



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date:

January 21, 1970

Re: MURKIN

FBI File No. 44-38861 Lab. No. D-700109058 LF

Examination requested by: Memphis

Reference:

Letter 1-5-70

Examination requested:

Document

Remarks:

Enclosures (8) (Q413 - Q417, ALSO SUBMITTED, 2 Lab report)

- Philadelphia Enclosure (Lab report)

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REPORT of the



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FBI PHILADELPHIA

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-700109058 LP

Re: MURKIN

Specimens received 1-8-70

- Q413 Envelope postmarked "PHILADELPHIA PA A AM 30 DEC 1969" bearing handwritten address "U.S. District Court Judge, Robert M. McRae, Jr. Memphis, Tennessee"
- Q414 First page of handwritten letter beginning "Dear Judge McRae, Jr; As a Government Informer, I am giving..." and ending "...The truth is that"
- Q415 Second page of handwritten letter beginning "I attended Communist schools..." and ending "... Learn to pray to 'God'"
- Q416 Envelope postmarked "PHILADELPHIA PA, DEC 17 P.M." bearing handwritten address "U. S. District Court Judge, Robert M. McRae, Jr. Memphis, Tenn."
- Q417 Accompanying Christmas card bearing hand printed message beginning "Judge McRae, Jr. You are wrong..." and ending "...with his Commie Negroes."

ALSO SUBMITTED: Newspaper clipping; Leaflet entitled It Can Happen Bure

Result of examination:

Specimens Q413 through Q417 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies are not being added at this time.

Specimens Q413 through Q416 contain no watermarks, indented writing of significance or any other identifying characteristics which would assist in determining their source. Specimen Q417 and the ALSO SUBMITTED material contain no indented writing of significance.

The postage stamps on specimens Q413 and Q416 originated from sheets of stamps.

The submitted material is returned herewith. O NDEXED Photographs have been made.

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TO:

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

FROM:

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis letter dated 1/5/70.

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

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

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

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

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1 - 157-1721 (VICTORIA CRAIG)

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

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

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

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

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

The following items are enclosed herewith to the Bureau:

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

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

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

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

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

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

-LEADS-

THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION (INFORMATION)

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

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GAS A FPMR (A1 CPR) 101-11.6
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-445914)

DATE:

9/30/69

FROM

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-2979) (C)

SUBJECT:

JAMES BEVEL RM - BN

Enclosed herewith are ll copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above.

Copies are being forwarded to Atlanta because of its interest in SCLC; to New York where BEVEL has frequently appeared; and to Memphis because of BEVEL's connection with MURKIN.

Source is PH 897-R.

Copies are being forwarded to MI, NISO, OSI, Secret Service, and USA, EDPA.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

September 30, 1969

JAMES BEVEL

Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he heard from a friend that James Bevel recently made the statement that he, Bevel, was going to "college". Bevel was then asked why he was going to college and replied, "God told me to".

Source, who is familiar with many Black Nationalists in the Philadelphia area and Black Nationalists-type organizations, stated Bevel has not been active in any organization in the Philadelphia area and that he is considered "nuts" by Black Nationalists in the Philadelphia area.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

July 31, 1969

JAMES BEVEL

Source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that JAMES BEVEL has currently returned to Philadelphia but is not living at 919 North 18th Street. He is at the present time temporarily residing in an apartment in South Philadelphia.

Source advised that most of the Black community feel BEVEL is a "psycho" and that in source's opinion, BEVEL is not considered highly among Black militants in the Philadelphia area. Source advised that in his discussions, BEVEL appears to find it hard to continue a conversation in that he never seems to stay on one subject.

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JN 157-9586

Enclosed for each office, except for Memphis and Birmingham, is one copy of referenced Bureau airtel, dated 4/7/69.

As directed by Bureau, a review of all motel records for the period March 29, to April 3, 1968, of motels in Corinth, Miss., made and the names of those individuals registered at the motels during this period have been obtained, and their names are revealed on appropriate FD-302s. One copy each of the FD-302s, where appropriate, are being submitted to the appropriate offices, as set out below:

FD-302

Mrs. LOUISE BREWER, Mgr. Round-Town Motel

Division

Birmingham Chicago Dallas Detroit Indianapolis **Jacksonville** Kansas City Little Rock Louisville Memphis Miami Milwaukee New York Omaha St. Louis Springfield Tampa

