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In view of subject's apprehension, any office having outstanding leads or requests for circularization in any publication of any kind should cancel outstanding request now.

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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau, 5/21/68.

The current Northern Virginia Directory of the Chesapeake and Potomac (C&P) Telephone Co., reflects the subscriber of telephone number 356-4286 as the Peter Piper School, 1351 Scotts Run Road, McLean, Va.

On 6/4/68, Mrs. WILLA F. ECKELS, 1351 Scotts Run Road, McLean, Va., advised that her telephone number is 356-4286. She stated, to the best of her knowledge, telephone calls received at her number on 12/16/67, from Texas, were made by Lt. JOHNATHAN SEARFOSS, stationed at Lackland Air Force Base.

Mrs. ECKELS advised that Lt. SEARFOSS is engaged to her daughter, KAREN ECKELS.

Mrs. ECKELS advised that she had no knowledge of JAMES RAY. She further stated that she knows no one else in Texas, other than Lt. SEARFOSS.

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SAN DIEGO (44-387)(44-394)

FROM RICHMOND 3P

MURKIN. RICHMOND FILE FOUR FOUR DASH SIX FIVE SEVEN.

KENSALT. RICHMOND FILE SIX TWO DASH TWO TWO FOUR EIGHT.

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE ELEVEN LAST.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN INSTANT, CHILTON V. STEWART, CHIEF OF POLICE,  
BIG STONE GAP, VA., ADVISED HE KNOWS GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER  
BUT LETSINGER IS NOT WANTED BY HIS DEPARTMENT.

SAME DATE, SHELBY MULLINS, SHERIFF, WISE CO., VA., ADVISED  
GEORGE LETSINGER OR GEORGE ANDERSON IS NOT WANTED BY HIS DEPART-  
MENT.

SAME DATE, CORA BOLLING, E. FIFTH STREET, BIG STONE GAP,  
VA., FORMER LANDLADY OF LETSINGER, ADVISED HE HAD LEFT HER HOME  
AND BIG STONE GAP IN MID NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. HE ADVISED HER  
PRIOR TO LEAVING THAT HE WAS GOING TO MEXICO AND SHE FOUND OUT  
LATER FROM THERE HE WENT TO MISSOURI. SHE STATED THAT LETSINGER  
HAS TRAVELED THROUGHOUT THE U.S. SINCE SIXTYFOUR. SHE KNEW THIS  
BECAUSE SHE HAD RECEIVED SEVERAL CARDS FROM HIM WHICH HAD BEEN

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DESTROYED INDICATING VARIOUS PLACES IN THE U.S. WHICH HE HAD VISITED. SHE ADVISED THAT LETSINGER WAS A PROLIFIC LETTER WRITER IN THAT HE WROTE LETTERS CONSTANTLY, SOME TO PROMINENT PEOPLE IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA AND LETTERS TO FRIENDS AND RELATIVES THROUGHOUT THE U.S. SHE EXHIBITED COPIES OF SEVERAL LETTERS LEFT WITH HER BY LETSINGER WHICH LETSINGER SENT TO OFFICIALS AND A REVIEW OF THESE LETTERS REVEALED THEY WERE A SYMPATHETIC TYPE OF LETTER, NOT THREATENING IN NATURE. SHE ADVISED LETSINGER IS KNOWN TO HER AS GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, AKA BOBBY. SHE STATED THELMA MARRY, EAST FIFTH ST., BIG STONE GAP, VA., AN AUNT OF LETSINGER, MIGHT KNOW THE LOCATION OF LETSINGER. SHE FURTHER ADVISED EARLY IN THE NINETEEN SIXTIES LETSINGER HAD PROBLEMS WITH ONE OF HIS HANDS AND HAD TO HAVE SKIN GRAFTED FROM UNDER HIS ARM WHICH LEFT A SCAR. SHE ADVISED SHE HAD NOT SEEN NOR HEARD FROM LETSINGER IN OVER THREE YEARS TO THE BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE. SHE STATED LETSINGER'S MOTHER, ETTA LEE LETSINGER, OF AVA, MO., HAD ADVISED LETSINGER PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING HER HOME IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR HE WAS Sired BY ONE RAYMOND FURGESON, NOW DECEASED, AND NOT BY THE HUSBAND OF ETTA LETSINGER. SHE ADVISED SHE DID

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NOT KNOW THE NAME OF ETTA LETSINGER'S HUSBAND BUT INDICATED HE WAS DEAD. SHE FURTHER ADVISED AT ONE TIME LETSINGER HAD BEEN AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, SPRINGFIELD, MO., FOR SOME TYPE OF OPERATION. SHE ADVISED DURING SIXTYFOUR, PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING FOR MEXICO, LETSINGER WAS JAILED AT WISE CO., VA., FOR ASSAULT FOR SEVENTEEN DAYS. SHE FURNISHED A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN APRIL, SIXTYFOUR, OF LETSINGER WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT RICHMOND.

LETSINGER IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES TO FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, BLACK HAIR, INTELLIGENT SPEAKER, BOTH WALK AND TALK WERE VERY "SISSY" IN MANNER ALONG LINES OF A HOMOSEXUAL.

SAN DIEGO - ADVISE IF ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION DESIRED AT BIG STONE GAP, VA.

RICHMOND WILL CONTACT LETSINGER'S AUNT, THELMA MARRY, EAST FIFTH ST., BIG STONE GAP, VA., FOR FURTHER INFO RE LETSINGER. WILL ALSO CONTACT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, NORTON, VA., FOR ANY PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFO RE LETSINGER.

