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Date: **May 21, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
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To: All SACs
LEGATS, Mexico City
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.

44-578-242

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TO: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Pittsburgh airtel to Jacksonville 5-13-68.

On 5-17-68 Mr. HARVEY COBB, Owner, L & M Cylinders, 2078 Lane Avenue North, Jacksonville, Florida, was contacted and interviewed regarding two possible past employees of L & M Cylinder known as "RED" (LNU) and (FNU) FOLKS.

Mr. COBB advised that "RED'S" real name is CHARLES EDWARD UNDERHILL, 2606 Orchard Street, Jacksonville, Florida. UNDERHILL was employed at L & M Cylinders from June until August, 1966, and it was obvious to Mr. COBB that UNDERHILL was a militant hater of the Negro race. Mr. COBB further advised that he had no record for a past employee having the last name FOLKS and feels sure he has never hired anyone by that name.

Mr. COBB stated that a close friend of "RED" (UNDERHILL's) at the time they were working for him was PAUL BRADY DYAL, 275 Willowbranch Street, Jacksonville, Florida. DYAL worked for L & M Cylinders from May until August, 1966, and was also quite adamant for his hatred for the Negro race.

Mr. COBB was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated definitely that neither Mr. UNDERHILL nor Mr. DYAL in any way resembled RAY.

- ② - Pittsburgh
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It is felt that (FNU) FOLKS, the name mentioned by CLARENCE BASHAM in referenced airtel, in undoubtedly WARREN FOLKS, a well-known and outspoken segregationist and former member of the Ku Klux Klan in the Jacksonville area. Mr. FOLKS' activities have been closely followed by the Jacksonville Office for many months and his whereabouts on the evening that MARTIN LUTHER KING was shot have been established. Furthermore, Mr. FOLKS in no way resembles various photographs of suspect, JAMES EARL RAY.

Armed and Dangerous

FBI

Date: 5/20/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

RE: MURKIN
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Re Butel, 4/25/68, to El Paso, Houston and San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company the long-distance calls placed at each public telephone on Highway 90 and Interstate Highway 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67. Subject reportedly made eight long-distance telephone calls while in Texas.

Set forth by field divisions are some of the telephone calls made from the San Antonio Division, 12/15-17/67, which were obtained from available Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records. The various field division will determine from the subscriber or person receiving the call, the identity of the caller. If the caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain

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all available information. Further, determine if the subscriber or the person receiving the call has any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to furnish Legat, Mexico City two copies of this airtel and set forth the same lead for Legat, Mexico as set forth for the other recipient offices listed above.

<u>DATE</u> <u>LEGAT, MEXICO</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
12/16/67	223-8252	1227	Sabinas, Coahuila, Mexico
12/17/67	278-9068	1250	Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico
12/15/67	223-7920	427056	Records show to "Lerdo, Mex." Place "Monty"
12/16/67	223-8252	427056	Monterrey, Mexico
12/17/67	223-8252	468515	Mexico City
<u>ALBUQUERQUE</u>			
12/16/67	563-9704	505-877-9947	To JENNY SHOUP
<u>ATLANTA</u>			
12/15/67	875-9087	404-544-2190	Columbus, Georgia
<u>BALTIMORE</u>			
12/15/67	563-9793	301-675-0381	
12/16/67	563-9719	301-675-0381	
<u>CHICAGO</u>			
12/16/67	223-8252	312-847-4122	
12/16/67	432-9322	312-533-1084	

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
<u>DALLAS</u>			
12/16/67	278-9012	214-247-6949	
12/17/67	432-9277	214-295-5689	
12/16/67	278-9194	214-351-6970	
12/15/67	223-8148	214-374-6379	
12/15/67	278-9041	214-465-0015	
12/15/67	278-9086	214-748-5851	
12/17/67	278-9194	806-362-7797	
12/16/67	278-9030	806-364-0709	
12/16/67	278-9066	806-364-4789	
12/15/67	223-0300	806-373-1108	
12/15/67	223-7271	806-385-5322	
12/17/67	278-9068	806-765-5963	
<u>DENVER</u>			
12/17/67	379-9059	303-641-1586	Gunnison, Colorado
<u>DETROIT</u>			
12/17/67	379-9953	517-867-3781	Gustine
12/17/67	432-9447	616-236-5598	Miss SNEAA WATKINS Tolman, Michigan
<u>INDIANAPOLIS</u>			
12/15/67	674-9919	317-473-7263	

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
12/15/67	875-9079	317-963-2331	Sharpstown, Indiana
12/17/67	379-9925	219-456-2832	Fort Wayne, Indiana

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling No.</u>	<u>Called No.</u>	<u>Place and/or Person Called</u>
<u>JACKSON</u>			
12/17/67	674-9919	601-475-7722	
12/17/67	432-9005	601-762-3813	
<u>JACKSONVILLE</u>			
12/17/67	875-9055	904-433-1459	Pensacola, Fla.
<u>KANSAS CITY</u>			
12/15/67	674-9761	913-539-4300	
<u>LITTLE ROCK</u>			
12/16/67	223-7271	501-375-6561	
12/16/67	432-9005	501-624-4536	VELMA THOMPSON
12/17/67	432-9277	501-835-3481	WORKMAN
<u>LOS ANGELES</u>			
12/15/67	223-8266	213-231-5482	
12/17/67	988-7491	213-429-9378	
12/17/67	223-7271	213-663-3675	
12/16/67	379-9092	714-540-7240	Santa Ana, Calif.
<u>MEMPHIS</u>			
12/15/67	223-8080	901-947-1819	Memphis, to RUBY SIMONS or SIMORS
<u>NEW HAVEN</u>			
12/17/67	223-7689	203-754-6121	Waterbury, Conn., from Miss JAMES, Room 319, Palace Hotel

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Calling No.</u>	<u>Called No.</u>	<u>Place and/or Person Called</u>
<u>NEW YORK</u>			
12/16/67	432-9407	212-588-7147	
12/16/67	379-9059	914-343-3240	Middletown, N.Y.
<u>OKLAHOMA CITY</u>			
12/17/67	674-9919	405-771-3268	
<u>OMAHA</u>			
12/17/67	379-9084	515-388-4928	
<u>PITTSBURGH</u>			
12/17/67	432-9595	304-727-8137	St. Albans, West Virginia
<u>SAN FRANCISCO</u>			
12/17/67	223-7765	415-654-4366	

Unless pertinent information is developed during the course of the investigation requested above which pertains to the San Antonio Division, it is not necessary to advise the San Antonio Division of the results.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)

FROM : SA CYRIL J. LAFFEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/24/68

Rememo of SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS dated 5/21/68.