FD-302

Mr. DON M. STRICKLAND, Mgr., Holiday Inn Motel

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HOWARD STARNES, Mgr., Illinois Motel	Atlanta Birmingham Chicago Cleveland Dallas Detroit Indianapolis Jacksonville Kansas City	Knoxville Little Rock Memphis Milwaukee Mobile St. Louis Savannah Springfield Tampa
WILLIAM PHILLIPS, Owner, Phillips Motel	Atlanta Birmingham Cleveland Columbia Dallas Detroit Kansas City Knoxville	Little Rock Los Angeles Memphis Omaha Sacramento St. Louis San Diego
H. C. FREEMAN, Owner and Operator, Carona Plaza Motel	Birmingham Chicago Cleveland Dallas Denver Houston Indianapolis Kansas City Louisville	Miami Minneapolis Mobile Oklahoma City Omaha Salt Lake City San Antonio Savannah Springfield

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Mr. PAUL HAYES, Mgr., Dixie Court	Memphis Milwaukee	
J. H. WICKER, Mgr., No-El Motel	Albuquerque Atlanta Birmingham Buffalo Detroit Indianapolis Knoxville	Little Rock Memphis New Orleans Oklahoma City Savannah Springfield Tampa
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Mrs. BERRY (SHIRLEY) SMITH, Nite-Fall Motel	Atlanța Indianapolis Little Rock Memphis Minneapolis	Omaha Richmond St. Louis Springfield

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It is noted on the registrations that there is registration from Saskatchewan, Canada, at the Round-Town Motel, and a registration from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, at the Holiday Inn, during the pertinent period. It is being left to the discretion of Memphis, the Office of Origin, as to whether appropriate LHM should be submitted to the Bureau to have these individuals identified in Canada.

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GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.8

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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8/7/69

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SUBJECT:

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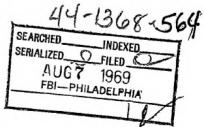
Leads in this matter have been covered. There is no further investigation warranted. Therefore, it is recommended this case be closed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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: SAC (44-1368)

DATE: 7. 31.69

FROM

SA JAMES J. FINLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel dated 5/7/69.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES J. FINLEY in an effort to identify individual listed on page 23 of Fd302 as GEORGE A. MYERS, Route 1. Tumekila Road, Doylestown, Pa, Tennesseenia License The following investigation was conducted on 7/11/69.

Review of the maps for Bucks County, Pa which includes Doylestown, Pa contained no listing for a Tumekila Road.

Sgt CARL SAUER, Pennsylvania State Police Warrington, Pa which covers Doylestown, Pa area advised that maps of that organization do not list any road of that name.

Review of the 1969 Bell Telephone Directory for Doylestown and Vicinity determined there was no listing for anyone by the name of GEORGE A. MYERS.

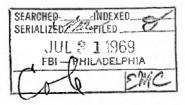
Maps of the a rea of Doylestown, Pa listed a Limekiln Road. Review of the above telephone directory determined there was no listing for such an individual with this address.

Contact with the Doylestown Post Office, Doylestown, Pa which covers Limekiln Road determined the Post Office has no listing for a GEORGE A. MYERS, Limekiln Road, Doylestown, Pa

On 7/23/69 MRS. BETTY KITTY, Bucks County Credit Bureau, Which covers Doylestown, Pa advised that the files of the bureau contained no information for a GEORGE A. MYERS of either Tumekila Road or Limekiln Road, Doylestown, pa.

(1) JJF Production

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Memorandum

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SAC(44-1368) P.

DATE: 6/24/69

FROM

SA THOMAS F. LEWIS

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis 5/7/69. RE: JAMES W. MYERS, Wayne, Pa.

On 5/16/69 CHIEF JOHN W. LITZENBERG(NA), Radnor Twp., P. D., Wayne, Pa. advised SA THOMAS F. LEWIS records of that department contained no arrest record for MYERS.

The Chief noted that property records for that township reflect the address 219 South Aberdeen Ave., Wayne, Pa. is owned by the Philadelphia Suburban Water Co., Bryn Mawr, Pa.

The Chief made discreet inquiry among the police officers of that department who advised that MYERS is reliable and stable person who has resided at this residence for at least the past 20 years. He is reportedly employed by Philadelphia Suburban Water Co. in an executive level. He travels a great deal for the company.