MAIL COPY FURNISHED SEATTLE. -P-

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FROM RICHMOND (44-657) (62-2248)  
MURKIN; KENSALT  
RE RICHMOND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE THIRTEEN  
LAST.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, RECORDS AT  
THE ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, NORTON, VA., REVEALED THAT GEORGE  
ROBERT LETSINGER, WHITE MALE, BORN JULY THIRTEEN NINETEEN  
FORTYTWO, CATHOLIC RELIGION, ENTERED THAT HOSPITAL ON  
DECEMBER FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE AND WAS RELEASED ON  
DECEMBER FOURTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. THE RECORDS REVEALED  
THAT LETSINGER WAS A NATIVE OF MISSOURI WHO LISTED A FRIEND  
BY THE NAME OF MRS. G. B. STURGILL, P. O. BOX THREE ZERO  
SEVEN, <sup>(City not listed)</sup> MISSOURI, TELEPHONE M U THREE DASH TWO TWO  
SEVEN ZERO. LETSINGER WAS TREATED FOR AN ULCER, SPASTIC  
COLON, A LOW BACK STRAIN, AND PHARYNGITIS. HE REPORTEDLY  
FELL ON THE STEPS OF THE POST OFFICE AT BIG STONE GAP,  
VIRGINIA, AND INJURED HIS BACK. DOCTORS STATED IN RECORDS

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THAT LETSINGER PROBABLY DRINKS AND THAT HE HAS A PARTICULAR TYPE DELIVERY (REFERRING TO SPEECH). LETSINGER CARRIED HOSPITALIZATION WITH SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, ONE NINE ZERO FOUR FARNAM STREET, OMAHA, NEBRASKA. HOSPITAL RECORDS INDICATED HE HAD BEEN TREATED PRIOR TO THE ABOVE AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI FOR A NERVOUS STOMACHE ON SAME DATE, SHERIFF SHELBY MULLINS, WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ADVISED THAT BOBBY LETSINGER HAD BEEN ARRESTED JULY THIRD NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR ON A PEACE WARRANT IN A PEACE BOND CASE AND HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM THE WISE COUNTY JAIL ON JULY TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AFTER THE CASE HAD BEEN DISMISSED.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, THELMA MURRAY, AUNT OF LETSINGER, EAST FIFTH STREET, BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA, STATED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF LETSINGER, BUT THAT SHE HAD HEARD FROM

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LETSINGER'S MOTHER, ETTA LEE LETSINGER, ON MARCH TWENTY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, AND AT THAT TIME HIS MOTHER ADVISED HER THAT HE WAS A COOK IN HONOLULU, HAWAII. SHE STATED THAT BOBBY LETSINGER HAS INFORMED HER SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE PREFERS BOYS INSTEAD OF GIRLS, WHICH INDICATES TO HER HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES. SHE STATED THAT LETSINGER'S MOTHER HAS MOVED FROM AVA, MISSOURI AND IS NOW RESIDING AT AN UNKNOWN ADDRESS TO HER IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

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8:33PM URGENT 6-14-68 JLN

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FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387) AND (44-394)

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RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES,  
SEATTLE AND RICHMOND, JUNE ELEVEN LAST, AND LOS ANGELES TELETYPE  
TO BUREAU AND SAN DIIGO JUNE ELEVEN LAST; AND SAN DIEGO TELEPHONE  
CALL TO SEATTLE, JUNE TWELVE LAST.

ON JUNE TWELVE LAST, SEATTLE DIVISION ADVISED GEORGE ROBERT  
LETSINGER, FBI NO. FIVE EIGHT FOUR SEVEN FOUR TWO F, POSSIBLY  
IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL REFERENCED SAN DIEGO TELETYPE, WAS  
WANTED AT SEATTLE AS A BENCH WARRANT WAS ISSUED AGAINST SUBJECT  
IN SUPERIOR COURT, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

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SEATTLE DIVISION ADVISED DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, WOULD EXTRADITE.

ON BASIS THIS INFORMATION, GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, DETERMINED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL IN REFERENCED SAN DIEGO TELETYPE, WAS ARRESTED BY SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ON OUTSTANDING WARRANT, SEATTLE.

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER INTERVIEWED JUNE THIRTEEN LAST AND ADVISED HE HAS A MENTAL HISTORY. HAD ALSO STATED HE HAD PREVIOUSLY HAD CLAN-TYPE CONNECTIONS AT BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA.

SUBJECT EXHIBITED STRONG ANTI-NEGRO SENTIMENTS AND STATED HE WAS GLAD DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, AND PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED.

HE FURTHER STATED IF TED KENNEDY ATTEMPTS PRESIDENCY, HE WILL BE ASSASSINATED AS WELL AS VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY.

•SUBJECT QUESTIONED SPECIFICALLY REGARDING KNOWLEDGE JAMES EARL RAY AND KING AND KENNEDY ASSASSINATIONS, TO WHICH HE INDICATED HE DID NOT PREFER TO SPEAK ON THESE SUBJECTS.

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HAND PRINTS SAMPLES TAKEN FROM LETSINGER CLOSELY RESEMBLE HAND PRINTING NOTE DEPOSITED AT U. S. POST OFFICE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA; HOWEVER, SUBJECT DENIES BEING AUTHOR OF NOTE.

SAN DIEGO PD, JUNE FOURTEEN INSTANT, ADVISED RECEIVED WORD FROM SEATTLE AUTHORITIES THAT THEY DID NOT NOW DESIRE TO EXTRADITE SUBJECT, BUT THAT WARRANT AGAINST HIM STILL OUTSTANDING IN STATE OF WASHINGTON.

ON BASIS OF ABOVE, SUBJECT BEING RELEASED JUNE FOURTEEN INSTANT.

ORIGINAL NOTE AND HAND WRITING SAMPLES OF SUBJECT BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU FOR EXAMINATION BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

IN VIEW OF STRONG ANTI-NEGRO SENTIMENTS OF SUBJECT, HIS ADMITTED MENTAL HISTORY AND HIS STATEMENTS CONCERNING ASSASSINATION OF TED KENNEDY AND VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY IF BOTH CONTINUE EFFORTS TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES, THIS INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED LOCALLY TO U. S. SECRET SERVICE AND A LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM SETTING

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COMPLETE DETAILS OF SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES BEING FORWARDED BY  
SEPARATE COMMUNICATION TO BUREAU TO DISSEMINATION TO U. S.  
SECRET SERVICE AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

OTHER OFFICES ADVISED SEPRATELY.