On instant date, Mr. CARMEN PERNA, Deputy Coroner, Westmoreland County Coroner's Office, Westmoreland County Court House Building, Greensburg, Pa., advised a review of the records of that office has disclosed no unidentified bodies having been reported to his office subsequent to April 4, 1968 with the exception of one fetus, possibly resulting from a miscarriage.

Mr. PERNA was furnished background and descriptive data re JAMES EARL RAY IO #4182 and WF #442-A, and PERNA said he would immediately notify the FBI in the event any such information comes to his attention or any unidentified bodies of similar descriptive data are reported to the WCCO.

Mr. PERNA requested the Westmoreland County Coroner's Office Westmoreland County Court House Building, Greensburg, Pa. 15601, be placed on the FBI IO mailing list.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-578) P

FROM : SA WILLIAM T. HENDON, JR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/24/68

Rememo of SA CURTIS dated 5/21/68

The following individuals were conatcted 5/24/68 regarding any unidentified dead persons who may have died since 4/5/68. All of these individuals checked their records and found no unidentified bodies. They will be alert for same and notify the FBI if any come to their attention:

Donald Smith Sheriff Indiana Co.
Mrs Jane Jacoby sec'ty Coroner's office Indiana Co.
Sheriff Joe Frick Armstrong Co
Jack Kennedy Coroner, Armstrong Co.
Paul Evans Sheriff Jefferson Co and acting Coroner

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1115PM URGENT 5/7/68 LCC
TO MOBILE CLEVELAND MEMPHIS
FROM DIRECTOR 2P

MURKIN

ON NIGHT OF MAY SEVEN, INSTANT, INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS BOB CONROY, ALLIANCE, OHIO, WHO DECLINED TO FURNISH STREET ADDRESS, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BUREAU AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION. AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT THIRTY P.M., MAY SEVEN, INSTANT, HE OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL WHO RESEMBLED JAMES EARL RAY DRIVING AN OLD CAR POSSIBLY A CHRYSLER PRODUCT, APPLE GREEN IN COLOR, BEARING WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE ALABAMA LICENSE TWO SEVEN ONE SEVEN EIGHT SIX FOUR. LICENSE HAD A RED BACKGROUND WITH LIGHT NUMERALS. THIS INDIVIDUAL STOPPED AND WENT INTO TURNER'S DRUGSTORE NEXT TO CITY SQUARE ON MAIN STREET IN ALLIANCE AND AFTER A FEW MINUTES CAME OUT AND DROVE OFF HEADED EAST ON MAIN STREET. INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYFIVE - FORTY, FIVE FEET ELEVEN, ONE EIGHTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, APPEARED TO BE DYED, VERY DARK TAN COMPLEXION. CONROY OBSERVED WHITE

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FEMALE IN CAR BUT COULD DESCRIBE HER AS ONLY HAVING A LOT OF DARK COLORED BROWN OR BLACK HAIR. HE OBSERVED SOME CLOTHES HANGING IN THE REAR OF THE CAR.

MOBILE ASCERTAIN TO WHOM ABOVE ALABAMA LICENSE ISSUED AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO DETERMINE IF MALE OCCUPANT COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

CLEVELAND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT TURNER'S DRUGSTORE, INCLUDING DISPLAY OF SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH, IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY ABOVE PERSON.

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11:30PXXAM URGENT 5/8/68 WGL

TO: BUREAU (44-38861) AND CLEVELAND

FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. CR. OO: ME.

RE ALA. LICENSE TWO SEVEN DASH ONE SEVEN EIGHT SIX FOUR,
SEEN ALLIANCE, OHIO, MAY SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE BUTEL MO AND CV, ELEVEN FIFTEEN P. M. MAY SEVEN LAST.

ALA. LICENSE TWO DASH SEVEN ONE SEVEN EIGHT SIX FOUR AN
IMPOSSIBLE NUMBER.

MAY EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, MRS. MABEL BAILEY, LICENSE CLERK,
DALLAS COUNTY, ALA. PROBATE COURT, ADVISED THAT SIXTYEIGHT ALA.
LICENSE TWO SEVEN DASH ONE SEVEN EIGHT SIX FOUR IS ISSUED TO
WALLACE GREATHOUSE, RT. ONE, SELMA, ALA., FOR A FIFTYNINE PONTIAC,
TWO DOOR CATALINA, VIN ONE FIVE NINE T FOUR SIX FIVE SEVEN,
COLOR NOT RECORDED. THIS TAG WAS MAILED TO GREATHOUSE, JAN.
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ONE LAST, CARE OF GENERAL DELIVERY, PEACH ORCHARD BRANCH,
AUGUSTA, GA.

THIS LICENSE HAD BEEN ORDERED BY MAIL AND IN ORDERING THE
TAG GREATHOUSE SAID HE WAS EMPLOYED WITH JAMES H. DREW SHOWS
IN TRAVEL STATUS.

CLEVELAND REFER TO MOLET TO ALL OFFICES TWELVE NINETEEN,
SIXTYSEVEN, CAPTIONED, ALA. CAR, ITSMV MATTERS, WHICH SET OUT
INFORMATION CONCERNING MAIL ORDER TAGS ISSUED IN SEVERAL ALA.
COUNTIES. IT IS NOTED THAT PERSON ORDERING MAIL ORDER TAG
MUST ONLY IDENTIFY HIMSELF AS EMPLOYED IN THE ENTERTAINMENT
BUSINESS OR THE MILITARY AND FURNISH ADDRESS WHERE TAG IS TO
BE MAILED.

CLEVELAND DETERMINE IF JAMES H. DREW SHOWS OPERATING IN
THE ALLIANCE, OHIO, AREA, AND CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION
TO LOCATE AND ELIMINATE GREATHOUSE.

NO INSERT BEING SUBMITTED BY MOBILE.

AM COPY MEMPHIS.

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END.

KJMS

FBI WASH DC

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FBI-Cleveland

5/9/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

ALA. LICENSE 27-17864
SEEN ALLIANCE, OHIO, 5/7/68

Reference is made to Bureau teletype to Mobile, Cleveland and Memphis, 11:15 p.m., 5/7/68, and Mobile teletype to the Bureau and Cleveland, Airmail copy to Memphis, 11:30 a.m., 5/18/68.

Enclosed herewith for Savannah is one copy each of the above-referenced teletypes.

