

She furnished the following description of
CARPENTER:

Name	DONALD JACKSON CARPENTER
Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Date of birth	[REDACTED] (She said his service records say 1941)
Height	5'9 - 10"
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Blue (bloodshot)
Occupation	Welder
Education	Attended schools in Leslie, Ga.
Parents	Mother - ALICE CARPENTER, Leslie, Ga. Father - Deceased.

She furnished the following description of
SMITH:

Name	TERRANCE ALVIN SMITH
Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Height	6'
Weight	172
Hair	Sandy
Eyes	Blue - gray
Speech	Spoke with strong southern accent.
Occupation	Communications and electronics worker
Education	Attended schools in Marianna, Fla.
Parents	Father - Name unknown; operates Smith Servicenter in Marianna, Fla.

5/16/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to all SACs and Legats dated
5/7/68.

Enclosed for the Memphis Division under separate cover are 54 investigative inserts, fifteen copies each, reflecting investigation conducted by the Miami Division in the above captioned matter, for possible inclusion in an investigative report. The enclosed inserts deal with aspects of the investigation described as follows:

- I. DANCING STUDIOS
- II. THERMO-SEAL LAUNDRY MACHINE MARKS
- III. EFFORTS TO LOCATE WALTER LOHMEYER THROUGH JOHN B. SWIFT, TAVERNIER, FLORIDA
- IV. CHECKING VIN FOR RE-REGISTRATION FOR 1967 WHITE MUSTANG
- V. REVIEW OF ARRIVING AND DEPARTING PASSENGERS FROM AND TO FOREIGN PORTS, MIAMI DIVISION
- VII. LOCAL AGENCY CHECKS MIAMI DIVISION

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- VII. REVIEW OF EASTERN AIRLINES RECORDS FOR FLIGHTS DEPARTING ATLANTA APRIL 4, 1968 - APRIL 12, 1968
- VIII. UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINT CHECKS AT POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND SHERIFF'S OFFICES IN THE MIAMI DIVISION AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY
- IX. INVESTIGATION REGARDING LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM THE TELEPHONE BOOTHS IN THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
- Max Mendelson was interviewed in this regard and investigation was conducted at the Holy Cross Hospital, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, in this regard.
- X. INVESTIGATION REGARDING JAMES EUGENE GAULT WHOSE DATE OF BIRTH IS JULY 20, 1931, THE SAME DATE OF BIRTH USED BY SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.
- XI. INVESTIGATION REGARDING GUY E. RAY AT MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND FLORENCE, ALABAMA
- XII. DISSEMINATION OF IDENTIFICATION ORDERS AND WANTED FLYERS OF SUBJECT TO AIRLINES, CAR RENTAL AGENCIES, U. S. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND VARIOUS OTHER FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES AT POINTS OF EXIT AND ENTRY TO THE COUNTRY
- XIII. INVESTIGATION LOCATING FORMER OWNER, AMACKER MOTORS, MIAMI, FLORIDA, WHERE JAMES EARL RAY PURCHASED A VEHICLE IN 1954.
- XIV. INVESTIGATION REGARDING MICHEL ST. PIERRE AND A CADILLAC BEARING VIN F7112795 STOLEN IN MONTREAL, CANADA, AUGUST 21, 1967
- XV. INVESTIGATION REGARDING TERRENCE ALVIN SMITH AND DONALD JACKSON CARPENTER WHO JOKINGLY TOLD HAZEL PEACOCK, A GIRL FRIEND OF CARPENTER, THAT THEY HAD KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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- XVI. INVESTIGATION AT HIPPIE HANGOUTS MIAMI DIVISION
- XVII. INVESTIGATION OF SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NUMBER 813-657-3181, INMOKALEE, FLORIDA, CALLED FROM A TELEPHONE BOOTH ON TEXAS INTERSTATE HIGHWAY TEN, VIDOR, TEXAS, BETWEEN DECEMBER 15-17, 1967
- XVIII. INVESTIGATION REGARDING DONALD STOUT WHO ALLEGEDLY THREATENED TO KILL DOCTOR KING IN 1966 IN THE PRESENCE OF STEWART LINDH, A HITCHHIKER
- XIX. INVESTIGATION REGARDING JAMES HARVEY WHITE AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, WHO ALLEGEDLY HAD INQUIRED OF A KU KLUX KLAN OFFICIAL IN 1966 HOW MUCH MONEY THEY WOULD PAY TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING.
- XX. INVESTIGATION AT MIAMI, FLORIDA, IN EFFORTS TO LOCATE PAULA SIMONE GALT THROUGH IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE RECORDS
- XXI. INVESTIGATION AT PALM SPRINGS, FLORIDA REGARDING PAUL ALVIN LAIL, WHO SERVED TIME IN THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY WITH JAMES EARL RAY
- XXII. LOOK-ALIKES

All potential bombing suspects in the Miami Division were eliminated as being identical with subject through physical observation and the fact their whereabouts were known at the time of the commission of the crime.

In accordance with the instructions set out in Bureau teletype to all SACs dated 4/22/68 and Memphis airtel to Knoxville dated 4/7/68, all criminal informants and appropriate racial and security informants were contacted relative to any information concerning this matter.

With regard to BOB MC GOWAN, an individual who was previously used by the Miami Office concerning Klan activities and racial matters, it is being left to the

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discretion of Memphis as to the manner in which this background information on MC GOWAN is to be reported. In this regard Miami notes Memphis teletype to Bureau and Miami dated 4/8/68, and Miami teletype to Bureau, Memphis and Jackson dated 4/9/68.

With regards to IRA DAVID HAWTHORNE (former MM 1081-R) and WILLIAM SUMMERSETT (former MM 607-R), who furnished information regarding EARL LINDER and one GILBERT which was set forth in a Miami teletype to the Bureau dated 4/29/68, an airmail copy of which was furnished to Memphis, it is being left to the discretion of Memphis as to the manner in which the information contained therein is to be reported.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : MEMO, ALL AGENTS

FROM : SAC F. A. FROHBOSE
[initials]

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/16/68

Reference is made to previous memo to all Agents relative to this matter, setting forth all background information.

The Bureau has advised that it has been developed subject spent a considerable sum of money from 4/23/67 to 4/4/68, and that the source of this money has not been determined. Consequently the Bureau has instructed that subject's photograph be displayed to all appropriate witnesses in unsolved bank robberies and bank burglaries, in those instances where witnesses are available. Additionally, requests should be made of police departments to display subject's photograph to witnesses in their unsolved robberies.

The Bureau has also pointed out the possibility that the subject may have died since the commission of this crime. In this connection, the Bureau has instructed that all law enforcement agencies be alerted to the fact that subject's fingerprints should be compared with all unidentified dead persons located from the period beginning 4/5/68 to date.