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FBI RICHMOND

7/1/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-8

MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to all offices dated 4/19/68.

Set forth below is cost data on captioned matter for 6/68, as incurred by the Richmond Office, as requested in referenced airtel:

(1) Man Hours Expended	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>
A. Special Agents.....	132	10
B. Clerical Employees.....	9	0
(2) Total Mileage (Estimated).....	381 Miles	
(3) Unusual Costs.....	None	
(4) Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case During 6/68.....	12	

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On June 7, 1968, the Washington Field Office telephonically advised the Alexandria, Virginia, Resident Agency that they had received a call from RONALD W. NEWMAN of 8300 - 15th Avenue, Adelphi, Maryland, telephone 434-6078. NEWMAN advised that on the morning of June 7, 1968, he had stopped at the Tyson's Corner Restaurant and saw a man whom he believed may have been JAMES EARL RAY.

On June 7, 1968, SA ARNOLD G. SHULMAN contacted the following individuals at Tyson's Corner Restaurant and displayed current photograph of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results.

HARRY SOLOS, Manager, 121 Church Street, Vienna, Virginia

IRENE WOLFE, Route 1, Box 185, Chartilly, Virginia

VIRGINIA COOPER, 2029 Chainbridge Road, Vienna, Virginia

REVA M. CURTIS, Post Office Box 29, Dunn Loring, Virginia

The above stated they could not recognize the photograph and did not believe anyone resembling the photograph was in the restaurant on June 7, 1968.

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# Suspect Ray Takes Stand, Denies Guilt

## Lawyer Seeks to Prove Slaying Was 'Political'

LONDON (P) — James Earl Ray denied yesterday that he killed the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Fighting extradition to the United States to stand trial for the murder of the Negro civil rights leader, Ray professed innocence in Bow Street Magistrates Court.

The 40-year-old fugitive from the Missouri Penitentiary took the stand in his own defense after the U. S. Government unveiled a carefully detailed case against him in the assassination at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

~~George~~ Jacob Bonebrake, a

fingerprint expert of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, testified that he found Ray's prints on the field, telescopic sight and binoculars that were dropped at the doorway of a shop near the motel shortly after King was slain.

### Bore No Grudge

Under questioning by his court-appointed British attorney, Roger Frisby, Ray said that he had never met King and that he bore him no grudge.

"Did you kill Martin Luther King?" Frisby asked. "No, sir," the prisoner said.

Chief Magistrate Frank Milton later adjourned the hearing until next Tuesday. It is expected to be completed then. Ray went back to prison.

Ray resisted moves to extradite him to stand trial for King's murder with all the legal ammunition provided by Britain's clouded extradition laws.

If the court's decision goes against him, Frisby is expected to appeal to a higher court on the ground that King's assassination was a political crime, for which Britain does not permit extradition.

Ray was formerly addressed as Ramon George Sneyd, the alias under which he is held here on charges of entering Britain on a forged Canadian passport.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Asked by the court clerk to sign a summary of his testimony for evidence, Ray turned to his lawyer and said: "How would I sign it?"

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It went into the record unsigned. At no point during the hearing did his lawyer admit that the prisoner was Ray.

The U.S. case was presented by British Lawyer David Calcutt. It took him one hour and 10 minutes sum up the case.

This was Calcutt's version of the evidence against Ray, drawn from the documents submitted by the U.S. embassy:

On March 29 Ray went into the Aero Marine Supply Co. in Birmingham, Ala., and bought a rifle with a telescopic sight from Donald Wood, the son of the owner.

The next day he came back and exchanged it for a Remington 760 rifle, Serial No. 461476, with a telescopic sight numbered A17350.

John Deshazo of Montgomery, Ala., another customer in the store, told FBI agents later that Ray—or a man he tentatively identified as Ray through pictures—had bought a rifle and said he was going hunting in Wisconsin with his brother or brother-in-law.

On April 3, according to a sworn statement by receptionist Henrietta Hagermaster, Ray checked into the Rebel Motor Hotel in Memphis. Then he went to a Memphis store run by a Mr. York and bought a pair of Bushnell binoculars numbered DQ408664 with a case and strap, in a yellow and black box, and wrapped in a gray-blue paper bag. He got a receipt for \$41.05.

The next affidavit came from Charles Stevens, 46, one of the government's key witnesses. On the day of King's death, he was living with his common

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law wife in apartment 6B of the rooming house on 422½ South MAIN St., Memphis, which from the rear faced the motel where King was shot.

On that day, he said, he saw the manager, Bessie Brewer, standing near apartment 5B, just down the hall from his, with an unidentified man. Stevens' apartment was next to the common bathroom, separated from his kitchen by only a thin plywood partition.

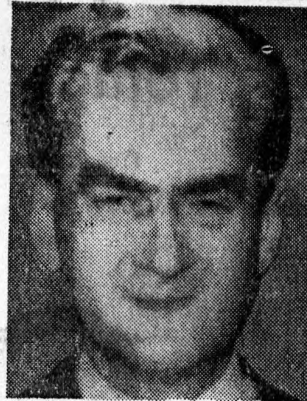
Stevens, who spent most of his time in bed, as he is a disabled veteran said he heard footsteps on April 4 leading from apartment 5B to the bathroom.

"On the first couple of times, he did not stay long. On the third time the person stayed there what seemed like a long time toward the end of the afternoon between 5 and 6 p.m. I wanted to use the toilet.

"I was in my kitchen working on a small radio when I heard a shot. I could tell that it came from the bathroom because it was very loud.

"Then I heard voices yelling and hollering in the Lorraine Motel. I went out and saw a man running and carrying a bundle about three or four feet long and six or eight inches thick, wrapped in newspaper. Although I didn't get a long look, I think it was the same man I saw earlier with Mrs. Brewer."