By teletype dated 5/9/68, Cleveland advised that witnesses at Turner Drug Store, Alliance, Ohio, advised that the individual who appeared at the drug store was not identical to RAY. Cleveland also advised that there were no carnivals operating in the Alliance, Ohio, area at present and set forth lead for Mobile at Selma, Ala., to locate and interview WALLACE GREATHOUSE, Rt. 1, for the process of elimination.

As pointed out in Mobile teletype, 5/8/68, Ala. license [redacted] was issued to GREATHOUSE, Rt. 1, Selma, Ala., as a result of a mail order and was forwarded to him, care of General Delivery, Peach Orchard Branch, Augusta, Ga.

3-Bureau
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MO 157-2627

Reference was made to Mobile letter to all Offices, 12/19/67, captioned: "ALA. CAR; ITSMV MATTERS", which set forth information concerning mail order tags which are issued in three Ala. counties within the Mobile Div. These tags may be ordered by letter, wire or telephone or in person and are sent to whatever address is indicated if the person identifies himself as being in the entertainment field or in the military service. A route address is issued on the tag receipt.

This being a mail order tag, there is no indication that GREATHOUSE has been in Selma, Ala., or Dallas County, and in the absence of such information, there is no investigation to be made by the Mobile Office in an effort to locate GREATHOUSE.

SAVANNAH. Will attempt to locate WALLACE GREATHOUSE through General Delivery, Peach Orchard Branch, Augusta, Ga., in order that he may be contacted to determine if he could possibly be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

CLEVELAND. Will contact sources at Alliance, Ohio, to develop address of complainant BOB CONROY and interview him in person concerning the individual seen by him.

In the event this investigation at Cleveland and Savannah does not result in location of WALLACE GREATHOUSE, it is suggested that Cleveland attempt to trace him through the James H. Drews Shows by contact with "Billboard Magazine", Cincinnati, Ohio.

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FBI

Date: 5/14/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Mobile airtel to Bureau 5/9/68.

Alabama License 27-17864
Seen Alliance, Ohio 5/7/68

On 5/9/68, Mr. ROBERT T. CONROY, 815 Parkway Avenue, Alliance, Ohio, was contacted. CONROY indicated he had telephoned the FBI in Washington, after he had seen a man who resembled RAY, coming out of Turner's Drugstore, Alliance, Ohio. CONROY stated that he was downtown, driving in his own car when he observed this individual, who appeared to be, or at least resembled RAY. He stated he went around the dock, came back and copied a license number after he observed this man enter an old green vehicle which he believed to be a Chrysler product. This license was copied down by himself and he then telephoned the FBI in Washington giving them the details as he recalled same. In regards to distance, CONROY said that he was on the opposite side of the street when this man left the drugstore and he again observed him after driving around the block from a distance of 30 or so feet, but did not get a good view, since the man was in the car. CONROY was not absolutely sure that this individual was RAY, however, indicated he wished to aid the FBI in any conceivable way possible, therefore, had immediately or soon thereafter telephoned Washington. CONROY had no additional information to add to the above facts or to elaborate on the information furnished Washington.

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2 - Cleveland

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SAVANNAH

AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

In above referenced communication, Mobile advised that if investigation at Cleveland and Savannah does not result in the location of WALLACE GREATHOUSE it is suggested that attempts be made to trace him through the James H. Drews Shows by contact with the Billboard Magazine, Cincinnati, Ohio be set out.

Inasmuch as Cleveland was unable to obtain any additional information in this matter, in its interview with BOB CONROY, Savannah if unable to locate GREATHOUSE, will set out the lead to contact Billboard Magazine, Cincinnati, Ohio.

5/31/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1766) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Alabama License 27-17884
Seen Alliance, Ohio 5/7/68

Enclosed to Pittsburgh for background information
are the following:

Bureau teletype to Mobile dated 5/7/68
Mobile teletype to Bureau dated 5/8/68
Mobile airtel to Bureau dated 5/9/68
Cleveland airtel to Bureau dated 5/14/68

The following investigation was conducted at
Augusta, Ga., by SA HOWARD D. COLLINS:

On 5/17/68 JOHN RIVERS, Manager, and JOHN HADSON,
Assistant Manager, U. S. Post Office, Peach Orchard Branch,
south of Augusta, advised that their records were negative
concerning WALLACE GHEATHOUSE, who listed his address as
General Delivery at that station. Both stated he was unfamiliar
to them.

Both explained that it was possible this individual
was a carnival worker for JAMES H. BREN who lives about five miles
south of that station on Peach Orchard Road near Greewood, Ga.,

- 2- Bureau
- 2- Pittsburgh (Encls. 4)
- 2- Memphis (44-1987)
- 1- Cleveland (44-565) (Info)
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Will interview GRIFFITHS to verify that he is driving an old Chrysler product, bearing captioned Alabama tag.

Will contact JAMES H. TERRY, Texas State, a native of Augusta and who has been most cooperative in the past, to determine if WALLACE GRIFFITHS is known to him and/or whether he might be considered to be identical with JAMES TERRY.

AT CHARLESTON, S. C.**PITTSBURGH DIVISION**

LEADS:

On 5/30/68 WILLIAM HORTLAND, Richmond County, Georgia, advised he received a call from JAMES H. TERRY concerning a license for the Exchange Club in Augusta and learned that TERRY was staying at the Holiday Inn at Charleston, S. C., for this week. He was playing shopping centers around Charleston, S. C., for the next week or two days following 5/30/68 and could be contacted at Area Code 803 343-1521.

On 5/16/68 HON. FRANCIS KIRK, Credit Bureau of Augusta, Ga., and HON. WILLIAM K. KIRKMAN, Board of Directors, both advised a search of their records failed to locate any names identifiable with GRIFFITHS.

On 5/17/68 HON. HARRY, operator of the club is and a fellow who, who is familiar with several workers who winter quarter in Augusta, Ga., advised that WALLACE GRIFFITHS was unfamiliar to him. He did not know the itinerary for the three days of the show, a present whereabouts.

On 5/17/68 efforts to contact JAMES H. TERRY were negative, the telephone explaining that he was on the road with a show up north and his whereabouts was unknown.

and received his call from that station, namely, discussed.

BY 44-1768

King Killer Eludes Wide FBI Hunt

By Drew Pearson
and Jack Anderson

The FBI's failure to apprehend the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King has led to reports that J. Edgar Hoover is not interested in catching the murderer. The reports are based partly on the fact that Hoover and King were not on good terms, Hoover having publicly branded King as "the most notorious liar in the world."