All Agents having unsolved bank robberies and/or other cases in which it would be appropriate, are requested to display subject's photograph to witnesses. In addition, Agents having liaison with local law enforcement agencies should assure that they are requested to display subject's photograph in connection with their unsolved robberies and additionally, that all fingerprints of unknown dead are compared with fingerprints of subject RAY.

The Bureau further pointed out that in connection with covering leads in this matter, it should be borne in mind that prior to departing Los Angeles in March, 1968, the subject made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment as a bartender.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA EUGENE L. PAYNE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Milwaukee airtel to Miami, 4/20/68, and Miami airtel to Memphis, 4/29/68, Miami airtel to Bureau, 5/6/68.

Referenced Milwaukee airtel to Miami, 4/20/68, set forth information from a citizen in Milwaukee, Wis., who had visited the Sun Castle Motel, Pompano Beach, Fla. While at the motel he dealt with a bell boy who he later learned traveled to the State of Tenn. and after viewing photographs of subject RAY decided that this bell boy resembled the photos of RAY.

Based upon the above info, investigation was conducted at the Sun Castle Motel to identify the bell boy in question. It developed that this individual's name was EARL B. SHIELDS, who is originally from Randolph, Mass.

Referenced Miami airtel to Memphis, 4/29/68, informed Memphis of the results of preliminary inquiries re SHIELDS and set forth a lead for Boston at Randolph, Mass., to further identify this individual and eliminate him as a suspect in captioned matter.

Referenced Miami airtel to Bureau, set forth results of additional inquiries regarding SHIELDS further identifying information concerning him and leads for Boston to continue their inquiries to eliminate SHIELDS as a suspect in captioned matter.

Boston was requested to advise Miami the results of their investigation so that further inquiries regarding SHIELDS could be conducted if necessary.

Inasmuch as SHIELDS has been identified and leads set forth to locate him through contacts in Randolph, Mass., no further inquiries are being conducted at this time.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MIAMI (44-1854)
FROM TAMPA 157-3231)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: SUSPECT JOHN THOMAS BOWLES.

ATTEMPTS TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT CALLAHAN DENTAL
LABORATORY, TAMPA, MAY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, NEGATIVE. AUTO-
MATIC ANSWERING SERVICE INDICATED CALLAHAN UNAVAILABLE UNTIL
MAY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT.

EDWARD CALLAHAN, CALLAHAN DENTAL LABORATORIES, ONE ZERO
ZERO ONE ZERO LUCKMAN COURT, TAMPA, FURNISHED FOLLOWING ON MAY
TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT. JOHN BOWLES, SIX ZERO SEVEN BUCKHEAD RIDGE,
OKEECHOBEE, FLA., TELEPHONE NUMBER R A THREE FOUR ZERO THREE ONE,
CONTACTED HIM IN PERSON ON MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST TO HAVE DENTURES
MADE AND GAVE CALAHAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK THAT DATE AS PARTIAL
PAYMENT. TWO APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR APRIL FOUR AND FIVE LAST, BOTH
FOR TEN A.M., HOWEVER CALLAHAN RECALLS BOWLES MADE TWO APPEARANCES
AT LAB BETWEEN MARCH TWENTYSEVEN AND APRIL FOUR, EXACT DATES UN-
RECALLED. DENTURE IMPRESSIONS MADE APRIL FOUR AND CALLAHAN
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ESTIMATED BOWLES LENGTH OF STAY ON APRIL FOUR AS ONE TO ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS AND ON APRIL FIVE SIXTYEIGHT RECALLS BOWLES AT LAB SEVERAL HOURS, RECEIVED DENTURES AND PAID REMAINDER OF BILL OF TEN DOLLARS. CALLAHAN OF OPINION BOWLES FLEW HIS PRIVATE PLANE TO TAMPA FOR APPOINTMENTS AND HAD USE OF BORROWED CAR, LATE MODEL CHEVROLET. ON APRIL FIVE SIXTYEIGHT IN DISCUSSION OF KING MURDER, CALLAHAN DESCRIBED BOWLES AS ASSUMING "DIE HARD SOUTHERNER" ATTITUDE AND EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS BEING GLAD MURDER OCCURRED. WITHIN WEEK'S PERIOD FOLLOWING APRIL FIVE APPOINTMENT, BOWLES REAPPEARED TO HAVE ADJUSTMENT MADE TO DENTURES. CALLAHAN'S RECORDS REFLECT BOWLES FURNISHED LOCAL TAMPA TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO THREE SIX - ONE THREE TWO ONE. ALSO RECALLS ON TWO OCCASIONS BOWLES WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, NAME UNKNOWN, DESCRIBED W/F, LATE THIRTY'S FIVE FT. FOUR IN., ONE THIRTY LBS, DARK HAIR.

RUTH VANDENBERG, VANDENBURG AIRPORT, RTE. TWO BOX NINE TWO, ON MAY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: AVAILABLE RECORDS REFLECT JOHN BOWLES RENTED HANGAR SPACE THIRTYSEVEN SEPTEMBER AND TEN DAY PERIOD OCTOBER SIXTYSEVEN. RECALLS BOWLES PLANE AS J-THREE COB, TWO PASSENGER, COLOR UNRECALLED, BELIEVED PURCHASED FROM UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL IN TAMPA AREA. NO RECORDS MAINTAINED RE ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES UNLESS OVERNIGHT PARKING OF PLANE INVOLVED AND NO BLIGATION OR REQUIREMENT EXISTS TO FILE FLIGHT PLANS.

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VANDENBERG LOCATED ON GAS TICKET RECEIPT IN NAME OF BOWLES DATED APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT FOR SIX POINT THREE GALLONS AND INDICATED POSSIBILITY BOWLES MAY HAVE MADE GAS PURCHASES EARLIER IN APRIL AND RECEIPT ONLY MADE OUT TO CASH. WITHOUT CERTAINTY OF DATES SHE RECALLED ONE OF BOWLES' ARRIVALS WHEN HE USED OFFICE PHONE TO CALL A RELATIVE, NAME UNRECALLED, TO PICK HIM UP AT AIRPORT AND COMMENTED HE HAD DENTIST APPOINTMENT. VANDENBERG RECALLS ON OCCASION WHEN BOWLES ACCOMPANIED BY FEMALE WHO SHE TOOK FOR GRANTED WAS HIS WIFE, DESCRIBED W/F, DARK HAIR, FIVE FT. - FIVE FT. TWO IN., MID THIRTY'S.

TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO THREE SIX - ONE THREE TWO ONE LISTED TO CHARLIE GRIZZAFFE, THREE THREE W. CREST, TAMPA.

TOM GRIZZAFFE ADVISED MAY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT PARENTS PRESENTLY AT LAKE OKEECHOBEE, FLA. AND STAYING AT PROPERTY OWNED BY THEM, BUCKHEAD RIDGE APARTMENTS, RA OR RD THREE FOUR ZERO THREE ONE.

MIAMI INTERVIEW CHARLIE GRIZZAFFE AND WIFE FOR ACTUAL LENGTH OF TIMES BOWLES KNOWN TO BE AT TAMPA ON PERTINENT DATES.

