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NISSEN described the individual accosting him as a white male, age 30-35, 5'10", 165-170 pounds, blond hair, cut medium short, and slightly wavy. He stated he was extremely well dressed in obviously expensive clothes.

NISSEN went on to state the more he thought about this incident, the more alarmed he became and left the vicinity of Atlanta shortly thereafter and obtained other employment. The only other incident which served to arouse his suspicion were telephone calls made for him to his place of employment in which the individual calling declined to reveal his identity. NISSEN stated he considered relating above facts to his parole officer at Atlanta but resolved against it since he did not trust his parole officer too much and was afraid his parole might be revoked automatically. He also considered contacting the FBI Office in Atlanta but decided against this also. According to NISSEN he felt uncomfortable and worried in the Atlanta area in view of the information he had furnished in connection with the bounty on MARTIN LUTHER KING and the fact that the Ku Klux Klan was reportedly strong in that area. He stated it was his understanding that the Deputy United States Marshal, name unknown to him, who went to work about the time he started reporting to his parole officer at Atlanta was supposed to be a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

With reference to information furnished him by LEROY MC MENAMAN while at Leavenworth Penitentiary, NISSEN stated that in one conversation, MC MENAMAN told him that if, after his arrival at Atlanta, he could find out MARTIN LUTHER KING's travel route and itinerary, he could earn \$100,000 for himself.

8/6/68

**AIRTEL      AIRMAIL**

**TO:            DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM:        SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P**  
**MURKIN**

**Re Jackson airtel to Bureau 5/15/68.**

**Re Alleged Offer of \$100,000 By The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**Enclosed for the Memphis Office are fifteen copies of investigative insert reflecting interview of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI Number 607 320 A by agents of the St. Louis Office on 8/5/68.**

**NISSEN advised he had received no new information concerning the alleged offer for the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING since interviewed by Dallas agents on 6/2/67.**

**NISSEN flew from Tampa, Fla., to turn himself in to agents at St. Louis stating his decision to do this was prompted partly by fear for his safety after having furnished information to the FBI concerning the alleged offer mentioned above and partly by his desire to "get things straightened out" since he is now married and his wife is pregnant.**

- 3 - Bureau**  
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**1 - Jackson (157-6586)**  
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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (76-30305)  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (76-3733)  
RE: DONALD JAMES NISSEN  
PAROLE VIOLATOR

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Re Bureau airtel to St. Louis, 8/6/68, captioned  
DONALD JAMES NISSEN, Parole Violator.

Enclosed herewith is an investigative insert reflecting  
the interview of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI #607320A, by Agents  
of the St. Louis Office on 8/5/68.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JULY THIRTYONE LAST.

ROBERT L. STANTON INTERVIEWED MADISON COUNTY JAIL,  
EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS; DENIES COMPLICITY IN BANK ROBBERY  
AT THE BANK OF ALTON.

STANTON' MEETS PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION UNSUB NUMBER ONE  
IN ABOVE BANK ROBBERY; HAS HISTORY OF USING AUTOMATIC PISTOL  
SIMILAR TO THAT USED BY UNSUB NUMBER ONE AND EMPLOYED PART  
TIME FOR CAB COMPANY WHICH HAS STAND DIRECTLY ACROSS STREET  
FROM BANK.

STANTON REPORTED INVESTED HEAVILY IN NEW CARS SHORTLY  
AFTER BANK ROBBERY.

ALL OF ABOVE BEING FOLLOWED CLOSELY TO VERIFY AND STANTON  
WILL BE REINTERVIEWED.

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July 29, 1968

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TO: SAC, Chicago  
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FROM: Director, FBI

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Reference Springfield airtel to the Bureau dated 7/18/68.

Eighteen-hundred copies of the circular letter are being mailed to the Chicago and Indianapolis Offices under separate cover and 700 copies of the circular letter are being mailed under separate cover to the St. Louis Division for distribution to laundry and dry cleaning establishments as per instructions contained in referenced communication.

