intelligence, above average verbal ability and mechanical comprehension. The S.A.T. score indicates that the subject achieves on an 11.3 grade level. This inmate indicates that he intends to continue taking college courses in the field of engineering.

MARITAL: At the age of 17 the subject married a 19-year-old girl whom he had known for 8 or 9 hours. There were no children by this marriage which ended in divorce after 1 month.

At the age of 20 the subject married a 17-year-old girl whom he had known for 1 day. There were no children by this marriage which also ended in divorce after 1 month.

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At the age of 25 the subject married a 23-year-old woman whom he had known for 3 months before their marriage. There were no children by this union which ended when the subject's wife was killed in an automobile accident.

At the age of 26 the subject married a 43-year-old woman whom he had known for 3 months. There were no children by this marriage, which after 4 years is about to end in divorce.

The subject indicates that his present wife is the cause for his legal difficulties. He indicates that she is a very troublesome person who also has a criminal record.

MILITARY: The subject has served in the Arkansas National Guard from 1955 to 1956 and received an honorable discharge. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1956 but was given a minority discharge because he was under age when he enlisted. Subject enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1957 and was reportedly given an inaptitude administrative discharge. Subject states that he struck an officer, appeared before a psychiatric board and received a discharge because of his emotional instability.

EMPLOYMENT: Subject states that his first job was as an electronic's assembly helper. He indicates that he has held numerous electrical related positions, worked as a draftsman designer and as a member of the engineering staff of the Lear Reno Corporation for 2 months.

RELIGION: This inmate indicates that he has attended the Mormon Church on an irregular basis. Subject indicates that he is personally acquainted with high ranking members of that church's organization.

HEALTH: The subject states that in general his health is good. He has an extensive medical history of both psychiatric and physical problems.

This inmate has received numerous psychiatric evaluations. He has been described as an "emotionally unstable personality of long standing". He was diagnosed as "psychopathic personality with emotional instability."

This inmate was involved in a motorcycle accident in which he received injuries to his back, head, leg and jaw. A previous psychiatric evaluation states that the subject has had an "outside tumor." At one time the subject complained of having blackout spells. During the interview the subject stated that he has often had severe headaches and stated that he has consumed a great deal of alcohol in order to relieve this pain.

The Diagnostic Center Medical Report indicates that the subject is allergic to antibiotics and that he is fit for duty.

SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT: The subject has a long history of poor social adjustment in the home, school, military and marital experience. Subject indicates that he drinks to excess when he is depressed.

The subject's academic pursuits while incarcerated appear to be successful. A previous institutional report indicated that subject received superior grades on a college level in such courses as interior decorating, engineering graphics and engineering drawing.

A previous psychiatric evaluation states that the subject has suffered from much emotional instability, and has done considerable "acting out."

He reportedly had temper tantrums in which he would often leave home in the middle of the night, take the family car and drive to a distant town. On various

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occasions the subject has threatened to kill the rest of his family during these temper tantrums. On 1 occasion the subject left a suicide note stating that he intended to do away with himself since "no one loved him."

EVALUATION: The subject is 29 years old. He was born and raised in Fort Smith, Arkansas under fair economic conditions. This inmate has above average intelligence and good mechanical and engineering skills. Subject has had a very stressful and emotionally insecure life. He has made a generally poor social adjustment in spite of his talents.

During the interview the subject presented himself as a nervous individual who on several occasions reminded the interviewer not to insult his intelligence.

The subject has spent approximately the last 10 years in various institutions. He generally appears to have made a good institutional adjustment. The subject has a slightly overbearing personality, but is not totally disagreeable. He has been diagnosed as "psychopathic personality with emotional instability."

During the interview the subject stated that while he was incarcerated at the Cummings Prison Farm in the state of Arkansas he was in a position of authority and consequently received the blame for several incidents of brutality which took place in that institution. Subject indicates that in H-Hall he has received several threats from inmates who knew him from that institution.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: FBI Report, relative questionnaire, test data, medical report, previous institutional reports, psychiatric evaluations and interview.