The owner of a music store at 424 South Main St. was inside it at 6 p.m. He said he



AP Wirephoto

Roger Frisby

heard a thud and found a bundle in front of his store. He saw a white man walk away, and then saw a small white car pull off. He could only see one man in it, the driver.

Memphis police retrieved the bundle. Inside they found binoculars, a rifle and a telescopic sight, all with the cited serial numbers. There was a receipt for the binoculars for \$41.05 and a yellow and black box. Inside apartment 5B, they

reported finding two straps to match the binoculars.

Calcutt reported that a Dr. Francisco performed an autopsy on King and removed "a battered lead slug." An FBI ballistics expert examined the bullet and said that it was of the type fired by a Remington 760, but he would not say if it had been fired by this one.

The only American witness was Bonebrake who said he had been FBI fingerprint expert since 1941.

He said he found these prints: on the rifle a left thumb print which had 14 characteristic points of identity to Ray's

on the sight of a right ring finger print with 11 points of identity to Ray's, and on the binoculars a left thumb print with 14 identical points.

As a guide, he had Ray's prints from Missouri State Penitentiary, from Los Angeles where he had registered for a bartending school, and from London where he was arrested June 8.

Ray listened impassively as he said: "They were all from one and the same man."

#### Political Questions

Peter Hopkirk, a reporter from the London Times who covered King's assassination,

was summoned as a witness and asked questions of a political nature as was Bonebrake.

"The whole burden of my case is that Dr. King was a political figure," Frisby said.

His argument was based on the British extradition law of 1870, which forbids the extradition of a suspect if his crime "is of a political character." The phrase has been much argued in extradition cases through the decades, and legally its meaning is cloudily. Frisby also quoted one English judge's opinion that: "We cannot inquire whether a fugitive is involved in a good or bad

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cause." He was still pursuing his argument when the court adjourned.

Calcutt told the magistrate that King was "the victim of a calculated, senseless, brutal murder, which is bitter with irony . . . It is my case that this was the work of a single hand of this man."

U.S. officials have said they have found no evidence of a conspiracy in King's murder, but they have not stopped looking. In any case, it would be a tactically bad time to postulate a conspiracy since it could aid the defense's case that the assassination was political.

A dramatic high spot in Calcutt's case was a report by Detective Chief Supt. Thomas Butler of Scotland Yard of a jail cell meeting with Ray.

Butler testified the prisoner, on hearing that police had identified him as an American wanted for a killing rather than as Canadian Ramon George Sneyd, sat down, put his head in his hands and said: "Oh God . . . I feel so trapped."

In Ga., meanwhile, an organization calling itself the Patriot Legal Fund has offered to defend Ray if he is brought to trial on charges that he killed King.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Diego, California

July 8, 1968

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

On June 17, 1968, handprinting obtained from George Robert Letsinger along with the anonymous note received by Assistant Postmaster Joseph Ferrer, June 11, 1968, was forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory.

On June 21, 1968, the FBI Laboratory advised that no latent impressions of value were developed on the note or on the known handprinting of George Robert Letsinger.

On June 21, 1968, the Bureau advised that a handwriting examination of the anonymous note obtained by Assistant Postmaster Joseph Ferrer, June 11, 1968, was prepared by George Robert Letsinger as determined from the known handprinting of George Robert Letsinger.

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*Memorandum*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 7/8/68

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)(44-394) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓ 44-657  
OO: MemphisKENSALT - 62-2248-C  
OO: Los Angeles

Re San Diego airtels to the Bureau 6/17/68; Bureau letter to San Diego, 6/21/68; and Bureau airtel to San Diego, 6/21/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 7 copies of an LHM captioned GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, for appropriate dissemination. Enclosed for each office receiving this communication are two copies of the same LHM.

Dissemination has been made locally to U.S. Secret Service.

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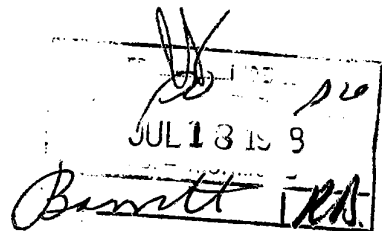
SUBJECT: MURKIN *44-657X*

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 7/9/68.

The Bureau has requested that all divisions continue to submit monthly cost data until further notice.

In view of the above, all divisions are requested to comply with the Bureau's instructions, including offices who have negative cost data to report.

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*R. Jensen*  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Ray Extradition Drawing Nearer

LONDON (AP) — Minor British charges against James Earl Ray were dropped today, bringing his extradition to the United States a step closer.

Home Secretary James Callaghan was expected within a few hours to sign the extradition order returning the 40-year-old escaped convict to the United States to face trial on a charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The extradition order was issued by Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Frank Milton on July 2. Ray decided on Thurs-

day not to appeal against it, and the 15-day period for filing an appeal expired Wednesday.

The time of Ray's departure for America is a closely guarded secret. Unofficial reports said a U.S. Air Force transport was standing by at Northolt, a U. S. air base west of London, to take the prisoner and an escort of U.S. marshals to Memphis, Tenn., where the Negro civil rights leader was shot April 4.

The two British charges on

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RICHMOND LEADER  
RICHMOND, VA.

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# Ray Extradition Moves Closer

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which Ray had been held since his arrest at London Airport June 8 were dropped at a brief hearing in the Bow Street Magistrate's Court, the theater for all the British legal processes concerning Ray.

The charges were using a forged Canadian passport, under the name of Ramon George Sneyd, and carrying a loaded gun for which he had no license.

Ray was not in court today.

Arthur Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., Ray's lawyer visited him in prison this morning. He said Ray was still extremely

anxious to have his lawyer fly home with him when he is sent back to the United States.

But Hanes said U.S. authorities were adamant in refusing him permission to board the plane.