Fifty copies of the circular letter are being mailed to the Springfield and Memphis Divisions under separate cover for action deemed appropriate by these divisions.

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arrived as of this  
date. SA Francis  
handed previous  
laundry & dry cleaning  
matters. I will be  
on A.L. after today.  
Walton has been  
advised. D*

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST FIVE LAST.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON NEWLY DEVELOPED SUSPECTS  
CONTINUING.

PHYLLIS GRINDSTAFF, WIFE OF DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, ADVISED  
HER HUSBAND LEFT FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT IN VIET NAM AUGUST  
ONE LAST. STATES HE IS CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK  
AND CLOSELY PARALLELS DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER ONE ROBBER AT  
BANK OF ALTON. STATES, HOWEVER, HE NEVER MENTIONED TAKING  
PART IN ANY BR NOR DID HE HAVE LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH. STATES  
HE FREELY TALKED ABOUT BURGLARY ACTIVITIES.

MARION ANN FOSSEN AND HOWARD SHELTON, ILLINOIS STATE  
PAROLE OFFICERS REPORT NO POSITIVE RESULTS OF CONTACTS WITH  
PAROLEES AND PROBATIONERS. WILL REPORT FURTHER CONTACTS  
WHICH MAY DEVELOP.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (2 PP)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST SIX,  
 LAST.

SI SIXTEEN FOURTEEN DASH C ADVISED TODAY HE DEVELOPED  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING PERPETRATION OF BANK ROBBERY, THE  
 BANK OF ALTON, JULY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, THE  
 RELIABILITY OF WHICH HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE AT  
 THIS TIME. INFORMATION INDICATES PERSONS ENTERING BANK WERE  
HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND DELMAR GRINDSTAFF; THAT JOHN  
MC CLINTOCK WAS WHEEL MAN DRIVING STOLEN NINETEEN FIFTY-  
 THREE BUICK; THAT UNSUBS ESCAPED THROUGH TEN FOOT HEDGE  
 AT REAR OF BANK AND MET MC CLINTOCK ON BROWN STREET AFTER  
 WHICH THEY ESCAPED VIA LITTLE USED ROADS TO VICINITY OF  
 FOURTH AND BROADWAY, SWITCHING TO NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN  
 PLYMOUTH. SUBJECTS LATER THAT NIGHT DISPOSED OF BUICK IN

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STONE QUARRY, WEST ALTON, MISSOURI.

INFORMANT INDICATES BANK LOOT SPLIT FIVE WAYS BETWEEN  
ABOVE THREE SUBJECTS AND ROGER ALLEN, TAVERN OWNER, AND  
LEON KOHLER, SUSPECTED FENCE.

INFORMANT CONTINUING EFFORTS TO VERIFY COMPLICITY  
OF ABOVE LISTED SUBJECTS AND DETERMINE PERSONS WHO CAN  
VERIFY.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST SEVEN LAST.  
SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED TODAY HE HAS BEEN UNABLE  
TO FURTHER VERIFY INFORMATION SET FORTH IN REFERENCED TEL.  
HOWEVER, HE IS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY PERSONS WHO COULD  
ASSIST IN VERIFICATION.

ROBERT L. STANTON REITERATED DENIAL HE WAS INVOLVED IN  
ROBBERY AT BANK OF ALTON, HOWEVER, HE STATED HE HAS SOME INFOR-  
MATION, WHICH HE FEELS MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE. HE STATES HE  
HAS TO "THINK IT OVER" BEFORE DIVULGING INFORMATION. STANTON  
WILL BE RECONTACTED AT AN EARLY DATE TO ELICITE FURTHER INFOR-  
MATION FROM HIM.