AIRMAIL COPIES LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS.

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1.

STEVE STEINHARDT, Supervisor, Parking Concession, Sorrento Hotel, 4391 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, was contacted by Special Agents DAVID N. JELLISON and LEONARD C. PETERSON on May 10, 1968.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to STEINHARDT and he advised that no one working for him at the present time or who has worked for him within the last six months in any way resembles RAY.

STEINHARDT was furnished with a copy of the wanted flyer pertaining to RAY. He advised that if anyone fitting that description was seen in the vicinity of the parking area of the Sorrento Hotel, he would immediately notify the FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

FROM : SA DAVID N. JELLISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 5/20/68

RE: LOOK-ALIKE, SORRENTO HOTEL

Re serial 476, anonymous letter from "A Citizen."

Attached hereto is an investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted with regard to above anonymous letter.

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Not Interested, James Earl Ray Family Asserts

Miami Herald-Los Angeles Times Wire

ST. LOUIS — "I'm not interested in my brother at all. Not at all. I never want to see him again."

The words are harsh, bitter, disappointed, and spoken by John Larry Ray, 37-year-old brother of James Earl Ray, the man accused of killing Dr. Martin Luther King.

Sipping an orange juice and vodka drink at a south-side St. Louis bar, John Larry refused to discuss in detail his brother or anything touching on the April 4 assassination of Dr. King in Memphis.

Moody, and somewhat of a loner, according to his friends, John Larry Ray is the next eldest after James Earl of nine Ray children.

He and his sister, Mrs. Carol Ann Pepper, 27, live quietly in St. Louis seeking anonymity from the publicity which has surrounded the family since their lives came under public scrutiny.

As the member of the family closest to James Earl, John Larry has been the only one not publicly accounted for since the assassination. Like all other members of the family, however, he has been questioned at length by the FBI.

He has been described as everything from a migrant worker to a New York City bartender. Actually, John Larry owns a one-truck delivery service here and helps run a south side neighborhood tavern, the Grape Vine, which is leased by his sister, Mrs. Pepper, for \$960 a year.



James Earl Ray
... still at large

Asked how well he remembered James Earl, or what he knew about his brother, he replied: "Who knows him? Probably his cellmate knew him better than anybody."

James Earl's cellmate at the prison has described him as a loner, an avid reader of espionage and detective stories, and a man "who served his time in his own way."

A state psychiatric examination of James Earl made in October 1966 after an escape attempt failed, diagnosed him as a "sociopathic personality, antisocial type with anxiety and depressive features." It said he had an I.Q. of 105, somewhat above the average prisoner.

Byron L. Kinder, the Cole County prosecuting attorney who tried James Earl in 1966, says the suspect is an improbable assassin.

"He was a loser in everything he did," Kinder said. "Nothing in his background indicates he had any practice with a telescopic rifle or had ever handled weapons to any extent.

Nothing indicates he hated Negroes, and he could never even pull off a simultaneous robbery, so how could he plan and execute the assassination of Dr. King? I think Ray is an improbable assassin," Kinder said.

A friend of John Larry Ray said he sometimes used an alias of "Jerry Ryan." Both John Larry and Mrs. Pepper's husband have had minor scrapes with the police over the years. Mrs. Pepper's husband is a mechanic at a downtown St. Louis hardware store and has been a friend of John Larry's for years.

"Few of his friends here even know John is the brother of James Earl," said a close acquaintance. "He doesn't talk about what happened, but he said after the assassination that he hated his brother for what he had done."

The acquaintance also said John Larry Ray was shocked by the identification of James Earl as the suspected assassin. "He has tried to make something of himself despite his poor family background and maybe he knows how James Earl ended up a convict. Larry's a nice guy."

John Larry lives on the city's south side where the Grape Vine is located, not far from the streets and sidewalks where some of the Ray children matured. It is an old German neighborhood, says a city official, rapidly being filled with people from rural areas.

The FBI obviously has gone into the Ray family background extensively.

Contrary to published reports, the father, George Ray is still alive and there are some indications he may be living in or near St. Louis.

John Larry was the last member of the family to see his brother, during a visit the day before James Earl escaped from the Missouri penitentiary at Jefferson City on April 23, 1967. He visited his brother at the prison eight times, more than any other member of the family

while James Earl served almost six years of a 20-year sentence for armed robbery in St. Louis.

Ray talked briefly about his brother but refused to go into any detail. He particularly declined to discuss the possibility of a conspiracy. Friends say he keeps to himself, occasionally plays a game of pool, doesn't talk very much and sometimes uses the alias "Jerry Ryan."

"I don't have any comment. I'm not implicated in this in any way. The FBI has been here to talk to me. They've talked to my sister. She's sick and tired of it all and so am I," he said.

"I could sell my story for \$15,000 or \$20,000 to magazines or television if I wanted to, but I don't want to do that and I don't have any intention of doing it. I don't want to talk about it. That's all there is to it," he added.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA DAVID N. JELLISON at the Drop-Off Coin Laundry, N. W. 79th Street and 32nd Avenue, Miami, Florida, on May 12, 1968:

NORMAN HEERY, Manager, advised that there is currently no unclaimed laundry at the Drop-Off Coin Laundry in the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

All records since April, 1967, were reviewed with reference to the name ERIC STARVO GALT and all other aliases used by subject, JAMES EARL RAY, and these checks met with negative results.

All efforts to locate a male supervisor, who allegedly told TERRI BUSBY, patron of the laundry, that a man named ERIC STARVO GALT had left laundry at the Drop-Off Coin Laundry and did not reclaim it, were negative.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

FROM : SA DAVID N. JELLISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 5/20/68

Re memo of LAWRENCE A. SCHLAPP, Night Clerk,
dated 5/12/68.

Re: Clothing at Drop-Off Coin Laundromat,
79th Street and N. W. 32nd Avenue

Attached hereto is an investigative insert
reflecting investigation conducted regarding referenced
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Director, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

MURKIN
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ReBuAirtel to all SACs and LEGATs dated 5/7/68, and
Miami Airtel to Memphis 5/16/68, copy enclosed to Bureau.

Paragraph #2 of reBuAirtel specifically states that
should investigation increase in any such area warranting sub-
mission of individual report the office involved should do so and
advise the Bureau and Memphis. Memphis is of the opinion that
22 sub-headings and 54 different inserts is sufficient basis to
warrant submission of individual report. Material being returned
to Miami for submission report.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

for FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

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FBI DETROIT

10:51PM URGENT 5/20/68 LPS 2P

TO: DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS AND MIAMI
FROM: DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE LOS ANGELES TIME INFORMANT- "BOB" LNU

[R. H. MC KAY, INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS MANAGER, US RUBBER, DETROIT,
ADVISED THIS DATE THAT INTERNAL CATERING FOR THAT COMPANY IS DONE
BY RIDDELL INDUSTRIAL CATERERS. THAT COMPANY IS OWNED BY R.
ROBERTSON "ROBERT" BRINKER AND HIS FATHER H.V. BRINKER.