PM:bs

Philip M. Meader
Corrections Caseworker

Name: Raymond Leon Yount

Number: 16900

Date: 5-29-1969

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Custody: Routine
2. Social Service: Not indicated
3. Educational: Correspondence courses
4. Vocational: Computer programming course
5. Work: Routine

SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Subject may be qualified to instruct others in algebra and math.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date

RAYMOND LEON YOUNT, Missouri State Penitentiary #16900, was interviewed at his request at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

At the start of the interview YOUNT was shown a six page statement which had been made available by Warden HAROLD SWENSON. YOUNT read this six page statement and stated that he had prepared this statement a few days prior to this interview and the statement was true and correct, however, he did not wish to sign it.

"I, Raymond Leon Yount, 16900, do hereby offer this statement completely freely and voluntarily. I issue this statement without any threats of promises being imposed upon me. To the best of my knowledge, all facts given are true to the best of my memory.

"During the latter part of the month of June, or the first part of July of 1966, I was in Oxford, Mississippi. I state this date to be true as I recall that it was just a very few days from the 4th of July holiday.

"It was here (Oxford) that I met with another young fellow which I had served time with in the PRERO. This man's last name was Bean. I don't think I even knew his first name. He had the nickname of "Carnie" as he was a previous carnival worker. Bean appeared to be prosperous, well dressed and with funds. I had known Bean since 1961 at this time.

"I registered in a motel in Oxford. I do not recall the name of the motel unit. It was a two-story structure located approximately 4 blocks north of the main city square of Oxford. The name used here was either Billie E. Sellers /or James G. Sellers. This will be on the motel records as I believe a worthless check was left there or else the bill for

On 1/26/70 at Jefferson City, Missouri

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the room was abandon. It was here that Bean and I talked, drank and that he told me of "some people I want you to meet".

"The next day, we together drove to another Mississippi city to get new I.D. cards. I am unable to recall the name of this town but believe that I could re-trace the route on a map. The I.D. I obtained was under the name of Bruce Richard Caldwell, 412 Elm Street, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. This I.D. was received out of a case located in the rear of a printing firm. The odd thing that I noted here was all of the packs of I.D. that we looked through were of Canadian origin and that they were not counterfeit, rather real, used I.D. cards. There were several packs of I.D. card_ we looked through to find one that I fitted.

"Note: I was later arrested with this very I.D. on me in Douglas County Nevada. This was on Aug. 13, 1968. I understand that the I.D. cards were returned to an "Inspector" in Windsor.

"Later in the evening of the day which I received the I.D. cards, Bean arranged for us to meet with three men in a motel in the same city. I do recall various things about the location of this motel and the motif of the structure. Bean arranged this meeting by means of a phone call from the printing firm. Obviously it was a local call.

"Upon entry into the motel room the first thing I noticed was the tension about every one present. Drinks were poured and small talk exchanged.

"The three men were well dressed and obviously did not occupy the room full-time as there was no luggage or extra clothes. I would approximate their ages at 28, 35 and 39. I would recognize any of these men if I ever saw them again.

"The oldest man did most of the talking. He was a large man, wearing a wine-colored silk jacket. He spoke with a accent with I quickly classified as a New Orleans-French. I was familiar with this pronunciation. He wore his pants very high around his waist line which I automatically connected also with the New Orleans French Quarters. At no time did he state that he was from New Orleans or from anywhere.

"He asked me where all I had served time and for what?

"If I liked "Niggers"?

"If I had ever been in the armed service?

"If I could fire a rifle with accuracy?

"If I was interested in making some fast easy money?

"With this, I was shown three large stacks of bills with a brown paper band around each stack.

"Note: These questions were not all asked at the same time, but rather over the course of an hour or so.

"During all this time I was listening more than talking and trying to figure out what the proposition was. No exacting details were given.

"Small talk continued for some time, one of the men, the middle aged one, of approximately 35 years left the room and returned about 30 minutes latter.