"He fears intensive interrogation and grilling by Justice Department agents in the plane," Hanes said "They will have him captive for seven or eight hours and they can engage him in conversation."

The lawyer told newsmen he had called Consul General Jack Herfurt Wednesday night and was passed a message from Fred Vinson Jr., U. S. assistant attorney general.

Hanes said the message was: "I hope you understand why you cannot accompany this man to the United States and why you cannot see him in private."

To this, Hanes, replied, "My answer is no. I do not understand."

"I applied some weeks ago to go back on the plane with him and that he should not be questioned or interrogated by FBI men without my being present.

"This was refused. It is a violation of my client's constitutional rights."

"I shall apply again for permission to fly back with him. Even if I am not allowed on the plane, I want to be allowed to spend a few hours with my client before he will be immediately put up in court in ~~Memphis~~."



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# Ray Is Whisked To Memphis Jail

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — James Earl Ray, handcuffed and wearing what appeared to be a bullet-proof vest, was whisked into the Shelby County Jail before dawn today to await trial on a charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King.

Ray was placed in his cell at the jail at 4:34 a.m. CDT, 46 minutes after he arrived at the nearby Memphis Naval Air

Station aboard a U.S. Air Force Boeing jet transport from London. He had left London about midnight — 6 p.m. CDT — so that the entire trip took about 10½ hours.

From the Navy base, a blue-and-white prison van, escorted by a half-dozen police cars and an equal number of motorcycles, roared into the parking lot behind the jail building at 4:29 a.m. CDT.

## PHOTOS DISTRIBUTED

No newsman was allowed to see Ray, but Sheriff William Morris distributed photographs of the prisoner showing him dressed in what the sheriff told a news conference was "protective gear." He appeared to be dressed in a bullet-proof vest and he was handcuffed to a heavy leather belt.

"We took custody of Mr. Ray at 3:48 a.m. aboard a Boeing 707 at Millington," the sheriff said, referring to the Navy base at suburban Millington. "He arrived at the jail at 4:29 a.m. and was in his cell at 4:34."

The sheriff said Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle has been chosen to hear the murder trial, but "no courtroom has been selected for the trial yet." He added that no date for arraignment on the murder indictment has been set.

There was speculation that Ray may be tried in a basement courtroom at the jail-courthouse building, so that he would never have to leave the jail.

Judge Battle already has is-

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# Ray Is Whisked Into Tenn. Jail

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sued his first order in the case, the sheriff said. This forbids cameras, tape recorders or other similar devices in the courthouse-jail building, its grounds or sidewalk surrounding the structure — and forbids anyone connected with the case, from giving interviews or otherwise discussing the case outside the courthouse or with anyone but lawyers connected with the case.

As photographers took Morris' picture during the news conference, the sheriff went on to explain that the "no publicity" order would go into effect immediately after the news conference.

## SECURITY DETAIL

The van carrying Ray to the jail was preceded by another police car loaded with officers who immediately jumped out and joined a security guard of deputies who had taken up stations across the parking lot driveway 11 minutes before the prisoner arrived.

One other car, carrying Criminal Court Judge ~~John~~ Coulton, had driven into the parking lot a short time earlier. There was no indication why Coulton came to the jail.

Officials in London disclosed that Ray left aboard a U.S. Air Force transport from the World War II base at Lakenheath just north of Cambridge. Supt. Thomas Butler of Scotland Yard, who arrested Ray June 8, escorted him from Wandsworth jail to Lakenheath, where the jet transport waited with the U.S. marshals who escorted Ray to the United States.

## VIGIL KEPT AT JAIL

Officials said the marshals took custody of Ray at the base, put him aboard the plane and took off. It was not known how many marshals were on the trip.

Throughout the night in Memphis, deputies and city policemen had guarded the jail and court complex. Then, at 4:15 a.m., a large bus was backed across a driveway, blocking the view of the jail entrance.

Three minutes later, 10 sheriff's deputies carrying riot guns marched out of the building and blocked the entrance. Four deputies sealed off the other side of the parking lot.

In Washington, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said the inter-

national transfer of Ray was accomplished "without incident."

## 'WITHOUT INCIDENT'

Ray's American lawyer, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ala., was refused permission to speak to Ray once he was turned over to U.S. authorities in London. Hanes' request to accompany Ray on the flight was denied.

Hanes took a commercial flight to New York today. He told newsmen at London airport he would protest "this bizarre affair — the spiriting away of a man in the night."