ROBERTSON BRINKER, SIX ONE ROSLYN, GROSSE POINTE SHORES, MICH.
ADVISED HE HOLDS A TET CREDIT CARD NUMBER J EIGHT EIGHT ONE DASH
ZERO ZERO FOUR SEVEN DASH ZERO EIGHT THREE WHICH IS MADE OUT TO
ROBERTSON BRINKER. THE RIDDELL CATERING COMPANY DOES NOT HAVE A
PHONE AND THERE IS NO CREDIT CARD IN THE NAME OF THAT COMPANY OR
IN THE NAME OF RIDDELL.

ROBERTSON BRINKER SAID NEITHER HE NOR ANYONE ELSE HAS USED
HIS TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD FOR ANY PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS. HE IS
NOT ACQUAINTED WITH FRANK OR ROBERT BRICKLEY AND HE COULD NOT
EXPLAIN HOW THE INFORMANT COULD BE FAMILIAR WITH HIS POSSESSING A
TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD OR WITH HIS CONNECTION TO THE RIDDELL CATERING
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COMPANY.

H.V. BRINKER, ROBERTSON'S FATHER, ADVISED THAT WHILE HE WAS IN BOCA RATON, FLORIDA FROM MARCH ONE THROUGH APRIL ONE LAST, [HE TRADED AT A SUNOCO SERVICE STATION AT THE CORNER OF U.S. ONE AND PALM AIRE, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA.] HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE EFFICIENCY OF A YOUNG WHITE MALE AT THE STATION. THE YOUNG MAN TOLD HIM HE HAD A BROTHER IN CLEVELAND IN THE TAILORING BUSINESS AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE BACK TO THE MIDWEST TO BE NEAR HIS BROTHER. MR BRINKER TOLD THE YOUNG MAN HE RAN A CATERING SERVICE FOR U.S. ROBBER IN DETROIT AND SHOULD HE EVER WANT A JOB TO CALL HIM OR HIS SON ROBERT. HE GAVE THE YOUNG MAN ONE OF HIS BUSINESS CARDS WHICH READS, "RIDDELL FACTORY CATERING COMPANY, INDUSTRIAL CATERERS". HE COULD NOT REMEMBER IF HE WROTE ROBERT'S NAME ON THE CARD FOR THE BOY BUT WAS SURE HE TOLD HIM ROBERT'S NAME AND THAT THEY CATERED FOR U.S. ROBBER.

THE PRECEEDING WAS THE ONLY EXPLANATION EITHER BRINK COULD OFFER FOR THE INFORMANT KNOWING ABOUT A TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD IN THE NAME "ROBERT BRINKLEY" AND BRINKLEY'S CONNECTION WITH RIDDELL CATERING. BOTH EMPHATICALLY DENIED HAVING EVER LOST THEIR CREDIT CARDS OR LETTING ANOTHER PERSON USE THEM. /

MIAMI ATTEMPT TO LOCATE SUNOCO STATION DESCRIBED AND ASCERTAIN IF THE YOUNG MAN MENTIONED BY H.V. BRINKER COULD BE "BOB" LNU OR IF THE BUSINESS CARD COULD HAVE BEEN PASSED ON BY THAT PERSON TO "BOB".

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TO ALL SACS (PLAINTEXT)

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

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INASMUCH AS RAY IS KNOWN TO STAY AT "FLOPHOUSES" AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS.

ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTY-EIGHT, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTY-FIVE YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHTEEN, AND TAMPA TEL
TO BUREAU MAY TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: SUSPECT JOHN THOMAS BOWLES

INVESTIGATION AT OKEECHOBEE, FLA. REFLECTS THAT AIRPLANE
OWNED BY BOWLES IS A J DASH THREE, TWO PASSENGER CUB WITH
AN EIGHTYFIVE HORSE POWER MOTOR CAPABLE OF TOP SPEEDS AT
SEVENTYFIVE TO EIGHTY MPH. AIRPLANE HAS APPROXIMATE THIRTEEN
GALLON CAPACITY AND BURNS APPROXIMATELY FIVE GALLONS PER HOUR.
AIRPLANE HAS NO LIGHTS, RADIO OR NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND
LANDING FIELD UTILIZED HAS NO LIGHTING FACILITIES. PEOPLE
KNOWLEDGEABLE OF BOWLES' ACTIVITIES OF OPINION BOWLES HAS
NOT FLOWN ANY FURTHER THAN FROM OKEECHOBEE TO TAMPA, A
DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE MILES.

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BOWLES' ESTRANGED WIFE ADVISED SHE CHECKED ON HIS
ACTIVITIES FOR NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, AND ASCERTAINED
HE WAS IN OKEECHOBEE.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, BOWLES IS BEING ELIMINATED AS A
SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER.

TAMPA AND MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AM.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Re Miami teletype to Tampa, 5/14/68.

Re: SUSPECT, BARBER SHOP, SANFORD, FLORIDA
AT SANFORD, FLORIDA

On 5/14/68, Mr. R. A. FLEMING, owner Fleming's Supermarket, E. Geneva Avenue, Sanford, Florida, advised that while getting a haircut at Garfield's Barber Shop, known as The Gator Barber Shop, he observed an individual who closely resembled the person whose picture he saw in the Sanford paper on 5/13/68. FLEMING said this person drove up to the barber shop in a Yellow Cab, and he overheard the person say he was a former cab driver in New York City. He said the person is not a native of Sanford.

Fleming said that this person had his hair cut by a barber who is tall and wears dark-rim glasses.

HAROLD SANDVILL, Barber, Gator Barber Shop, advised that he recalls cutting the hair of a Yellow Cab driver around noon on 5/13/68. SANDVILL was shown photos of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated that this person is definitely not the person whose hair he cut

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on 5/13/68. He stated he does not believe he has ever seen RAY.

On 5/14/68, JEWELL CARL, dispatcher, Yellow Cab Company, Sanford, Florida, advised that the only driver working for her company who is not a native of Sanford is one DALLAS THOMPSON. She said THOMPSON is from Huntington, W. Va., and has been working here for approximately four months. He said the photos of JAMES EARL RAY is definitely not identical with THOMPSON.

On 5/14/68, CHARLES COLLIER, owner, Yellow Cab Company, advised that the photos of RAY are not identical with THOMPSON or any other of his employees. He checked his records and advised they indicate THOMPSON worked from 6:00PM 4/4/68 until 6:00 AM 4/5/68.

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TO: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN;
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MEMPHIS OO

Re Miami letter to Memphis, 5/14/68, regarding the
look alike described by Mr. R. A. FLEMING, Sanford, Fla.

Miami should immediately institute investigation to
locate, identify and eliminate the look alike described by
Mr. FLEMING.

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To: All SACs
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Ottawa

[Signature]
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and dangerous.