"Shortly thereafter, I was ask if I would go to Jackson, Mississippi on the next day with two other men. Martin Luther King was given, by name, as the target. He was to speak in public on the next evening. The three of us were to arrange ourselves on roofs of nearby buildings and then "open-fire" at

the same time. The closet door of the motel room was opened and there were three rifles leaning against the wall. The stacks of money was on the dresser. I knew, in my own mind that these men were serious and did intend to have this man killed. However, it was also obvious to me that there was no way to "get away" with such a crime and I even doubted that payment would be fulfilled. The general plan was not to realistic, for the three on the roofs. To be honest, I was more scared than anything.

"There was no decision made at this time. I told them that I would let them know in a couple of hours, with this Bean and I left the motel room. The younger fellow followed us outside. He handed Bean a motel room key which was to the next unit. The three of us went inside. I told Bean that I was going to the car to get some clothes and bath articles to clean up with. The young fellow stood in the doorway. As quickly as I was in the car, I turned the key and was gone!

"Somewhere north, approximately 50-75 miles of Jackson I stopped at a service station and phoned the F.B.I. office in Jackson Mississippi. I refused to tell the Agent who nor where I was. I only told him that there was a plot to kill Martin Luther King and to keep him out of public in Jackson the next day. The agent tried to hold me on the phone as long as he could. I talked all of 60 seconds. I explained myself clearly. This call should be on file in the Jackson Office. I hung-up the phone and left. I drove on into Jackson, left the car at the airport and boarded a plane for San Francisco, California."

YOUNT advised that the abbreviation FREBO refers to the Federal Reformatory at El Reno, Oklahoma. YOUNT advised he has never seen a picture of JAMES EARL RAY and he could not say if RAY was present in Oxford, Mississippi, when this matter was discussed in July, of 1968.

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YOUNT described the three other unknown males that were at the meeting in a motel room in Oxford, Mississippi, as follows:

Unknown subject #1
Race White
Sex Male
Age Middle or late 20s
Height 5'10" to 5'11"
Weight 155 to 160 lbs.
Hair Black, worn medium long
Complexion Dark
Manner Quiet
Dress Wears flashy clothes

Unknown subject #2
Race White
Sex Male
Age About 35 years old
Dress Well dressed

Unknown subject #3
Race White
Sex Male
Age About 39 years old
Height 5'1"
Weight 230 to 240 lbs., obese
Hair Dark
Accent New Orleans-French

YOUNT advised that he has not seen any of these individuals again, however, he told this story to JOHN EMERSON, 412 West Musser Street, Carson, Nevada, a minister who can be contacted at the above address or through 409 South Tacoma Street, Carson, Nevada.

YOUNT stressed that he had cooperated with U. S. Postal authorities in the past at Little Rock, Arkansas, in November, 1965, concerning some stolen money orders.

YOUNT advised that he had not furnished this information until this time because he felt that the assassination had been averted, but now feels that this information should be given to the proper authorities.

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YOUNT stated that unknown subject #1 hangs around the Itt'll Do Club in Dallas, Texas, and that he had met this individual prior to their meeting in Oxford, Mississippi, however, he did not mention this meeting to unknown subject #1.

YOUNT also stated that unknown subject #3 could be identified through an unknown individual who broke his arm in May of 1966 and was treated at Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. YOUNT stated that this unknown individual is a "barker" on Bourbon Street in New Orleans.

YOUNT stated that unknown subject #1 could be identified by URETHA (phonetic) who is a cocktail waitress at Love Field Cocktail Lounge, Dallas, Texas. YOUNT stated that he was with URETHA at the Itt'll Do Club in Dallas when unknown subject #1 tried to start a fight with him, and URETHA knew unknown subject #1 at that time.