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TO: DIRECTOR; FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST EIGHT,  
LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED HE IS ATTEMPTING TO  
CONTACT THREE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED ABLE TO PLACE HAROLD  
RICHARD COVINGTON, DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, AND JOHN MC CLINTOCK IN  
STOLEN FIFTYTHREE BUICK AND LATER IN FIFTYSEVEN PLEMOUTH ON  
DAY OF HR, THE BANK OF ALTON; FURTHER THEY CAN TESTIFY COVINGTON  
WEARING DARK BLUE WINDBREAKER AND GRINDSTAFF WEARING LIGHT BLUE  
COVERALLS.

PHYLLIS GRINDSTAFF, WIFE OF DELMAR, STATES SHE CANNOT  
RECALL COVERALLS, NOR CAN SHE RECALL DELMAR'S ACTIVITIES ON DAY  
OF HR.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (2 PP)

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED AUGUST ~~NINE~~, TEN  
 LAST.

ROBERT RIZZI, DEPUTY, MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
 EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, ADVISED AUGUST TWELVE, INSTANT,  
DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, BELIEVED ARRESTED BY THAT DEPARTMENT  
 FOR POSSESSION OF SAWED OFF SHOTGUN IN COLLINSVILLE,  
 ILLINOIS. HE ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVED GRINDSTAFF ARRESTED  
 IN THE COMPANY OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK. RIZZI ADVISED HE WOULD  
 OBTAIN ALL THE INFORMATION HIS OFFICE HAS ON GRINDSTAFF  
 AND FURNISH IT TO THE FBI. RIZZI FURTHER ADVISED THAT  
WILLIE LEE HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER,  
 ROBERT TRONE, MADISON COUNTY COURT HOUSE, ON THE MORNING  
 OF AUGUST SIXTEEN, NEXT, EXACT TIME UNKNOWN.

SPRINGFIELD WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AT

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MADISON COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON  
AUGUST SIXTEEN, NEXT, AND WILL OBTAIN INFORMATION PERTAINING  
TO DELMAR GRINDSTAFF. WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOP-  
MENTS. P.

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)****FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)****MURKIN**

**RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST  
TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.**

**SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED HE HAD BEEN UNABLE  
TO GATHER FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING HAROLD RICHARD  
COVINGTON AND ASSOCIATES. HE ADVISED HE WOULD CONTINUE TO  
DEVELOP INFORMATION THAT WOULD AID IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE  
BANK ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON.**

**WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND  
OTHER ASSOCIATES OF HAROLD COVINGTON AND WILL KEEP THE BUREAU  
ADVISED.**

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Date: MAY 15, 1968

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)  
MURKIN

Re alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BACKGROUND:

On 6/2/67, DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI Number 607320A, furnished the following information to the Dallas Office:

NISSEN stated that while at Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, from July, 1965, until

- ③ - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - Atlanta (44-2386)  
(1-100-5586)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
- 1 - Charlotte (Info)
- 1 - Columbia (Info)
- 2 - Dallas (44-2649)  
(1-157-880)
- 2 - Kansas City (1-Murkin)  
(1-157-472)
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- 3 - Jackson (157-9586)  
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his release in April, 1967, he became very friendly with an inmate identified as LEROY MC MANAMAN. MC MANAMAN was originally from western Kansas and was alleged to have bootlegged in Mississippi. According to NISSEN, he and MC MANAMAN worked together in the shoe factory at Leavenworth.

NISSEN said he had previously met MC MANAMAN before going to the penitentiary in Jackson, Mississippi, and he recognized MC MANAMAN again at Leavenworth.

Just before NISSEN was scheduled to be parolled from Leavenworth, MC MANAMAN approached him and stated that he knew NISSEN was going to Atlanta and that he wanted NISSEN to set things up for him.

MC MANAMAN told NISSEN that \$100,000.00 had been offered by the WKKKKOM to be paid to anyone who would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

MC MANAMAN allegedly instructed NISSEN to contact a Mrs. (first name unknown) EURE, at the Eure Realty Company, Jackson, Miss. MC MANAMAN claimed Mrs. EURE is listed as a correspondent by him at Leavenworth Penitentiary. According to MC MANAMAN's instructions, NISSEN was to contact Mrs. EURE and ask her when she next writes to MC MANAMAN at the Penitentiary to tell him "DON" had arrived. MC MANAMAN indicated he would write and tell EURE that NISSEN was "O.K."