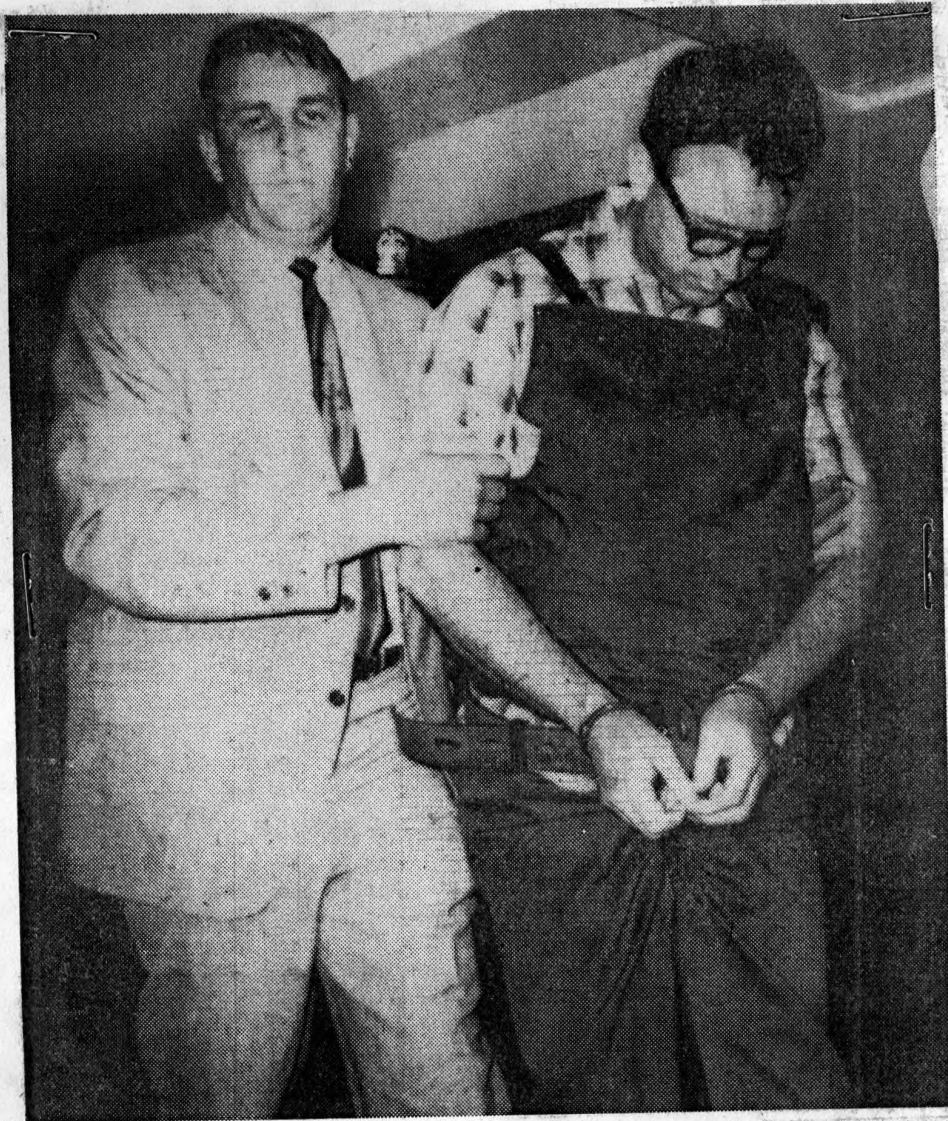
"For all I know," said Hanes, "my man could still be in Britain. I knew at 9:30 last night that a move was imminent. I was told that I should appreciate that I could not travel with my client. I said I most certainly did not."

## VIEWED AS BIZARRE

"The entire affair was bizarre in the extreme — undercover and secretive . . . I don't know what the U.S. attorney general is up to in not giving permission for me to go with my client. I shall be taking this matter up most strongly when I get home."

As Ray left Britain, the London Daily Sketch reported that his fingerprints had been matched with those of a gunman who robbed a London bank a few days before he was arrested June 8. The report had circulated in London for several weeks, but British law bans the publication of such information involving a man facing legal proceedings.

Scotland Yard officials refused to confirm or deny the report in the Daily Sketch, which said a gunman on June 4 thrust a "give me cash" note at a teller in the Trustee Savings Bank in London's Fulham District and escaped with about \$240 in British pounds.



AP Wirephoto

SUSPECTED SLAYER JAMES EARL RAY IS ESCORTED TO CELL IN MEMPHIS  
With Handcuffed Prisoner Is Shelby County Sheriff W. N. Morris

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Date: 7-26-68

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SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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(RH 44-657)  
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KENSALT  
(RH 62-2248)  
(RUC)

On 7-24-68, ROBERT C. CALLAHAN, President, Goode Motors, Inc., Bristol, Tenn., Dodge Dealer, advised that about May 18, 1968, he attended a conference of the National Automobile Dealers Association truck meeting at the Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., and one evening during dinner he was with a group of people which included "BUDDY" JENSEN, GMC truck dealer, Fairfield, Conn., when JENSEN made some statements to the effect he had attended some meetings and knew what was going to happen to MARTIN LUTHER KING and "BOBBY" KENNEDY. JENSEN reportedly said that KENNEDY would be killed and that he would never get into office. JENSEN did not mention what meetings he had attended or where the meetings were held. CALLAHAN said JENSEN had been drinking, he (CALLAHAN) had never met him before and there was some discussion concerning JENSEN's comments among the people present. CALLAHAN advised that FRANK GOODPASTURE, JR., Goodpasture Motor Company, Bristol, Va., as well as a man from Nashville, Tenn., and one from Ohio, ~~who~~ may have heard the comments of JENSEN. He said GOODPASTURE was a good friend of JENSEN and he would be able to evaluate JENSEN and his remarks.

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On 7-25-68, FRANK GOODPASTURE, JR., Goodpasture Motor Company, Bristol, Va., advised he has known JOHN A. JENSEN, aka "Buddy," General Motor Service and Truck Company, 386 State Street Extension, Fairfield, Conn., since 1959 and he has always found him to be a person of high morals, character and reputation. He said he attended the dinner at the Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla, during the conference of the National Automobile Dealer Association, truck meeting, that JOHN A. JENSEN was present and he heard JENSEN was making remarks concerning segregation, however, since the remarks were not made to him, he could not recall any definite statements he may have made. He gathered from the remarks that JENSEN had some feelings regarding segregation as there had apparently been some trouble in Fairfield, Conn. He did not feel that JENSEN meant anything by his remarks and he put no significance in them, as he had been drinking. He recalled that ARTHUR IRWIN, Irwin GMC Inc., GMC dealer, Lima, Ohio, was present, as well as BILL WILSON, General Truck Sales, Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, Tenn., and ROBERT C. CALLAHAN, Goode Motor Co., Bristol, Tenn. After the meeting he, WILSON and IRWIN made a trip to Jamaica and they discussed the remarks of JENSEN and they put no significance to them. He said that if JENSEN is contacted he is sure he could explain his remarks.

No further action being taken in this matter and copies are being furnished to interested offices in case further inquiry is made regarding this matter.

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## James Earl Ray's Defense

Many have been wondering who is paying for the defense of the mysterious JAMES EARL RAY, charged with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. The attorney who flew to London to talk with him says frankly that he didn't take the case without fee.