YOUNT also advised that his fourth wife, BILLYE RUTH SELLERS, was with him on a check cashing spree at the time of this meeting in Oxford, Mississippi, in July, 1966. YOUNT stated that perhaps SELLERS is wanted by the FBI in regard to these check writing activities. He stated that SELLERS is also known as BILLYE RUTH YOUNT, and BILLYE RUTH HARRIS, and was employed for a time at 201 West King, Carson, Nevada, with the State of Nevada Insurance Division. YOUNT stated that SELLERS could ~~not~~ be contacted through 1027 East Walnut, Springfield, Missouri, or through her children who reside at 1012 Ivy, Cassville, Missouri, or DEBORAH KAY SELLERS, a student at Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield, Missouri.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	RAYMOND LEON YOUNT
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Weight	173 lbs.
DOB	
Place	Fort Smith, Arkansas
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Scar	Left wrist

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 2/5/70

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-116)

SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING CONSPIRACY TO
ASSASSINATE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
July, 1965,
Oxford, Mississippi

Enclosed for Memphis are 2 copies of an FD-302 on RAYMOND LEON YOUNT, and 1 copy of Missouri Department of Corrections report concerning YOUNT. Information copies along with 2 copies each of FD-302 on RAYMOND LEON YOUNG, and 1 copy each of Missouri Department of Corrections report concerning YOUNT, are being sent to Denver and Seattle, who had cases on YOUNT and SELLERS in the past.

On 1/26/70 RAYMOND LEON YOUNT, Missouri State Penitentiary #16900 was interviewed at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. After the interview Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, was interviewed by Special Agents ROWEN B. AYERS and KEITH M. HUNTER, at which time he made available a copy of Missouri Department of Corrections report of Division of Classification and Assignment concerning RAYMOND LEON YOUNT.

It is noted that this report states that the subject has an extensive medical history of both psychiatric and physical problems. "This inmate has received numerous psychiatric evaluations. He has been described as an 'emotionally unstable personality of long standing'. He was diagnosed as 'psycopathic personality with emotional instability'."

The report also states that the subject has served in the United States Navy and was given an administrative discharge after appearing before a psychiatric board and receiving a discharge because of emotional instability.

The above is being furnished for information and evaluation by your office. In view of the above, no leads have been set out by the Kansas City Division.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

2/11/70

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (RUC)

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau, dated 1/20/70.

The files of the San Francisco Office did not contain any information identifiable with BEVERLY JEAN EVANS.

DIANA WILLSON, Counselor, Credit Bureau Metro, Inc., San Jose, California, advised that their records cover San Francisco, but that she was unable to locate any record identifiable with BEVERLY JEAN EVANS.

The records of the San Francisco Police Department were checked on 2/2/70 by SE DONALD CLOWARD and no record identifiable with BEVERLY JEAN EVANS was located with the exception of a report involving the loss of a gun. This report has been reproduced as the next page in this communication.

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VICTIM (PERSON/FIRM)		RACE, SEX, D.O.B.		ADDRESS		RES. PHONE	
SAVE						None	
TYPE OF PREMISES OR LOCATION OF VICTIM				POINT OF ENTRY OR HOW ATTACKED		OBJECT OF ATTACK	
Residence				NA		NA	
METHOD, TOOL OR WEAPON USED				TRADEMARK			
NA				Gun taken from residence; receives threatening			
VEHICLE INVOLVED		LICENSE NO.		STATE		V.I.N. notes through U.S. MAIL	
BODY TYPE	COLOR	WAIVER SIGNED		VEHICLE		IMPOUNDED TO B.F.O.	
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VEHICLES CONDITION WHEN RECOVERED				VEHICLE PLATES MISSING			
(A)				<input type="checkbox"/> KEY IN IGNITION <input type="checkbox"/> IGNITION UNLOCKED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER			
VEHICLE OR PROPERTY RECOVERED BY				HOW INCIDENT CLEARED (USE CODE)			
(C)				<input type="checkbox"/> ONE <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH <input type="checkbox"/> NONE (B)			
NOTIFICATION MADE				DATE & TIME NOTIFIED			
<input type="checkbox"/> PARENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLAINANT							
BY				DATE & TIME DISPATCHED			
SERVICE NO.				SENT TO: (ADDRESS)			
S/P				Letter			

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Residence: 44 Willetts St., Daly City, Calif.
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O/V-\$65.00

Four threatening letters sent to General Works Detail.