If NISSEN wanted to try to "pull this" himself, Mrs. EURE would put him in contact with two people identified only as FLOYD (lnu), an Honorary Colonel in the National Guard at Jackson, Miss., and a second person whom NISSEN could not now recall. NISSEN stated that the unidentified person, according to MC MANAMAN had recently been appointed Deputy United States Marshal at Jackson.

A review of Leavenworth Penitentiary Parole Progress Report for LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN dated October, 1966, disclosed MC MANAMAN began his sentence at Leavenworth on January 18, 1963. The offense is listed as receiving and concealing stolen vehicle from interstate commerce. Under the Sentence Captioned there is an entry "Harboring a Fugitive 9 Years". The codefendants were listed as BURTON HARRY HERPEL, RUBIE CHARLES JENKINS and CHARLES E. TESCHER.

The Classification Study Sheet discloses the following description of LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN:

True Name	LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN
Aliases	None
Race	White
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Age	At admission, 49 years
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	188 pounds
FBI Number	1244125
Social Security Number	Unknown
Marital Status	Divorced
Education	10th grade
Age at first arrest	20 years

The Arrest Record Sheet in the Classification Study shows MC MANAMAN was arrested 12/22/34, Dodge City, Kansas, for investigation. He has numerous arrest since that time in Kansas, Omaha, Nebraska, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Springfield, Missouri.

MC MANAMAN is a native of Kansas and has resided in that state most of his life. He has been somewhat nomadic in the past several years, drifting throughout both Kansas and Oklahoma. His last residence was with his parents in Dodge City, Kansas.



Under the New Social Information, section it is indicated that MC MANAMAN writes very often to his mother who lives in Dodge City, Kansas. He has a grown son and daughter living in Dodge City and they occasionally bring his mother to the institution to visit him. He is divorced and his former wife never writes. MC MANAMAN has been writing often to a woman friend, SYBIL EURE who lives in Jackson, Mississippi. MC MANAMAN has received seven visits from SYBIL EURE and four visits from his mother and son.

The Penitentiary file indicates MC MANAMAN plans to work with SYBIL EURE in the real estate business in Jackson, Mississippi, upon his release from Leavenworth.

The file further indicates SYBIL EURE shows much interest in assisting MC MANAMAN and there seems some possibility that they may marry in the future.

Upon receiving the information from DONALD JAMES NISSEN concerning the alleged offer of \$100,000.00, Mrs. SYBIL EURE was interviewed at Jackson, Mississippi, on 8/8/67.

At that time Mrs. SYBIL M. EURE advised that she is well acquainted with LEROY MC MANAMAN and frequently corresponds with him at the Leavenworth Penitentiary. She explained that early in 1964 after becoming acquainted with MC MANAMAN she rented a room to him at her residence where MC MANAMAN stayed for a few weeks. As far as she knows this is the only time MC MANAMAN has spent in Mississippi. She does not believe that MC MANAMAN is involved or ever has been involved in any Klan activity or associated with anyone whom she new to be involved in Klan activity and that she has never been involved in any Klan activities herself.

She stated that she does not know any of MC MANAMAN's associates, does not know anyone by the name of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, nor has MC MANAMAN ever mentioned NISSEN's name. She does not know of any alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the WKKKKOM to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She has never heard of anything similar to this mentioned and claims not to be involved in any such plot.

She does not know anyone by the name of FLOYD who is a Honorary Colonel in the National Guard or anyone recently appointed as a United States Marshal at Jackson. She stated that her brother's name is FLOYD GARDNER but he is not in the National Guard, not a member of any Klan group, and he does not know MC MANAMAN.