We have checked into the operations of the FBI in this respect and are convinced that it is conducting perhaps the most painstaking exhaustive manhunt ever before undertaken in the United States. Its G-men have checked every bar ever patronized by James Earl Ray, every flophouse he ever stopped at, every cantina in Mexico he ever visited. It has collected an amazing array of evidence, all linking Ray with the murder.

That he has not been found may be due, first, to the possibility that he himself was murdered by those who hired him to kill Dr. King; or, second, that he is hiding in some remote Mexican village.

If he has money — and apparently he had — Ray might be able to live in a distant part of Mexico indefinitely. The Mexico City police are efficient and co-operative, but police in the remote areas are not. In some villages few Mexicans can read or write, and

radio news of the outside world does not penetrate.

Studied Crime Fiction

What the FBI has established about King's assassin was that he was a professional killer who had studied the suspense writing of Ian Fleming and Ayn Rand. His pseudonym, Eric Starvo Galt, for instance, was taken from both authors.

Yet, while a student of crime he was also a bungler. For he left behind the murder rifle with his fingerprints on it and, wrapped around the rifle a bedspread which contained strands of his hair. He also left behind a blue zipper bag containing a brush with hair matching those on the bedspread.

All the evidence we have been able to gather points to the probability that Ray was hired to kill Dr. King. He broke out of the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, after boasting to fellow prisoners that he intended to make a big "score" on the outside. He remarked to one inmate that he might try to collect a rumored \$1 million bounty that supposedly had been offered by "a businessmen's group" for the death of Dr. King.

Four months later, on Aug. 30, 1967, he opened a safe deposit box in the Birmingham Trust National Bank and suddenly began passing out crisp \$20 bills like a big spender.

He paid \$499 for dancing instruction, then quit after only a few lessons. He spent \$395 for mail-order photographic equipment that he didn't know how to operate.

He shelled out money for a bartending course, but showed no interest in working behind any bar. He also took a course in lock-picking from a correspondence school in Michigan. His white Mustang cost \$1995, which he paid in cash. He drove it from Mexico to Montreal, from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Occasionally he slipped \$20 to bar girls and prostitutes. In Mexico he lived with a prostitute in small towns like Jalisco and Puerto Vallarta where prices were cheap. Once he posed in sun glasses for a picture with his Mexican prostitute. In Los Angeles, he advertised in the hippie newspaper that he would like to meet "a passionate married woman." He also paid \$1 to the Swinger's Club for the names and addresses of five girls.

All told, Ray spent an estimated \$10,000 in seven months. Yet he never held a job, and committed no crimes following his escape from the Missouri penitentiary that the FBI has discovered. Previously he had been involved in a long list of filling station and other robberies. But after his escape he became a loner, in some respects became another Lee Harvey Oswald. Meanwhile, he sought to establish

a new identity as Eric Starvo Galt.

Careful Plans

It seems likely that Ray planned the murder of Dr. King for several months. He finally purchased the Remington rifle in Birmingham on March 30, then moved to a boarding house in Atlanta. In his room, agents found a map of Atlanta with four locations circled.

They were Dr. King's residence, his headquarters at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Ray's boarding house and the spot where he abandoned his Mustang after the murder. In the middle of the map was also a clear thumbprint from Ray's right thumb.

Evidently, Ray changed his mind about waylaying King in Atlanta and followed him to Memphis instead.

If white extremists put up the blood money it was probably not the Ku Klux Klan or the Minute Men, for they are an impatient lot who would not have waited for several months for Ray to get results.

Black extremists have also not been ruled out. They might have sought to get rid of King in order to remove the prophet of nonviolence.

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No Trust in Hoover

The search for the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is more than a manhunt for James Earle Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt. For the search is that of a troubled nation trying to locate its soul, of a republic in search of its own value system.

Presidential aspirant Hubert Humphrey came close to the truth a few days ago when he said we are not lost, that

we are a nation growing up and trying to find better ways. The assassination of Dr. King has intensified the search for better ways and I suspect there will be a good deal of foundation shaking, in high places at that, before the entire matter is put to rest.

I am speaking specifically of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its director, J. Edgar Hoover.

It is open public knowledge that Hoover deeply disliked Martin Luther King. He once referred to King as "the most notorious liar in the nation." Now Hoover is called upon to locate King's assassin.

There are a few black people indeed who believe Hoover will work overtime in this search. This feeling is not without some foundation; either the FBI is inept or the bungling of the King case is intentional.

►The FBI issued a report that James Earle Ray took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964-65. The FBI's own files show that Ray was in prison at the time.

►Somebody, somehow, managed to circulate the wrong fingerprints for Ray. Up until the latter part of this week the Georgia Bureau of Investigations had wrong prints for Ray; had he been arrested in Atlanta on the day he abandoned the white Mustang he would not have been identified as Ray.

►The FBI has pre-empted local police from the case by declaring the King murder a conspiracy. Thus the full burden of the investigation rests with the FBI. It guards it jealously; King has been dead a month now and the FBI is yet to ask the cooperation of the Los Angeles police department. Yet Ray lived in Los Angeles for several months and it is known that he made at least three trips from Los Angeles to New Orleans and that he carried a Los Angeles

man with him on one occasion.

►Shortly after I discovered telephone booths in Los Angeles from which Ray allegedly made phone calls, the FBI moved in and confiscated the telephone company records. They and only they know what those records reveal.

LET ME make it plain, very plain: America's blacks never have and do not now trust either J. Edgar Hoover or the FBI. Those of us who have been assigned to cover civil rights stories in the South know all too well how much the FBI can fumble when it does not wish to solve a case.

The suspicion is defended by the fact that the FBI "leaked" a story to newsmen that suggested that a Negro with an animus toward King was behind the assassination. The story was completely false, but if newsmen had written it, Dr. King would have been smeared even in his grave.

The FBI attempt to discredit the dead civil rights leader was so blatant that even white reporters who knew of the story recoiled in fury.

J. Edgar Hoover would do his nation a great service if he were to admit publicly his dislike for Dr. King and then share the hunt for the assassin with a less prejudiced agency.

Perhaps the cause of justice would be better served if the investigation was placed under the guidance of a Warren-type commission composed of both black and whites.

The murder of Dr. King was an organized and well planned exercise. This was not the deed of "some white nut." Rather there is a sense in which society itself committed the act; and it is certain that powerful men in American society were part of the deed most foul.