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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

On May 16, 1968, the Jacksonville Office advised that a late model Buick bearing Florida license 1W 194103 was observed traveling on New York Avenue, Washington, D. C. on May 16, 1968, by an individual resembling subject.

On May 17, 1968, ALBERTO VADIA, Executive, Pan American Land Development Corporation, 2300 Coral Way, Miami, Florida, advised SA JOHN J. MC BREEN that the above license was issued for a 1968 Pontiac GTO which is owned by him. The car is presently being used by his son, ALBERT VADIA, JR., 1831 Belmont Road, N.W., Apartment 301, Washington, D. C. His son is a Freshman student at Catholic University, Washington, D. C.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re Miami teletype to WFO with airmail copy
to Memphis, dated 5/17/68.

Enclosed for the Memphis Division are 15 copies
of an insert reflecting information furnished by ALBERTO
VADIA, Miami, Florida, on 5/17/68.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Memphis airtel to Miami, 5/20/68.

Referenced airtel requested Miami to immediately institute investigation to locate, identify and eliminate the look alike described by Mr. R. A. FLEMING, Sanford, Fla.

For the information of Memphis, Sanford, Fla., is located in the Tampa Division.

The attention of Memphis is directed to Miami teletype to Bureau and Tampa, with airmail copies to Memphis, dated 5/14/68, in which this lead was set out for the Tampa Division.

The attention of Memphis is further directed to Tampa airtel to Bureau dated 5/17/68, with subcaption "Suspect, Barber Shop, Sanford, Fla."

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND SACS, CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHTEEN AND NINETEEN,
SIXTYEIGHT, KNOXVILLE TEL TO BUREAU MAY NINETEEN, AND DETROIT
TEL TO BUREAU MAY TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION OF CINCINNATI AND CLEVELAND, THE
"LOS ANGELES TIMES" NEWSPAPER EDITOR RECEIVED INFORMATION
CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER FROM A SOURCE KNOWN AS BOB (LNU).
A SUMMARY OF A PORTION OF THIS INFO AND INFO DEVELOPED
SUBSEQUENTLY IS SET FORTH BELOW.

(ONE) ON THE DAY OF KILLING (APRIL FOUR), RAY SUPPOSEDLY
MADE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA. CALLS
BELIEVED TO BE MADE FROM BUS STATION. RAY SUPPOSEDLY USED
A TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD ISSUED TO U.S. RUBBER, DETROIT, IN
1 - Los Angeles (AM)

1 - Memphis (AM)

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NAME OF (FNU) RIDELL OR ROBERT BRINKLEY. RIDELL SUPPOSEDLY RESIDES HARBOR WOODS, MICH. SOME CALLS ON CARD REPORTEDLY MADE FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA.

(TWO) ON NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, RAY SUPPOSEDLY DRIVEN TO KANSAS CITY BY ONE EDDIE WILBURN OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. THE FOLLOWING DAY AT DUSK, RAY ALLEGEDLY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLA. IN A PRIVATE PLANE OWNED BY A WILLIAM PIERCE, A WEALTHY MAN WHO SUPPOSEDLY OWNS OR OPERATES AN AIRPORT IN BELLE GLADE AND WHO ONCE OWNED A CONTRACTING FIRM IN CUBA. PIERCE ALSO ALLEGEDLY OWNS A MOTEL AND COTTAGES IN BELLE GLADE OR THE OKEECHOBEE, FLA. AREA. PIERCE ALSO SUPPOSEDLY FLIES OFTEN TO NEW ORLEANS AND KNOWS JIM GARRISON. (SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION MIAMI DIVISION HAS FAILED TO DEVELOP ANY WILLIAM PIERCE, AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.)

RAY SUPPOSEDLY STAYED IN A MOTEL OR COTTAGE, LOCATION NOT INDICATED, AND ON APRIL ELEVEN, WAS TAKEN OUT TO SEA FROM KEY WEST, FLA. BY ONE BEN THOMPSON AND SUPPOSEDLY MAY NOW BE IN CUBA. (SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION MIAMI DIVISION

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LOS ANGELES DEVELOPED INFORMATION THAT A FRANK BRICKLEY AND ROBERT BRICKLEY, BROTHERS, AND POSSIBLY A SAM LEWIS, WHO ARE EX-CONVICTS AND HEAVY DRINKERS, MAY POSSIBLY BE INVOLVED IN FURNISHING THIS INFORMATION TO "LOS ANGELES TIMES," OR BE THE SUBJECTS OF INFORMATION FURNISHED TO THE "TIMES."

THE KNOXVILLE OFFICE DEVELOPED INFORMATION THAT FRANK BRICKLEY MAY BE FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY AKA WILLIAM ROY BRICKLEY, WILLIAM FRANKLIN BRICKLEY, WILLIAM FRANK BRICKLEY, WILLIAM ROY BUCKLEY, BILL ROBERT SHAW, BILL SHAW, BILLY SHAW, BILL R. SHAW, FBI NO. ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C, ORIGINALLY FROM CHATTANOOGA, TENN. AND WHO HAS AN EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD. HE WAS LAST KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA AND WAS RELEASED JAN. SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, UPON COMPLETION OF SENTENCE. TERRE HAUTE PRISON NO. TWO THREE SIX FOUR TWO DASH TH.

BRICKLEY DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]

AT CHATTANOOGA.

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TENN. OR VICINITY. HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, ONE FORTY TO ONE FORTYFIVE LBS., (IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE), EYES BROWN, HAIR BROWN, DIM TATTOO LEFT UPPER ARM.

INVESTIGATION AT DETROIT, MICH. INDICATES THAT R. H. MC KAY, INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS MANAGER, US RUBBER, DETROIT, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT INTERNAL CATERING FOR THAT COMPANY IS DONE BY RIDDELL INDUSTRIAL CATERERS. THAT COMPANY IS OWNED BY H. ROBERTSON "ROBERT" BRINKER AND HIS FATHER H. V. BRINKER.

ROBERTSON BRINKER, SIX ONE ROSLYN, GROSSE POINTE SHORES, MICH. ADVISED HE HOLDS A T&T CREDIT CARD NUMBER J EIGHT EIGHT ONE DASH ZERO ZERO FOUR SEVEN DASH ZERO EIGHT THREE WHICH IS MADE OUT TO ROBERTSON BRINKER. THE RIDDELL CATERING COMPANY DOES NOT HAVE A PHONE AND THERE IS NO CREDIT CARD IN THE NAME OF THAT COMPANY OR IN THE NAME OF RIDDELL.

ROBERTSON BRINKER SAID NEITHER HE NOR ANYONE ELSE HAS USED HIS TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD FOR ANY PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS. HE IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH FRANK OR ROBERT BRICKLEY AND HE COULD NOT EXPLAIN HOW THE INFORMANT COULD BE FAMILIAR

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WITH HIS POSSESSING A TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD OR WITH HIS CONNECTION TO THE RIDDELL CATERING COMPANY.