The only explanation for the source of RAY's legal defense fund we have seen appeared in a recent issue of the conservative publication, *Human Events*, of Washington, D.C. The fol-

lowing paragraph appears in the issue of July 20:

An anti-Negro, anti-Semitic hate group, the National States Rights Party, has set up a "Patriot Legal Fund" to defend James Earl Ray, accused slayer of Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Edward R. Field, a party leader who serves as the fund's secretary, said: "We have offered to defend free of charge, pay all legal costs, attorney fees, court costs, costs of appeal if there are any, and bonds."

That's all we know about the matter. It could be correct.

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SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓ 44-657\*  
(Bufile 44-38861)  
(LA 44-1574)KENSALT ✓ 62-2248\*  
(Bufile 62-587)  
(LA 56-156)Re Richmond airtel 7/26/68 concerning information  
furnished by ROBERT C. CALLAHAN concerning "BUDDY" JENSEN.

Re: JOHN A. JENSEN, aka "Buddy" Jensen

New Haven should contact Mr. JENSEN and have him  
clarify the source of his remarks as to what meetings he attended  
where the deaths of MARTIN LUTHER KING and Senator ROBERT F.  
KENNEDY were discussed. FD-302 should be submitted.Richmond is requested to submit interview of CALLAHAN  
on FD-302 to Los Angeles, as well as interview of FRANK  
GOODPASTURE.Additional leads to interview ARTHUR IRWIN at Lima,  
Ohio, and BILL WILSON at Nashville will be held in abeyance  
until results of contact with JENSEN are known.

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A I R T E L

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) - P -  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
COST DATA

Re Memphis airtels to all offices,  
4/19/68 and 7/16/68.

Set forth below is cost data on captioned  
matter for July, 1968, as incurred by the Richmond  
Office:

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On 7/25/68 at Bristol, Virginia File # Richmond 44-657 - 310  
SA DEAN W. GASTEIGER/vlr Los Angeles 44-1574  
by \_\_\_\_\_ Date dictated 7/29/68

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On 7/24/68 at Bristol, Virginia

Richmond 44-657 - 311  
File # Los Angeles 44-1574

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Re Los Angeles airtel to Director, 8/1/68; Richmond airtel to Bureau, 7/26/68.

Transmitted herewith are 10 copies of FD-302's reflecting interviews of ROBERT C. CALLAHAN and FRANK GOODPASTURE, JR.

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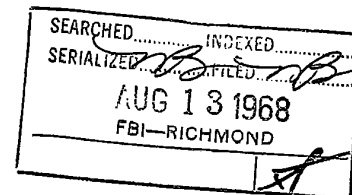
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NORFOLK, Virginia 23510	201 East 69th Street	212 LE 5-7700
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OMAHA, Nebraska 68102	5104 N. Francis Street	405 VI 2-7471
PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania 19107	1010 Federal Office Bldg.	402 348-1210
PHOENIX, Arizona 85013	500 Widener Building	215 LO 3-5300
PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania 15222	244 West Osborn Road	602 CR 9-5511
PORTLAND, Oregon 97205	1300 Federal Office Bldg.	412 471-2000
RICHMOND, Virginia 23220	423 U. S. Court House Bldg.	503 224-4181
SACRAMENTO, California 95814	200 West Grace Street	703 644-2631
ST. LOUIS, Missouri 63103	2020 J Street	916 441-1275
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah 84111	2704 Federal Building	314 CH 1-5357
SAN ANTONIO, Texas 78206	3203 Federal Building	801 EL 5-7521
SAN DIEGO, California 92103	433 Federal Building	512 CA 5-6741
SAN FRANCISCO, California 94102	3211 Fifth Avenue	714 297-3361
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico 00917	450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36015	415 552-2155
SAVANNAH, Georgia 31405	Pan Am Building	
SEATTLE, Washington 98104	255 Ponce de Leon Avenue	765-6000
SPRINGFIELD, Illinois 62701	5401 Paulsen Street	912 354-9911
TAMPA, Florida 33602	1015 Second Avenue	206 MA 2-0460
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535	421 South Sixth Street	217 522-9675
	Room 610, Federal Off. Bldg.	813 228-7661
	506 Old Post Office Building	202 393-7100

SAC, Los Angeles

8/19/68

SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN  
(Bufile 44-38861)  
OO: MEMPHIS  
KENBALT  
(Bufile 62-587)  
OO: LOS ANGELES

ReBulet dated 8/1/68.

Enclosed are eight copies of FD 302  
covering interview with WILLIAM J. WILSON, Nashville,  
Tennessee.

Enclosed for New Haven is one (1) copy of  
above FD 302 for assistance in interview with JENSEN.

2-Los Angeles (56-156) (Encs. 8)  
2-New Haven (Encs. 1)  
②-Richmond (INFO) (1-44-657) (1-62-448)  
2-Memphis  
WMH:mas  
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9/3/68

A I R T E L

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) - P -  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
COST DATA

Re Memphis airtels to all offices,  
4/19/68 and 7/16/68.

Set forth below is cost data on captioned  
matter for August, 1968, as incurred by the Richmond  
Division:

(1) Man Hours Expended	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>
A. Special Agents.....	1.....	0
B. Clerical Employees.....	1½.....	0
(2) Total Mileage (Estimated).....		0
(3) Unusual costs.....		None
(4) Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case during 8/68.....		1

2 - Memphis  
1 - Richmond

REB:vsr

(3)

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-  
MURKIN  
COST DATA

Re Richmond airtel to Memphis, 9/3/68.

Richmond has no cost data to submit for the month  
of September, 1968.

2 - Memphis  
① - Richmond

REB:shb  
(3) *shb*

*C. O. S. M.*  
*44-657-315*  
*Barnett*



11-4-68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-  
MURKIN  
COST DATA

Re Richmond airtel to Memphis, 10/1/68.

Richmond has no cost data to submit for the month  
of October, 1968.