Unlike Caesar's wife, J. Edgar Hoover is not above reproach when it comes to the civil rights issue. Let Hoover then clear the air by either removing himself from the investigation or sharing the hunt with men and organizations that command the faith of those whose cause King championed.

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515 Temple St May 14, 1968
Hinton W. Va 25951

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.
Mr J. Edgar Hoover
Dear Sir:

Enclosed Clipping from our 'so-called'
"State Newspaper" (?) which I would like
to see answered by you or your
department. Our "so-called" State Newspaper
seems to thrive on taking "Crack" at you.
Donator Robt C. Byrd et. al. (Arch Moore, recently.)

Perhaps your attention had been called to the enclosed
and you considered the source beneath your
taking issue - in arguments.

However some of us in this state
are getting tired of the "hitting-below-the-belt".
So often apparent in this paper.

Submitted for your consideration.

Yours respect fully

A. F. Senty

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May 20, 1968

Mr. A. F. Sentz
515 Temple Street
Hinton, West Virginia 25951

Dear Mr. Sentz:

It was very thoughtful of you to write on May 14th regarding the Lomax column you enclosed. I share your disdain over his type of "journalism" which is based on distorted, malicious and false information.

In view of your interest and concern, I am enclosing a copy of an article by other columnists who do not hold the same opinion as Lomax about the extent and thoroughness of the FBI's investigation of the murder of Martin Luther King. This particular column was written by columnists who are syndicated by the same newspaper company as Lomax. I can assure you that this Bureau is making every effort to apprehend the killer.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

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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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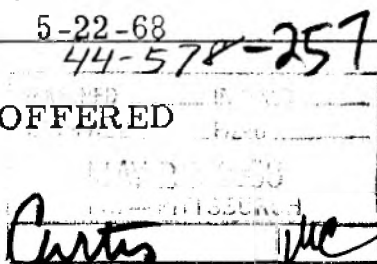
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Date 5-22-68

RE: MURKIN

PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED



- ☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____
- ☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
- ☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks: ReBulet 5-20-68.

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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UNITED STATES MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL AGENTS

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau airtels to all SACs dated 5/10 and 5/21/68,
and Bureau Radiogram dated 5/22/68.

For the information of All Agents, JAMES EARL RAY
took a bartending course in Los Angeles, Calif., during the
early part of 1968. During this same period of time, RAY
attempted to obtain employment with several country clubs in
the Los Angeles area.

RAY has also been known to consort with prostitutes
and "straight bums." He has also been known to stay in lower
class rooming houses and "flophouses."

This information should be born in mind by all
Agents when in contact with informants, officers of local
vice squads, prostitutes, contacts with bartenders and
country clubs.

LEADS

RESIDENT AGENTS

All Resident Agents are requested to contact local
Salvation Army Establishments and other charitable missions
and furnish them copies of identification orders in view of
RAY formerly residing at similar type establishments.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL RESIDENT AGENTS
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FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

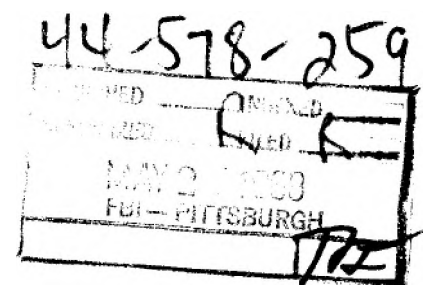
Date: 5/27/68

Re All Agents Memo dated 4/24/68.

All Resident Agents are requested to submit by routing slip the number of man hours, regular and overtime, and mileage, actual or estimated, traveled in connection with captioned case for the month of May. These routing slips should reach SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS by 5/31/68.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 4/25/68, Rev. HAL ROBINSON, Bidwell Presbyterian Church, 1509 Bidwell St., advised the writer that he had met an individual in a restaurant earlier that day who had confided in him that he had information regarding the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Rev. ROBINSON did not know this individual's name, but stated that he resided in Room 404 at the North Side YMCA.

On 4/25/68, it was determined that CHARLES E. RUMFORD resided in Room 404 at the North Side YMCA. RUMFORD was not in, and attempts to contact him were negative until 5/14/68.

On 5/14/68, RUMFORD was interviewed and advised that he had been in contact with one JAMES A. POUNCEY, 216 S. Albany, Tampa, Fla., who had told him that KING was going to be assassinated three weeks before the assassination occurred. RUMFORD stated that he had previously furnished all this information to SAs CHARLES HUGHES and GARDNER at the St. Petersburg, Fla., Resident Agency.

RUMFORD then proceeded to ramble on about his political career and the governors and judges that he knew. He also stated that he had attempted to see President JOHNSON several weeks ago, and as a result, was locked up in a "hut house" for three days. RUMFORD offered to work in an undercover assignment to locate POUNCEY but stated that he would have to spread the word that the FBI was looking for him in order to avoid suspicion. He stated he had worked undercover before for state and local agencies. RUMFORD's offer of assistance

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was turned down. No action is being taken on the information furnished by CHARLES RUMFORD in view of the fact that he has previously furnished it to the FBI and due to the fact that the mental stability of RUMFORD is highly questionable.

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5/28/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau, dated 5/20/68.

On 5/27/68, a review of the Criss-Cross Index for telephone listings in the St. Albans, W. Va., area disclosed telephone #727-8137 is listed to HOWARD PAGE, 1002 Rosedale Drive, St. Albans, W. Va. On 5/27/68, results of attempts to contact Mr. PAGE were negative.

On 5/27/68, Mrs. HOWARD PAGE, 1002 Rosedale Drive, advised as follows:

Her son, Sergeant HERMAN GEORGE PAGE, is assigned to the Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, as a member of the U. S. Air Force. Sergeant PAGE arrived home for a visit around 12/1/67, and she is certain he did not telephonically contact her residence on 12/17/67, but it is possible a friend of his from Lackland Air Force Base might have called him. Mrs. PAGE stated she does not know anyone who would call her residence from Texas, except her son or possibly one of his friends.

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AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Will contact Sergeant HERMAN GEORGE PAGE, CMR#1, Box 360129, Lackland Air Force Base, and interview as instructed in reairtel to determine identity of the person who called the residence of his father, HOWARD PAGE, telephone 727-8137, St. Albans, W. Va., on 12/17/67, from a public telephone booth in San Antonio Division, public telephone #432-9595.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 5-22-68

FROM : JOHN B. WOODRUFF, SA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rerad from Bureau, 5/22/68

On 5/24/68, through the cooperation of JAMES K. THOMAS, Commissioner, West Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, Charleston, West Va., drivers license records were checked by Mrs. FRENDIA ALLRED and the writer under the name and aliases of the subject.