H.V. BRINKER, ROBERTSON'S FATHER, ADVISED THAT WHILE HE WAS IN BOCA RATON, FLORIDA FROM MARCH ONE THROUGH APRIL ONE LAST, HE TRADED AT A SUNOCO SERVICE STATION AT THE CORNER OF U.S. ONE AND PALM AIRE, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA. HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE EFFICIENCY OF A YOUNG WHITE MALE AT THE STATION. THE YOUNG MAN TOLD HIM HE HAD A BROTHER IN CLEVELAND IN THE TAILORING BUSINESS AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE BACK TO THE MIDWEST TO BE NEAR HIS BROTHER. MR. BRINKER TOLD THE YOUNG MAN HE RAN A CATERING SERVICE FOR U.S. RUBBER IN DETROIT AND SHOULD HE EVER WANT A JOB TO CALL HIM OR HIS SON ROBERT. HE GAVE THE YOUNG MAN ONE OF HIS BUSINESS CARDS WHICH READS, "RIDDELL FACTORY CATERING COMPANY, INDUSTRIAL CATERERS." HE COULD NOT REMEMBER IF HE WROTE ROBERT'S NAME ON THE CARD FOR THE BOY BUT WAS SURE HE TOLD HIM ROBERT'S NAME AND THAT THEY CATERED FOR U.S. RUBBER.

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THE PRECEEDING WAS THE ONLY EXPLANATION EITHER BRINKER COULD OFFER FOR THE INFORMANT KNOWING ABOUT A TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD IN THE NAME "ROBERT BRINKLEY" AND BRINKLEY'S CONNECTION WITH RIDDELL CATERING. BOTH EMPHATICALLY DENIED HAVING EVER LOST THEIR CREDIT CARDS OR LETTING ANOTHER PERSON USE THEM.

INVESTIGATION AT BOCA RATON, FLA. INDICATES THERE IS A SUNOCO SERVICE STATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. ONE AND ROYAL PALM ROAD OPERATED BY BERNARD IRELAND, JR. NO PALM AIRE ROAD EXISTS IN BOCA RATON. IRELAND ADVISED THAT HE EMPLOYED AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED DALE WHITMAN FOR A FEW WEEKS IN MARCH AND POSSIBLY EARLY APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT. WHITMAN'S MOTHER, MRS. GORDON YOST, LOCATED TROPIC GARDEN TRAILER PARK, SOUTH FEDERAL HIGHWAY, BOCA RATON, AND ADVISED HER SON DEPARTED SOUTH FLORIDA AREA FOR THE MIDDLE WEST ON MAY SEVEN, LAST. HE TOLD YOST AT THAT TIME HE WAS GOING TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT ELSEWHERE AS THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH FLORIDA WERE FEW. WHITMAN HAS NO BROTHERS. WHITMAN TOOK MOST OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS WITH HIM AND THOSE HE LEFT

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BEHIND YOST HAS SINCE THROWN AWAY.

WHITMAN HAS THREE UNCLES RESIDING IN OHIO WHO MAY KNOW HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS, ACCORDING TO HIS MOTHER: BYRD JAY LANE, FIVE ZERO NINE FOUR KUSZMAUL AVE., WARREN, OHIO, EMPLOYED BY GENERAL MOTORS, ROBERT LANE, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, WARREN, OHIO, EMPLOYED BY GENERAL MOTORS, AND NOAH LANE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, ADDRESS AND EMPLOYMENT UNKNOWN. BYRD JAY LANE SHOULD KNOW ADDRESSES OF ROBERT LANE AND NOAH LANE.

CLEVELAND, AT WARREN, OHIO, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE DALE WHITMAN THROUGH UNCLES BYRD JAY LANE AND ROBERT LANE AND THEREAFTER INTERVIEW WHITMAN OR SET FORTH LEADS TO HAVE WHITMAN INTERVIEWED FOR ANY INFORMATION HE HAS REGARDING FRANK OR BOB BRICKLEY, EDDIE WILBURN, WILLIAM PIERCE, BEN THOMPSON OR SAM LEWIS, AND ALL INFORMATION SET FORTH ABOVE. DETERMINE IF HE COULD BE BOB (LNU) AND IF HE RECALLS CONVERSATION WITH H.V. BRINKER AT SUNOCO STATION IN BOCA RATON, FLA. AND IF HE HAS BUSINESS CARD OF BRINKER IN HIS POSSESSION OR IF HE COULD HAVE PASSED BUSINESS CARD OF BRINKER ON TO ANYONE WHO COULD BE BOB (LNU).

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CINCINNATI, AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, LOCATE NOAH LANE AND
CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION AS SET FORTH FOR THE CLEVELAND
DIVISION.

MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES ADVISED BY AM.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM : SA RICHARD B. KELLOGG

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 5/22/68

Re telephone call from Supervisor HUNTER HELGESON, SOG, 5/16/68 concerning lead to contact Dr. RUTH TURRELL, North Palm Beach, Fla., re possible suspect this matter known to her. Dr. TURRELL had mentioned in a letter ~~XXXX~~ to her nephew, FBI Lab. Asst. JAMES M. WOLF, a patient of her who resembled RAY.

On 10/17/68 Dr. RUTH TURRELL, 928 Shore Drive, North Palm Beach, Florida, advised SA RICHARD B. KELLOGG that in her letter to her nephew, JAMES WOLF, she did not mean to indicate the patient she had in mind resembles RAY physically, as he does not, but only that the patient is psychologically capable of anything, and could have killed Dr. KING. Dr. TURRELL said when that person first contacted her, in her capacity as a marriage counselor, he gave the name FRANK MARCUS but later told her his name is really FRANK BENSCOTER. His wife's name was ALETA. She described BENSCOTER as about six feet tall, heavy or medium heavy build, who claims to be 31 but looks more like 41. She said he had dark hair and his right eye seemed to stray off or always point in the same direction. She said he does not resemble any of the photographs of RAY, and from information furnished her by BENSCOTER and his wife, they were either just arriving in West Palm Beach, Florida, or enroute from St. Louis, Mo., to West Palm Beach on 4/4/68.

Teletype sent to Bureau re this 5/17/68.

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RE: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For action

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

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA dated _____

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In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has under-written the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND MIAMI
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 3P

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MURKIN

ON MAY TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT, CV THREE FOUR SIX - C
WHOSE IDENTITY IS KNOWN TO THE BUREAU, ADVISED HIS WIFE HAS
JUST RETURNED FROM MIAMI, FLA. WHERE SHE SPENT THE PAST FOUR
MONTHS HELPING HER SISTER OPERATE THE DIAMOND INN, ONE TWO FOUR
TWO NINE WEST DIXIE HIGHWAY, NORTH MIAMI.