2 - Memphis  
① - Richmond

REB:shb  
(3) *shb*

*COP*  
*W. P. R.*  
*h*

*nm*  
44-657-316

*Barnett*

12/3/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) *EP*  
MURKIN  
COST DATA

Re Richmond airtel to Memphis 11/4/68.

Richmond has no cost data to submit for the month  
of November, 1968.

2 - Memphis  
① - Richmond

REB:shb  
(3) *shb*

*44-657-317*  
*do*  
*Mr. [unclear]*  
*Barnett*

FBI

Date: 12/24/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: ALL SAC's

FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA  
(OO: MEMPHIS)  
BUFILE 44-38861

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68, and  
Memphis airtel to All SAC's, dated 7/16/68.

Discontinue the monthly submission to the Memphis  
Division of the cost data requested in referenced airtels,  
since the Bureau has agreed this submission can be discon-  
tinued.

2-All SAC's  
2-Memphis  
HRG:mas  
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44-657-318

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Approved: *R Jensen*  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date 4/25/69

1  
Mrs. BERRY (SHIRLEY) SMITH, daughter of the owner of Nite-Fall Motel, Highway 45 South, Corinth, Mississippi, made available the motel registration records for the period March 29, 1968, to April 3, 1968. The records reveal the names of guests as follows:

HASSELL HALL  
Luxora, Arkansas  
Arkansas license 351, Dodge

C. P. PRATT  
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. and Mrs. ROY STREMMEL  
Route 1  
Beardstown, Illinois  
Illinois license 173-595, Dodge

ROBERT WILSON  
508 West Armitoge  
Marion, Illinois  
Illinois license HN947, Chevrolet

Mr. and Mrs. MANUEL BOLMAN  
106 Fairview  
Alton, Illinois  
Illinois license JV9306, Rambler Station Wagon

FORREST MULLIN  
Gosport, Indiana

RONNIE FLANAGAN  
19 Webb Street  
Hammond, Indiana

On 4/21/69 at Corinth, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA DONALD H. GREENE /bdb 44-651-319 4/24/69

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V. E. SELLERS and wife  
General Delivery  
Greene, Iowa

EARL MEYER  
1302 8th Street  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

F. ANDERSON  
23 Arthur Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
(cement contractor)

J. L. BEAN  
1200 Church Street  
West Point, Mississippi

PAUL E. GRANTHAM  
3291 Bienville Drive  
Jackson, Mississippi  
(U.S. Geological Survey)

L. McGIBANY  
St. Louis, Missouri

JAMES FERGUSON  
Caruthersville, Missouri

HAROLD HUDGINS  
810 Beckwith Avenue  
Caruthersville, Missouri

JAMES E. CAGLE  
Route 1, Box 1374  
Caruthersville, Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. AL JORANDBY  
Grafton, North Dakota

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JAMES E. POTTS  
Memphis, Tennessee

ROBERT M. LINDBERG  
521 Turett Street  
Halls, Tennessee  
Tennessee license IF4413, Ford

WILLIAM R. HAMMETT  
Big Sandy, Tennessee

L. P. DEAN  
3rd and Decatur  
Richmond, Virginia  
Virginia license 555

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Date 4/24/69

Mr. DON M. STRICKLAND, Manager, Holiday Inn,  
Highway 72 West, Corinth, Mississippi, made available  
the motel registration records for the period March 29,  
1968, through April 3, 1968. The following individuals  
were registered during this period:

Mr. A. R. BOWMAN  
3225 Bonny View Drive  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Alabama license 1-93262

CURTIS L. ANTHONY  
2432 5th Place, N.W.  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Georgia license 1J44720, Plymouth

ROBERT T. JENKINS  
1824 29 Avenue South  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Alabama license 1-56534, Oldsmobile

F. C. TANNA  
9 E. Park  
Sylacauga, Alabama

JACK P. VESTER  
2193 Whiting Road  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Alabama license 1-82977, Chevrolet

C. E. KINCAID  
1133 South 52 Street  
Birmingham, Alabama  
(Life of Alabama)  
Alabama license 1-71067, Chevrolet

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WILLIAM E. SCHIESZ  
3212 Cahaba Heights Road  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Alabama license 1-29415, Cadillac

L. F. SHAW  
Box A  
Jemison, Alabama  
Southeastern Tool and Die  
Alabama license 1-77420, Buick

THOMAS F. LEONARD  
1003 N. Cherokee  
Dothan, Alabama  
Florida license 19-44758, Buick

Mr. and Mrs. E. FAIRBANKS  
4402 Judith Lane  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Alabama license 47-10059

DAVE ARCHER  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Alabama license 47-71792, Ford

EUGENE LEE  
626 Mt. Gap Drive  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Alabama license 47-12981, Buick

G. W. CROWDER  
9232 Brookhurst Drive  
Birmingham, Alabama

JOHN B. RAY  
4424 Montainoale Road  
Birmingham, Alabama

WILLIAM E. SCHIESZ  
3212 Cahaba Heights Road  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Alabama license 1-29415, Cadillac



ROBERT E. PAYNE  
36 Crestview Circle  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Alabama license 1-96219, Chevrolet

JOE W. HARRISON  
2512 North 16 Street  
Birmingham, Alabama

JOHN B. EGGERLING  
309 Wingate Avenue  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Alabama license 47-1030, Oldsmobile

JAMES F. FLOWERS  
500 Water Avenue  
Selma, Alabama

ALLEN L. WAHLERS  
3607 Cedarhill Drive  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Alabama license 52-2757

D. E. NESTEROWICK  
7914 Ensley Dr. S.W.  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Chrysler Corporation  
Michigan license CY6911, Dodge

S. F. NELSON  
318 Wingate Avenue, S.W.  
Huntsville, Alabama

B. S. MANLEY  
1802 Oak Street, N.W.  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Alabama 1-99549, Plymouth

JAMES E. BESHENS  
Route 1  
Killen, Alabama