No record was found of a drivers license in the name or alias of the subject and similar names were checked thoroughly from descriptive data on the license with the description of the subject, but none were found that could be possibly identified with the subject.

Records of new drivers licenses issued since April 1, 1968, which did not include renewal of old licenses, since the original issuance would have been four years ago or before, were reviewed. Most of these licenses were for young people, about 16 years of age, who were obtaining their first license since attaining the age for which they could secure drivers licenses. No record was found that could be identified with the subject from the descriptive data furnished.

It is pointed out that descriptive data on drivers license records is accurate, since the West Virginia State Police give the examinations, both oral and driving, and at the time they check the information on the application to be sure it is accurate.



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TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 5-29-68

FROM : JOHN B. WOODRUFF, SA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Savannah airtel to Bureau, 5/21/68.

The JAMES H. DREW Shows played four weeks in the Kanawha Valley up through May 25, 1968, in Charleston, St. Albans, Marmet and South Charleston, West Va. They departed from South Charleston early AM on May 26, 1968, and information developed at Holiday Inn #1, Charleston, West Va., where Mr. DREW stayed, indicates the shows are currently playing at Oak Hill, Fayette County, West Va., and their further itinerary is unknown.

It is requested that the lead for Charleston be assigned to SA DEAN HOWEN for coverage with JAMES H. DREW at Oak Hill, W.Va.

A copy of this memorandum together with serials 247, 248, 249, 250, 251 are being forwarded direct to SA HOWEN so lead can be expeditiously covered.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)
ATTN: SA CURTIS

DATE: 5/22/68

FROM : SA ROBERT D. WARDEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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On 5/22/68, Mrs. RAYMOND SHORT, Baileysville, T. Va., advised the writer that she had nothing to add to the information previously furnished the Pittsburgh Office on 5/12/68, other than that she and her husband had just seen the photograph of RAY in the newspaper, and had been driving down a rural dirt road when they saw an individual that looked like the photo that she had just seen.

Mrs. SHORT advised that neither she nor her husband have seen this individual since that date, and that it had been only for a brief period then.

It is to be noted that the SHORT's live in a rural area where there are very few houses.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BUTTE, DENVER, DETROIT AND PITTSBURGH
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN.

RE BUTTE TELEPHONE CALL TO LOUISVILLE MAY THIRTYONE LAST.
FOR INFORMATION OF OTHER OFFICES REFERENCED BUTTE PHONE
CALL ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

ON MAY THIRTYONE LAST, PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY SHOWN TO
LOCAL SALVATION ARMY, BUTTE, AT WHICH TIME OFFICIALS THERE
CHOSE FROM THEIR REGISTER THE FOLLOWING THREE INDIVIDUALS AS CLOSELY
RESEMBLING THE PHOTO OF RAY*

Harry Ray Connors 62-8-9401

HARRY CONNORS, SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], BORN GLADSCOW, MONTEY, MEXICO; FERBER
OLSEN, SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BORN MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.; WILLIAM MOLLETT, SOCIAL
SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

BORN VAN LEAR, KY., FIVE FT. SIX, ONE FORTY LBS., BLUE EYES,
GRAY HAIR; PARENTS - JOHN B. AND SARAH MOLLETT (DECEASED);
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NEAREST OF KIN, MAY SPEAR, MELVIN, KY. (SISTER); OCCUPATION COAL MINER; LAST PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, LOGAN, UTAH. HE, MOLLETT, HAS PERFORMED HIS MILITARY OBLIGATION AND RECEIVED AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE.

ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS AT SALVATION ARMY, BUTTE, ABOVE THREE SUBJECTS WERE ALL TOGETHER DRIVING A SIXTYONE - SIXTYTWO (NOT FURTHER DESCRIBED) STATION WAGON. OFFICIALS OVERHEARD CONVERSATION AMONG THREE TO EFFECT THEY WERE TRAVELING TO SPOKANE, WASHINGTON. THEY REGISTERED NIGHT OF MAY THIRTY LAST AND CHECKED OUT MORNING OF MAY THIRTYONE LAST.

ON JUNE ONE INSTANT, JACK MOLLETT, WEEKSBURY, KY., BROTHER OF WILLIAM MOLLETT, ADVISED HE HAS NOT SEEN HIS BROTHER WILLIAM IN OVER TWO YEARS. MOLLETT ADVISED HE THOUGHT HIS BROTHER HAD BEEN KILLED IN WAYNE COUNTY, W.VA. OVER A YEAR AGO. MOLLETT STATED A SKELETON WHICH STRONGLY RESEMBLED HIS BROTHER WAS FOUND. MOLLETT STATED THE SKELETON WHICH HAD STEEL PLATE IN THE SKULL AND NO TEETH WAS FOUND WRAPPED IN ARMY BLANKET IN WOODS IN WAYNE COUNTY. MOLLETT STATED AUTHORITIES HAVE NEVER OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED HIM BUT HE BELIEVES BODY IS NOW IN CHARLESTON, W. VA.

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MOLLETT ADVISED, HOWEVER, HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM HIS BROTHER IN FEB. SIXTYEIGHT AND AT THIS TIME HIS BROTHER ADVISED HIM HE WAS IN DENVER, COLORADO AND WAS DOING FINE. MOLLETT STATED ON APR. FIVE LAST HE RECEIVED A COLLECT CALL FROM HIS BROTHER IN DENVER. THE PHONE NUMBER THE CALL ORIGINATED FROM WAS SIX TWO THREE - FOUR FOUR SIX ONE, AND MOLLETT ADVISED IT SOUNDED LIKE IT CAME FROM A BAR BECAUSE OF BACKGROUND NOISES. MOLLETT STATED HIS BROTHER ADVISED HIM AT THIS TIME TO CONTACT ALL THE FAMILY IN DETROIT AND TELL THEM TO BE READY TO MOVE OUT BECAUSE THE "NIGGERS IN DETROIT ARE GOING TO CAUSE A LOT OF TROUBLE OVER THE DEATH OF THAT NIGGER, MARTIN LUTHER."