ACCORDING TO THE CI, DURING THE COURSE OF HIS WIFE'S
WORKING AT DIAMOND INN, SHE MET A MAN KNOWN ONLY AS ROLAND, WHO
FREQUENTED THE DIAMOND INN AND ALWAYS DRANK RUM AND COKE AND
ATTEMPTED TO DATE THE CI'S WIFE UNSUCCESSFULLY. ROLAND CLAIMED
TO BE A GRAND DRAGON IN THE KU KLUX KLAN (KKK) AND DISPLAYED A
KKK MEMBERSHIP CARD. ON ONE OCCASION, HE STATED HE HAD BEEN
QUESTIONED BY THE FBI AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES REGARDING "KILLING
NIGGERS" AND HAD SPECIFICALLY BEEN QUESTIONED ABOUT KILLING ONE
IN VIRGINIA BUT AUTHORITIES COULD NOT PROVE HE DID IT.

ACCORDING TO THE CI, TWO DAYS BEFORE THE MURDER OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, ROLAND ASKED THE CI'S WIFE TO GO WITH
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HIM TO MEMPHIS, TENN. AND HE WOULD SHOW HER HOW HE KILLED "NIGGERS". ROLAND LEFT AND WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN UNTIL ABOUT SEVEN THIRTY PM ON THE DAY OF KING'S DEATH WHEN HE WALKED INTO DIAMOND INN AND SAID, "SEE, WHAT DID I TELL YOU". HE THEN PROCEEDED TO STATE THAT ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, STOKELY CARMICHAEL AND RAP BROWN WERE ALSO SCHEDULED FOR ASSASSINATION. HE FURTHER STATED, "WE WILL TAKE CARE OF BOBBY KENNEDY SO HE WILL NEVER BECOME PRESIDENT."

ROLAND DRIVES A WHITE MUSTANG AND CLAIMS HE ALWAYS CARRIES A SHOTGUN AND MACHINE GUN IN THE CAR AND IS ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED BY A LARGE DOBERMAN PINCHER DOG WHO IS EXTREMELY VICIOUS. IN ADDITION, HE CLAIMS HIS WIFE, WHO WORKS IN A RESTAURANT AS A WAITRESS NEAR THE DIAMOND INN, IS ALSO ACTIVE IN THE KKK.

ROLAND REPORTEDLY GETS VIOLENT AFTER A FEW DRINKS AND LOUDLY EXPOUNDS HIS HATE FOR NEGROES, JEWS AND CATHOLICS AND ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, DISPLAYS A LARGE CONFEDERATE FLAG ON HIS CAR.

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THE CI'S WIFE WAS INTERVIEWED AND SHE VERIFIED THE ABOVE INFORMATION. SHE WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY BUT STATED ROLAND IN NO WAY RESEMBLED RAY. WHEN QUESTIONED WHY SHE HAD NOT REPORTED THIS INFORMATION EARLIER, SHE ADVISED SHE WAS FRIGHTENED AND WANTED TO WAIT AND DISCUSS IT WITH HER HUSBAND PRIVATELY AFTER LEAVING MIAMI.

ROLAND DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, FORTY YEARS, FIVE FOOT NINE INCHES, BROWN HAIR, HAZEL EYES, HIGH CHEEKBONES, HIGH FOREHEAD, POINTED NOSE, SWARTHY COMPLEXION, EMPLOYED AS AN AUTO MECHANIC AT THE CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH GARAGE IN NORTH MIAMI.

EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE USED IN PROTECTING THE IDENTITY OF THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION AS WELL AS THE FACT THE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM THE DIAMOND INN INASMUCH AS THE CI FEELS THAT HARM COULD COME TO EITHER HIS WIFE OR HIS SISTER-IN-LAW IN MIAMI.

MIAMI. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY ROLAND AND TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY HE COULD HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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P19 MIN PLS CORR

CORRS TIME SHD READ "PM" AND ON PG TWO LINE FIFTEEN WORD TWO SHD READ "LOUDLY"

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/8/68

HAZEL V. PEACOCK, 608 Hancock, Okeechobee, Florida, appeared at the office of the Fort Pierce Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and furnished the following information:

She is employed as a secretary at the Guidance Center of the Okeechobee School for Boys, Okeechobee, Florida.

At midnight, April 4, 1968, she received a collect telephone call from her ex-fiancee, DONALD JACKSON CARPENTER, from Birmingham, Alabama, advising that he and TERRANCE ALVIN SMITH were on the run and involved in the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Because of the nature of the call she made notes shortly thereafter of the conversation which are as follows:

She explained that the initials "D. C." stood for DONALD CARPENTER, "T.A.S." stood for TERRANCE ALVIN SMITH, and "M. L. K" stood for MARTIN LUTHER KING. She also explained that the statements in quotes were made by CARPENTER.

"Phone call at 12 midnight 4 April from Birmingham (collect) from D. C. (T. A. S. w/him, could hear him in background. I think one other man).

"Stated, 'We're on the run'. Why? - 'Haven't you been watching TV?' No- 'You mean you haven't heard the news?' No - 'Well - M.L.K. is dead'. Oh, No! What do you mean? --

"We did it. They're hot on our ass. You don't mean this. Don't kid me about this!

"Can you hide us out for a couple of weeks?

On 5/3/68 at Fort Pierce, Florida File # Miami 44-1854 - 616
by SAs RONALD TODD and HAROLD K. PARSON/RT:bab Date dictated 5/6/68

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"I don't know - No - Oh, I guess so.

"Do you know what you'd be charged with if we were found there? Yes, nothing. I don't believe you. Where are you?

"Birmingham - the cops went off to the north, but we're here, okay.

"When are you coming? Tomorrow night late. We get our money in Dothan, no, outside of Dothan (He was corrected as to location by TAS) tomorrow (5 April) and then we'll come to Okeechobee.

"You are serious, aren't you? How much is a job like this worth on the market today? \$100,000, split two ways.

"How could you do this?

"We need the money.

"It isn't worth it. How will you, an old Ga. boy, explain all that sudden wealth? You're crazy.

"Don't worry about it. Why is your voice shaking? I'm scared for you - I'm shaking all over.

"Us too. TERRY thought he missed. He (MLK) leaned over just as he fired, but he got him. He's dead.

"I still can't believe all this.

"Well, go to sleep. I'll be there tomorrow night. Let us do the worrying. I can't believe we could be so slick."

She stated that they did not come to see her nor have they contacted her since this telephone call.

She said she first met CARPENTER on January 23, 1968, through a mutual friend, SUSAN MORELAND, who works for the United Telephone Company in Okeechobee, Florida. At the time he was working for the Power Engineering Company in Okeechobee. He was closely associated with JIM O'NEAL who also worked for Power Engineering. CARPENTER suddenly left town on February 25, 1968, with a Mr. BARNES. They were allegedly going to Tampa, Florida, to see the head man of Union IBEW 102. CARPENTER never returned to Okeechobee although she subsequently talked to him several times by telephone. On or about February 11, 1968, she called him at the home of his ex-wife, Mrs. VIRGIL SALTER, in Americus, Georgia, telephone number 924-5133, and he advised that he was working for the Continental Telephone Company, Gray, Georgia. In the latter part of February he called from Terre Haute, Indiana, around two or three A.M., and advised that he had flown there with a friend and was snowed in. On either March 8 or 11, 1968, he called and advised that a friend of his by the name of TERRY SMITH was coming to Okeechobee, Florida, and would look her up. SMITH was also supposed to be working for Continental Telephone in Gray, Georgia. That was the first she had ever heard of TERRY SMITH.