On 6/24/69 MR. FLOYD J. KRAFT, Voters Registration Commission, Delaware County Courthouse, Media, Pa. advised SA LEWIS the records of that office reflect MYERS registered to vote in September 1949 from 219 South Aberdeen Ave., Wayne, Pa. and has been listed as a voter from this address since that time. He was born 12/9/03 in Michigan and his occupation is listed as Civil Engineer. He was previously registered to vote in 1937 at Kenoska, Wisconsin.

In view of the occupation and age of MYERS, as well as reputation and the fact MYERS reportedly travels extensively on business, no further action is being taken in this matter relative to MYERS.

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Offices receiving this communication should discontinue efforts to locate Rev. JAMES L. REVEL for interview in connection with this case.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-1368)

DATE: 6/20/69

FROM :

SA JAMES E. CARROLL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis 5/7/69.

Reairtel set forth a list of individuals who stayed at motels in the Corinth, Mass., area during the period 3/29-4/3/68. Among the list of individuals who stayed at the Holiday Inn, Highway 72, West Corinth, Miss., were the names ARTHUR C. FARLEY, P.O. Box 615, Lansdale, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. WALTER SHIPLEY, 8105 Ardmore Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. Reairtel requested that credit and criminal checks be made relating to these individuals and if deemed advisable, these individuals would be interviewed if there was any possibility of association with JAMES EARL RAY.

On 6/2/69 ROBERT MOLLENHAUER, Superintendent, USS. Post Office, Lansdale, Pa., advised that ARTHUR C. FARLEY, holder of P.O. Box 615, is President of the Artco Corporation, Hatfield, Pa. MOLLENHAUER believed FARLEY has operated this business for several years and is considered to be a highly reputable individual.

HERBERT KRIDER (NA), Hatfield Borough PD, Hatfield, Pa., advised that his records do not contain any derogatory info concerning Mr. ARTHUR C. FARLEY. He believed Mr. FARLEY resides in the Main Line area outside Philadelphia, Pa., traveled extensively in conjuction with his business, and generally has an excellent reputation.

ARTHUR C. FARLEY, President, Artco Corporation, Hatfield, Pa., was interviewed by SA JAMES E. CARROLL on 6/2/69. From official records he ascertained that

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he had been in Mississippi on business during latter March and early April 1968. FARLEY said his company manufactures heavy duty shelving equipment and has franchises operating in Mississippi. He said during the aforementioned period he was in Mississippi to work with his franchise dealer WILLIAM SCHIESZ.

Records on file at the Norristown Credit Bureau, Norristown, Pa., reviewed on 5/29/69 through the cooperation of Miss ROSLYN NOVAK, Credit Supervisor, disclosed FARLEY is President of Artco Corporation, Hatfield, Pa. The records pertaining to this company have been on file since 5/4/59. At that time FARLEY was 41 years of age, married and had one child. His address is listed as Wessex House Apartments, Apartment 206, Saint Davids, Pa. He previously resided at 807 Longfield Road, Erdenheim, Pa. Records do not contain any derogatory info relating to FARLEY.

Eastern Montgomery County Telephone Directory listed WALTER PENN SHIPLEY, JR., as a resident of 8105 Ardmore Avenue, Wyndmoor, Pa.

On 6/12/69 records on file at the Voters Registration Commission office, Montgomery County, Norristown, Pa., disclosed the following info pertaining to WALTER PENN SHIPLEY, JR., occupation banker, residence 8105 Ardmore Avenue, Wyndmoor, Pa., since 8/11/37:

He has resided in this voting district since 1927. He is described as white, male, born in Pennsylvania, 5'll", gray hair, blue eyes. He married STRAWBRIDGE SHIPLEY who resides at 8105 Ardmore Avenue, Wyndmoor, Pa. She has lived at her current address since 8/11/37 and has resided in her voting district since 1927. She is described as white, female, born 1906 in Pennsylvania, 5'5 1/2", brown hair, green eyes. Both WALTER PENN SHIPLEY and MARY STRAWBRIDGE SHIPLEY registered as voters on 8/11/37.

On 6/12/69, Miss ROSALYN NOVAK, Supervisor, Norristown Credit Bureau, Norristown, Pa., advised she was unable to locate any listing of WALTER or MARY SHIPLEY, 8105 Ardmore Avenue, Wyndmoor, Pa.

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Officer ROBERT WILSON, Springfield Township PD, Wyndmoor, Pa., advised on 6/12/69 departmental records do not contain any listing of the SHIPLEYS. Officer WILSON believes the SHIPLEYS are elderly retired people.