MOLLETT STATED HIS BROTHER SOUNDED DRUNK AND WENT ON TO SAY HE HAD GOT HIS TEETH FIXED AND HAD GAINED SOME WEIGHT. MOLLETT WAS ADVISED BY WILLIAM THAT HE NOW HAD A GOOD JOB, IN DENVER, AND EVERYTHING WAS FINE. MOLLETT STATED HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM HIS BROTHER SINCE THAT TIME. MOLLETT ADVISED WILLIAM WAN ON HIS WAY TO VA HOSPITAL IN HUNTINGTON, W. VA. APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO WHEN HE DISAPPEARED. MOLLETT STATED HE HAD NOT HEARD ANYTHING FROM HIS BROTHER UNTIL HE RECEIVED PHONECALL IN FEB. FROM DENVER. MOLLETT FURNISHED FOLLOWING BACKGROUND ON HIS BROTHER:

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WILLIAM M. MOLLETT, AKA BILLY MULLETT, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BLUE EYES, GRAY HAIR, FIVE FT. SIX, ONE FIFTY LBS., STOCKY BUILD, HAS STEEL PLATE IN HEAD, NO TEETH, POSSIBLY WEARING DENTAL PLATES NOW; FORMERLY EMPLOYED KY. STATE PRISON, LAGRANGE, KY.; BROTHERS BEN MOLLETT, WEEKSBURG, KY., ED MOLLETT, GARFIELD ST., LINCOLN PARK, MICH.; ELIAS MOLLETT, PERRON ST., RIVER ROUGE, MICH.; SISTERS: MRS. VERNIE ENGLISH, ONE SEVEN ONE FOUR ROSE ST., LINCOLN PARK, MICH.; MAY MULLINS, WEEKSBURY, KY. SERVED U.S. ARMY WW II; DRINKS QUITE HEAVILY AND IS MEAN WHEN DRUNK. ASSOCIATES WITH UNDESIRABLE INDIVIDUALS WHEN DRUNK. MOLLETT ADVISED HIS BROTHER DOES NOT DRIVE A VEHICLE AND HAS NEVER OWNED A CAR THAT HE KNOWS OF.

BEN MOLLETT AND MAY MULLINS INTERVIEWED JUNE ONE INSTANT, WEEKSBURY, KY. AND THEY COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF THEIR BROTHER.

DETROIT, CONTACT RELATIVES OF WILLIAM MOLLETT AT RIVER ROUGE AND LINCOLN PARK FOR BACKGROUND AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF MOLLETT.

DENVER, DETERMINE SUBSCRIBER OF PHONE NUMBER SIX TWO THREE - FOUR FOUR SIX ONE AND DETERMINE IF MOLLETT PRESENTLY EMPLOYED IN DENVER AREA. ALSO DISPLAY PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY TO PEOPLE RESIDING AT ABOVE PHONE NUMBER.

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PITTSBURGH, AT VA HOSPITAL, HUNTINGTON, W. VA.,
OBTAIN BACKGROUND ON MOLLETT.

AT CHARLESTON, DETERMINE IF BODY FOUND IN WAYNE COUNTY
W. VA. OVER A YEAR AGO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED.

LOUISVILLE AT KENTUCKY STATE PRISON, LAGRANGE, CHECK
EMPLOYMENT RECORDS FOR BACKGROUND ON MOLLETT.

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FBI DENVER

12:25 PM MDT URGENT 6-2-68 FCD

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOUISVILLE, BUTTE, DETROIT, AND
PITTSBURGH

FROM: DENVER (157-203) 2P

MURKIN.

RE LOUISVILLE TEL JUNE ONE, LAST.

TELEPHONE NUMBER SIX TWO THREE DASH FOUR FOUR SIX ONE LISTED TO
ETHEL T. GEORGE, ONE NINE TWO TWO GRANT ST., DENVER, COLO. ONE NINE
TWO TWO GRANT IS ADDRESS OF GRANT HOTEL.

ON THIS DATE GEORGE ADVISED SHE IS ASSISTANT MANAGER OF GRANT
HOTEL AND RESIDES IN ROOM TWO. SHE HAS PRIVATE PHONE LISTED ABOVE AND
ONLY OTHER TELEPHONE IS LISTED TO GRANT HOTEL.

WILLIAM MOLLETT STAYED IN ROOM TWENTY FOUR BY HIMSELF FOR TWO
MONTHS AND MOVED OUT APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS AGO TO HERD SHEEP
BELIVED TO BE SOMEWHERE IN MONTANA. EMPLOYMENT IN DENVER UNKNOWN.

GEORGE ADVISED MOLLETT USED TELEPHONE TO CALL BROTHER OR
SISTER IN KENTUCKY. SHE EXHIBITED TELEPHONE BILL SHOWING CALL MADE
TO MELVIN, KENTUCKY, TELEPHONE NUMBER SIX ZERO SIX DASH NINE THREE
EIGHT DASH TWO FOUR SIX EIGHT, ON APRIL FIVE, LAST. THE BILL WAS
ONE DOLLAR THIRTY FIVE CENTS WHICH MOLLETT PAID GEORGE IN CASH.
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GEORGE RECALLS CONVERSATION WAS ABOUT RELATIVES AND THAT SOME
RELATIVE HAD DIED.

THIS WAS ONLY TIME MOLLETT USED TELEPHONE.

GEORGE DESCRIBED MOLLETT AS FIVE FEET FIVE INCHES, SLIM
BUILD, GRAY HAIR, APPROXIMATELY FIFTYFIVE YEARS OLD. PHOTO OF
JAMES EARL RAY SHOWN AND GEORGE ADVISED MOLLETT IS DEFINITELY NOT
RAY.

TEL FURNISHED LOUISVILLE, BUTTE, DETROIT AND PITTSBURGH IN
VIEW OF THEIR INVESTIGATION.

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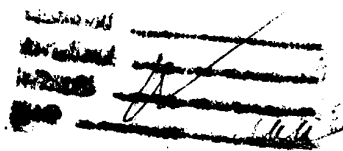
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RE LOUISVILLE TEL JUNE ONE, LAST.

LLOYD HAMBLIN, VARO, HUNTINGTON, W.VA., FURNISHED FOLLOW-
ING INFORMATION FROM RECORDS TODAY:

WILLIAM MADISON MOLLETT LAST ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL FOUR
EIGHTEEN, 'FIFTYSIX FOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND DIAGNOSIS
REVEALED MILD HYPERTENSION, RESIDUALS OLD FRACTURES - SKULL
AND NOSE, PERIAPICAL DENTAL INFECTION, AND TEETH EXTRACTED.