The only person she knows in the United States Marshal's Office at Jackson is CHARLES SUTHERLAND, the Chief Deputy, who is a distant cousin of her former husband, JOHN EURE. She also knows BOB THOMAS, who is associated with the United States Marshal's Office. She considers both SUTHERLAND and THOMAS to be respectable people and she thought most assuredly that they would have no association with any Klan group.

On 5/13/68, Mrs. SYBIL G. EURE, 423 Raymond Road, Jackson, Miss., was reinterviewed.

At the outset she inquired as to the nature of the interview.

It was explained to Mrs. EURE that since the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., her past association with MC MANAMAN may be of a more significant nature.

The alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the WKKKKOM was explained to her again.

Mrs. EURE, who appears to be a reasonably successful business woman, neat in appearance, and well spoken, said she now recalls how this alleged offer all started.

She said she recalls that in 1964 when she first met MC MANAMAN, he was out on some kind of a bond waiting for an appeal. At the same time the murder of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi, was at the height of publicity. Sheriff RAINEY of Neshoba County was presumed to be, at the time, an official in the Klan in Neshoba County. At least the newspapers, radio and television news stories indicated this much. During the same period her real estate business was in minor financial difficulty and she recalls casually mentioning that if she approached the Sheriff of Neshoba County she could probably get \$100,000.00 to kill KING. She said she now feels in all probability that MC MANAMAN took her casual statement seriously. She said she now realizes the seriousness of such a statement since KING's murder.

Mrs. EURE stated that she is an outspoken business woman and often passes remarks of this nature more to attract some prospective customers than anything else. She said she believes that this is the basis for MC MANAMAN's information concerning the offer of money by the Klan in Mississippi to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In attemptig to determine the circumstances concerning her meeting MC MANAMAN in 1964, Mrs. EURE said she met him through a mutual business friend. Her association with MC MANAMAN was business. She said in her opinion MC MANAMAN had a world of knowledge

in real estate business and that if he ever gets out of prison she will always be willing to hire him as an assistant in her real estate business.

After his appeal was denied in 1964, MC MANAMAN was returned to Kansas and began serving his sentence. She said she went out to the Penitentiary on two occasions in 1964, the first time to pick up MC MANAMAN's automobile which she financed for him. All other visits, two or three times in 1965 and once in 1966, were just friendly visits. She said the last time she visited him was early in 1966 and that she has not seen him or heard from him since that time. She said as far as she knows he is still in prison.

Mrs. EURE was very apologetic, very cooperative, and stated that she has no information whatsoever concerning the person or persons responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. If, in the event she receives any information which may be of help in this matter she will immediately contact the FBI.

Mrs. EURE is a white female, approximately 5 feet 9 inches, slender, moderately attractive, approximately 50 years of age.

A further review of the Leavenworth Penitentiary Classification Sheet for MC MANAMAN discloses that his nine year sentence was in an operative status for 375 days due to an appeal. The Classification Study form of MC MANAMAN, Register Number 81371-L indicates that MC MANAMAN was received at Leavenworth Penitentiary in April, 1964 after his appeal had been denied.

The Bureau, through FBI Identification Division records, may wish to compare the records of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI Number 607320A; LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN, FBI Number 1244125 (as indicated in prison records) with the known arrest record of JAMES EARL RAY to determine if they were ever confined in the same prison at the same time with subject RAY.

JN 157-9586

The above information is being furnished to offices designated for information purposes. No leads are being set out in view of information furnished by Mrs. EURE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 8/2/68

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To: SAC, St. Louis

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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RePXteletype to Bureau and St. Louis dated 8/1/68 captioned, "Donald James Nissen - Fugitive; Parole Violator," Phoenix file 76-2865, Bureau file 76-30305, Phoenix - office of origin.

Enclosed for St. Louis are two copies of Jackson airtel dated 5/15/68, captioned, "Murkin." A copy of enclosed Jackson airtel was furnished to Phoenix by Bureau airtel dated 5/27/68.