In view of the age of WALTER SHIPLEY (age 72) it is not felt feasible to conduct any interview with him or his wife. There is no evidence that they have any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 2, 1969

JAMES LUTHER BEVEL

The New York Times on March 18, 1969, carried a story concerning an interview of JAMES BEVEL in which BEVEL stated a letter was turned over to the Memphis Police on approximately April 3, 1968, which contained information that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was to be assassinated while in Memphis.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) activities in the Philadelphia area, advised in April 1969 that BEVEL was in a mental hospital in New York.

On May 18, 1969, a track meet was held at Villanova University, Villanova, Pa., and the proceeds from the track meet were sent to SCLC.

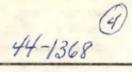
A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he was present with Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, Director, SCLC, at the track meet. This source advised while with ABERNATHY he met BEVEL at the track meet. Source stated BEVEL was extremely quiet and did not act in his usual manner. Source stated he mentioned this to Rev. ABERNATHY who stated, "BEVEL is in another world." Nothing further was said.

On May 20, 1969, the first source contacted people active in SCLC in Philadelphia and was told BEVEL is no longer in Philadelphia. One person stated "BEVEL is in New York,"

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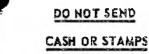
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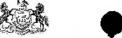
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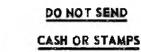
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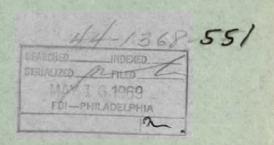
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New York and Philadelphia should maintain contect with appropriate sources to determine the whereabouts of Reverend James Bevel in order that he may be interviewed regarding his statement in the "New York Times" on 3-18-69.

If it is determined that Bevel is in a hospital or institution, the Bureau should be advised as to complete circumstances of such confinement, including opinion of doctors and authorities as to advisability of interviewing Bevel before any such interview with Bevel is conducted.

Keep Bureau advised of results of contact with appropriate sources.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (F)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

By airtel dated 4/7/69, the Sureau advised that in a third "Look" magazine article, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE states that JAMES EARL RAY had spent the night of 4/2/68 in a motel near Corinth, Miss. The Bursau instructed Jackson to review motel records in and around Corinth to determine the identities of individuals registered there during the period 3/29/68 to 4/3/68, By airtel dated 4/18/69, the Jackson Office advised the Bureau that motel records Corinth, Miss., had been reviewed under the subject's true name and aliases and had been reviewed for subject's Alabama license number. Nothing identifiable with the subject as a subject to the subject to s

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By airtel dated 5/7/69, copies of which were not furnished the Bureau, the Jackson Office set out leads for those offices to whom copies of this communication are designated. These offices have been requested to interview several hundred persons who spent the night in motels at Corinth, Miss., on or about 4/2/68.

In view of the fact that more than a year has passed since these persons stayed over night at Corinth, and since similar investigation of this type in this case has previously been unproductive, and since HUIE has admitted that RAY frequently is untruthful in statements to him, and further since it is not believed that it is of any particular importance to establish whether or not JAMES EARL RAY stayed over night at Corinth on 4/2/68, all offices will disregard the leads set out in Jackson airtel dated 5/7/69, unless specifically advised by the Bureau to cover same.

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Date: 5/13/69

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	RePHairtel to Director, FBI, dated 4/29/69, captioned as above and requesting NY to locate JAMES BEVEL.					
,	The Bureau has instructed PH to interview Rev. JAMES BEVEL of SCLC for information in his possession regarding his statement in "The New York Times", on 3/18/69, that a letter was turned over to Memphis Police on approximately 4/3/68, which contained information that MARTIN LUTHER KING was to be assassinated.					
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By airtel dated 4/29/69, PH stated that PH 897-R stated that RAYMOND (LNU) said that BEVEL had been in NY for three weeks.

A lead was set out for NY to locate JAMES BEVEL, and if in a hospital, attempt to determine the reason for hospitalization.

The New York Operation of the SCLC is concerned with fund-raising, and is under the overall supervision of STANLEY LEVISON. NY has maintained close contact with NY 3810-S*, a source close to STANLEY LEVISON, in an effort to obtain information that JAMES BEVEL is hospitalized in NY. This source has provided no information indicating that BEVEL is in the NY area.

There are over 100 hospitals in the Greater New York area with no central repository of information concerning patients. NY does not plan to canvass hospitals in view of the lack of definite information about BEVEL being hospitalized in NY.

No further action is being taken by NY as to BEVEL.