RECORDS REFLECT MOLLETT SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTED DENTAL
TREATMENT, WAS GIVEN APPOINTMENTS WHICH WERE NOT KEPT BY
HIM. HE CORRESPONDED WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON RE DENTAL
PROBLEM AND WAS AFFORDED TREATMENT VA HOSPITAL SALT LAKE
CITY, UTAH WHERE HE WAS FURNISHED FULL UPPER AND LOWER
DENTURES ON FEB. FOURTEEN, 'SIXTYSIX. HAMBLIN ADVISED
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MOLLETT HAS FILE AT VARO, LOUISVILLE, KY. VA HUNTINGTON
RECEIVED INFO FROM VARO, LOUISVILLE THAT AS OF MAR. TWELVE,
'FIFTYSIX, MOLLETT WAS A SCHIZOPHRENIA, PARANOID TYPE.

MOLLETT BORN [REDACTED] 'TWELVE AT VAN LEAR, KY.,
COAL MINER, MILITARY SERVICE NOV. TEN 'FORTYFOUR TO NOV.
THIRTY, 'FORTYSIX, HONORABLE DISCHARGE, ARMY SN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VA CLAIM NO. C ONE SIX ZERO SEVEN
ZERO THREE SIX, DEPRESSION LEFT TEMPLE, FATHER JOHN B
MOLLETT, MOTHER SARAH MOLLETT, BOONS CAMP, KY., PERMANENT
ADDRESS - WEEKSBURY, KY., ADDRESS OF JAN. 'SIXTYSIX,
TWENTYTWO EAST SECOND ST., SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

INVESTIGATION RE UNIDENTIFIED BODY FOUND WAYNE COUNTY,
W.VA., CONTINUING.

LOUISVILLE REVIEW VARO RECORDS FOR ANY RECENT INFO RE
MOLLETT'S WHEREABOUTS.

MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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MURKIN.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RE BUTTE TELEPHONE CALL TO LOUISVILLE, MINNEAPOLIS,
SEATTLE, AND SALT LAKE CITY, MAY THIRTY ONE, LAST; LOUISVILLE
TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE ONE, LAST; AND PITTSBURGH TELETYPE
TO BUREAU, JUNE TWO, LAST.

HARRY CONNER MENTIONED RE BT PHONE CALL MAY BE HARRY
CARVER AND IS ONLY PERSON REPORTED BY SALVATION ARMY, BUTTE,
AS RESEMBLING OR POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

ON MAY THIRTY ONE, LAST, THREE OFFICERS BUTTE PD,
BELIEVED CHECKED SAME THREE INDIVIDUALS REPORTED RE PHONE
CALL; HOWEVER, FAILED TO OBTAIN LICENSE OR NAMES OF OCCUPANTS.
STATION WAGON NOW BELIEVED CHEVROLET BEL AIR. BUTTE POLICE
OFFICERS STATE NONE OF OCCUPANTS STATION WAGON BELIEVED
IDENTICAL OR RESEMBLE RAY.

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BUTTE SENDING SALVATION ARMY REGISTRATION CARDS FBI
LAB AIR MAIL, AND STILL ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE THREE INDIVIDUALS
TO ELIMINATE HARRY CARVER AKA HARRY CONNER AS BEING IDENTICAL
WITH RAY.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AM.

END.

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<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>Atlanta, Georgia Division</u>			
RJS	Columbia, S. C.	364-00188-E	Bullard
The Register	Delray Beach, Fla.	364-00839-E	Marquette
Enterprises of America	Pinellas Park, Fla.	364-01459-E	"
His and Her Club	Savannah, Ga.	364-03123-E	Capps
ABC Publications	Hollywood, Fla.	364-03126-E	Marquette
Jean Marie	Orlando, Fla.	364-03137-E	"
Rebel Florida	Orlando, Fla.	364-41602-E	Richie
Kay Manor	Miami, Fla.	364-48750-E	Marquette
<u>Fort Worth, Texas Division</u>			
Sterling Action Club	Corpus Christi, Tx.	364-39986-E	Marsh
F and T	Fort Worth, Tx.	364-40081-E	"
?	Fort Worth, Tx.	364-40330-E	"
Horizons Correspondence Club	Dallas, Tx.	364-40389-E	"
<u>Boston, Massachusetts Division</u>			
Nutmeg Press	Grosvenor Dale, Ct.	364-23774-E	Allain
Kitten Club	North Adams, Mass.	364-30737-E	"
Action Relationships	Boston, Mass.	364-42967-E	"
Arthur A. Swanson	Boston, Mass.	364-43051-E	"
Jane Weton	Boston, Mass.	364-43137-E	

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<u>Chicago, Illinois Division</u>			
Carlton Enterprises	Chicago, Ill.	364-01633-E	Hinckley
Social Exchange Publishing	" "	364-01637-E	"
Arnold J. Madiol	Grand Haven, Mich.	364-43568-E	Potts
Martin's	Detroit, Mich.	364-43569-E	"
Random House	Warren, Mich.	364-48063-E	Hinckley
<u>Cincinnati, Ohio Division</u>			
Swinger's Travel & Vacation Club	Fort Wayne, Ind.	364-27059-E	Herzog
Vigo Villa	Terre Haute, Ind.	364-28234-E	Herzog
<u>Kansas City, Missouri Division</u>			
Swinging Set	Kansas City, Mo.	364-11096-E	Fay
Club Lolita	Kansas City, Mo.	364-38211-E	Fay
<u>New York, New York Division</u>			
Ram Enterprises	New York, NY	364-32101-E	Miller
Pace Setter Corp.	Brooklyn, NY	364-32705-E	Miller
Black Book	New York, NY	364-32822-E	Dolan

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<u>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Division</u>			
Mixer	Trenton, NJ	364-00460-E	Similes
Select Club	Camden, NJ	364-22100-E	Ferguson
Frenchy	Chinchilla, Pa.	364-44883-E	Similes
Swinger's Life	Enola, Pa.	364-45329-E	Ferguson
The In Crowd	Philadelphia, Pa.	364-45370-E	"
Club Ecstasy	York, Pa.	364-45500-E	"
Stonehill Studios	Berkeley Heights, NJ	364-48312-E	Kallies
<u>Saint Louis, Missouri Division</u>			
R J S	Davenport, Iowa	364-46385-E	Wensman
Ron Williams	Saint Louis, Mo.	364-46572-E	"
<u>Saint Paul, Minnesota Division</u>			
The Group	Wayzata, Minn.	364-39222-E	Gosnell
Action	St. Paul, Minn.	364-47443-E	Gosnell
<u>San Francisco, California Division</u>			
A to Z Club	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-21863-E	Poindexter
Ad Reply Service	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-38729-E	"
The Group	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-38902-E	Vanden Bosch