4. - 6. - NA

TOTAL POLICE VALUE	
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) (NAME) DATE & TIME (DICTATED) 1-16-70 7:30PM	COPIES FOR CLERK TO THE DETAIL CO E
RECEIVED BY DANIEL J. O'HARA	RANK SGT
STAR 1795	DATE & TIME (DICTATED) 1-16-70 7:30PM
RECEIVED BY C. Bilbray - 128	RANK SGT
STAR 1795	DATE & TIME (DICTATED) 1-16-70 7:30PM

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SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

2/11/70

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (RUC)

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau, dated 1/20/70.

The files of the San Francisco Office did not contain any information identifiable with BEVERLY JEAN EVANS.

DIANA WILLSON, Counselor, Credit Bureau Metro, Inc., San Jose, California, advised that their records cover San Francisco, but that she was unable to locate any record identifiable with BEVERLY JEAN EVANS.

The records of the San Francisco Police Department were checked on 2/2/70 by SE DONALD CLOWARD and no record identifiable with BEVERLY JEAN EVANS was located with the exception of a report involving the loss of a gun. This report has been reproduced as the next page in this communication.

2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
1 - San Francisco
MTG/crv
(5)

44-1987-SUB-NI-733

SEARCHED	INDEXED
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INITIAL REPORT <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPLEMENTARY		<input type="checkbox"/> ARRESTED <input type="checkbox"/>		DIST. BUREAU, FIELD, REPORTING		ASSIGNED TO: GEN. WORK	
TYPE OF REPORT		MISSION		724-753		DATE & TIME INITIALLY RPT. TO P.D.	
GRAND THEFT-GUN AND SUSPICIOUS OCCURRENCE Fri.. 1-16-70 @ 7:20 PM							
ADDRESS/LOCATION (THIS REPORT)				DIST.		DAY, DATE & TIME (THIS REPORTED INCIDENT)	
1693 Market St. & 74 Germania				D 15 & E-1		March, 1969	
REPORTER (LAST NAME FIRST)		RACE, SEX, D.O.B.		ADDRESS		RES. PHONE	
EVANS, Beverly Jean		WF, 1-8-33		1693 Market St., Rm. 215, SF		None	
VICTIM (PERSON/FIRM)		RACE, SEX, D.O.B.		ADDRESS		RES. PHONE	
SAME						BUS. PHONE	
TYPE OF PREMISES OR LOCATION OF VICTIM				POINT OF ENTRY OR HOW ATTACKED		OBJECT OF ATTACK	
Residence				NA		NA	
METHOD, TOOL OR WEAPON USED				TRADEMARK			
NA				Gun taken from residence; receives threatening			
VEHICLE INVOLVED		LICENSE NO.		STATE		V.I.N. notes through U.S. Mail, MAKE	
						MODEL	
BODY TYPE		COLOR		WAIVER SIGNED		VEHICLE	
				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> LOCKED <input type="checkbox"/> UNLOCKED	
				<input type="checkbox"/> KEY IN IGNITION <input type="checkbox"/> IGNITION UNLOCKED		<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	
VEHICLES CONDITION WHEN RECOVERED				HOW INCIDENT CLEARED (USE CODE)			
(A)				(B)			
VEHICLE OR PROPERTY RECOVERED BY				NOTIFICATION MADE		DATE & TIME NOTIFIED	
(C)				<input type="checkbox"/> PARENT <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLAINANT			
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				1-16-70 @ 7:30 PM	GENERAL WORKS DETAIL	
DETAIL				C. Bilbrey - 128	CO-F	
RECEIVED BY				RANK	STAR	
DANIEL J. O'HARA				SGT	1795	

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TO: SACs, San Francisco
Memphis (44-1987) (Information)

FROM: Director, FBI

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ReMEairtel 1/20/70 and its enclosures.

If not already done, San Francisco respond to
MEairtel 1/20/70 and include recommendations as to whether Evans
should be interviewed.