TERRANCE ALVIN SMITH arrived at her apartment on March 20, 1968, accompanied by a hippie he had picked up in Tallahassee, Florida, by the name of BOB THIBODEAU, a French - Canadian. THIBODEAU left Okeechobee the following day. SMITH stayed in her three bedroom apartment until mid-afternoon March 25, 1968. He rarely left the apartment and was only gone for short periods. On Saturday night, March 23, 1968, he left the apartment carrying a black Samsonite attache case. He left at about 8 PM and did not return until almost 1:00 AM. She stated that he was almost hysterical and he mentioned something about almost being caught or that a witness had almost seen him. He had been drinking; however, he was not drunk. She said she recalled the initial "R" being on each side of the

handle of the briefcase. SMITH left Okeechobee sometime between 2 PM and 5 PM while she was at work. She said when she returned home shortly after 5 PM she found a note he had left her which is as follows:

'HAZEL,

"I had to split the scene. I knew I would as soon as my assignment was finished, but once you're in you're in and no way out until they are finished with you. I never know how long I'll be in one place but I knew this would be a short trip but I couldn't say anything. I wish I could be here to see your face when (don juan) DON arrives but it was impossible. I'm sure you will be very happy (but for how long). Never base your happiness on the future, only excitement comes from thinking of the future; happiness is the present, but ----- who knows the future? A person can talk himself into believing anything or thinking it possible unless he asks why? or how? I have my own thoughts about you and DON, there are many things I could say and tell you because I've seen it happen time and time again but maybe it will be different this time, only time will tell as always. I'm not trying to discourage you but stop wishing and start doing, keep your self-confidence it will always pull you through.

"I'll contact you within a week to see what happen. Well, good-bye, wish I could take you with me to see the many wonders of the world, in actions, -----people.

/s/ "A friend,

"TS

"A thought.....

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"Life can be very short, live it for yourself, don't sacrifice your feeling for something unless you have the ace.

"Atlas Shrugged"
JOHN GALT speaking --

"Happiness is not to be achieved at the command of emotional whims. Happiness is not the satisfaction of whatever irrational wishes you might blindly attempt to indulge. Happiness is a state of non-contradictory joy - a joy without penalty or guilt, a joy that does not clash with any of your values and does not work for your own destruction, not the joy of escaping from your mind, but of using your mind's fullest power, not the joy of falsing reality, but of achieving values that are real, not the joy of a drunkard, but of a producer. Happiness is possible only to a rational man, the man who desires nothing but rational goals, seeks nothing but rational values, and finds his joy in nothing but rational actions."

She said he was an avid reader and enjoyed James Bond type novels. She recalled that one of the main characters in one of the novels was called ERIC. She said his favorite novel was "Atlas Shrugged" and he often quoted the main character, JOHN GALT.

She received a call from CARPENTER on March 29th and he described how he was going to help SMITH do a little job outside of Atlanta. Apparently they were going to kill a former member of their group whom they thought might talk. CARPENTER described how he could be electrocuted without causing any suspicions. It was at this time CARPENTER mentioned that he had a briefcase like SMITH's with the initial "R" on each side of the handle. She said she believed he was calling from Gray, Georgia.

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She furnished the following description of
CARPENTER:

Name	DONALD JACKSON CARPENTER
Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Date of birth	[REDACTED] (She
	said his service records
	say 1941)
Height	5'9 - 10"
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Blue (bloodshot)
Occupation	Welder
Education	Attended schools in Leslie, Ga.
Parents	Mother - ALICE CARPENTER, Leslie, Ga. Father - Deceased.

She furnished the following description of
SMITH:

Name	TERRANCE ALVIN SMITH
Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Height	6'
Weight	172
Hair	Sandy
Eyes	Blue - gray
Speech	Spoke with strong southern accent.
Occupation	Communications and electronics worker
Education	Attended schools in Marianna, Fla.
Parents	Father - Name unknown; operates Smith Servicenter in Marianna, Fla.

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REPORTING OFFICE MIAMI	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/23/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/9 - 5/22/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (Deceased) - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY DAVID N. JELLISON	TYPED BY jth
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCES: Bureau airtel to all SACs and Legats, dated 5/7/68.
Miami airtel to Memphis, 5/16/68.
Memphis airtel to Miami, 5/20/68.

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- ADMINISTRATIVE -

In accordance with Bureau instructions, all leads in this case are being handled within 24 hours and all leads are being set forth by telephone, teletype and airtel.

An information copy of this report is being furnished the Birmingham Office in view of the fact that the Bureau advised all offices by teletype dated April 7, 1968, to furnish results of investigation to the Bureau, Memphis and Birmingham.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED None						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:	
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED <i>JH</i>						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
COPIES MADE:						DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW		
2 - Bureau (44-38861) (RM)						44	1854	617
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)						Searched <i>RP</i>		
2 - Kansas City (RM)						Serialized <i>RP</i>		
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info) (RM)						Filed <i>RP</i>		
2 - Miami (44-1854)								
Dissemination Record of Attached Report						Notations		
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All potential bombing suspects in the Miami Division were eliminated as being identical with subject, through physical observation and the fact their whereabouts were known at the time of the commission of the crime.

- INFORMANTS -

In accordance with the instructions set out in Bureau teletype to all SACs, dated April 22, 1968, and Memphis airtel to Knoxville, dated April 7, 1968, all criminal informants and appropriate racial and security informants were contacted relative to any information concerning this matter.

By teletype dated April 26, 1968, the Bureau advised that on February 26, 1965, the Los Angeles "Herald Examiner" stated in effect that KEITH D. GILBERT, a Minuteman, had dynamite, was a racist, and was a threat to the life of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The same communication stated that on March 5, 1965, MM 607-R advised that EARL LINDER, 2521 N. W. 23rd Street, Miami, told him that they would not make the same mistake again and next time a high powered rifle would be used on KING.

By teletype dated April 29, 1968, the Miami Office advised the Bureau and Memphis as follows:

IRA DAVID HAWTHORNE, JR. (former MM 1081-R), who resides directly behind EARL LINDER in Miami, was contacted April 26, 1968, and April 29, 1968. He advised he has almost daily contact with LINDER, who has not expressed any unusual interest in or knowledge of KING's death. He said LINDER has not taken any recent extended trips from the Miami area and there has been no unusual activity around LINDER's home. He said LINDER's main interest presently seems to center around a "conservative church group" from South Carolina. He said LINDER is getting old, not in good health, and appears to have some financial problems and therefore his activities have been limited.

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