Enclosed Jackson airtel sets forth information furnished by Donald James Nissen on 6/2/67 concerning an alleged offer of \$100,000 to kill Martin Luther King, Jr. RePXteletype indicates Nissen may surrender at St. Louis on 8/5/68. Should Nissen surrender as stated, St. Louis should attempt to thoroughly interview him concerning any additional information he may have developed concerning any plot to kill King since he was last interviewed on 6/2/67.

Enclosures (2) *jh*

1 - Phoenix 76-2865 (info.)

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*Bidwell has this. Please advise him.*

*Bidwell with enclosures*

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-384)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Newark airtel to Memphis 8/13/68.

On 8/13/68, FCI ELIAN DICKINSON advised MARGARET E. OTTO that day about 10 p.m. she received a telephone call from JERRY RAY, subject's brother. RAY asked for former FCI MARJORIE LOUISE FETTERS. Because of a prearrangement with DICKINSON she did not reveal to JERRY RAY that FETTERS has moved to Florida. She told him she would tell FETTERS about the call. JERRY RAY told DICKINSON he was calling from TR 6-5417 in St. Louis, Missouri. He said he has not been employed for the last two months. He commented "things look good for my brother". He stated he intended to return to Memphis, Tennessee in a few days. He did not mentioned the purpose of that trip.

*no such number  
per Barbara Griffith,  
Memphis office, SWB TLO,  
8-26-68. Would have been in  
St. Louis City  
JEL.*

2-Memphis  
1-St. Louis (Info)  
3-Newark  
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(Type in plaintext or code)Via A I R T E L REGISTERED MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 7/29/68; Chicago airtel to  
 Director, 7/24/68.

Enclosed for Springfield are two separate lists  
 of cleaning establishments, one of members of the National  
 Institute of Dry Cleaners and the second non-members of that  
 organization. (Both lists are in the form of labels on a  
 tape).

On 8/12/68, MRS. CECIL BONIS, National Institute  
of Dry Cleaning, 909 Burlington Avenue, Silver Spring,  
Maryland, made available the above described enclosures.

As per prior correspondence, Springfield will  
 utilize the enclosed labels.

3 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)  
 2 - Memphis (REGISTERED MAIL) (AIRMAIL)  
 2 - Springfield (Encl-2) (REGISTERED AIRMAIL)  
 1 - Indianapolis (info) (REGISTERED AIRMAIL)  
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1 PG)  
MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST  
FIFTEEN LAST.

PUBLIC DEFENDER ROBERT TRONE ADVISED HE WOULD HAVE  
NO OBJECTION TO INTERVIEW OF WILLIE LEE AND WILL ARRANGE  
INTERVIEW AT EARLY DATE.

ILLINOIS STATE PATROL OFFICERS HOWARD SHELTON  
AND MARION VAN FOSSEN ADVISED THEY HAVE COMPLETED  
CONTACT WITH PAROLEES AND PROBATIONERS; HAVE DEVELOPED  
NO INFORMATION RE BR AT THE BANK OF ALTON OR PRESENCE  
OF JAMES EARL RAY IN ALTON DURING JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.  
MAIL COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

2 - Springfield (1: 44-561)  
(1: 91-3699) (Bank of Alton)  
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
1 - St. Louis (44-775) (AM)  
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*W. J. [signature]*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. )

MURKIN

RE SITEL TO BUREAU AUGUST THIRTEEN, LAST.

DON SANDIDGO, DETECTIVE, ALTON, ILL., PD, ADVISED THAT JUDY MILLER, WOODRIVER, ILL., HAD BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH JOHN MC CLINTOCK AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON DURING NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. HE ADVISED SHE MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING THAT TIME.

SPRINGFIELD, AT ALTON, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JUDY MILLER CONCERNING HER KNOWLEDGE OF HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND JOHN MC CLINTOCK.

WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

AM COPIES SENT MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO.

1 - Springfield (44-561)  
1 - St. Louis (44-775)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST SIXTEEN LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISED TODAY HE HAS BEEN  
 UNABLE TO DATE TO CONTACT SOURCES BELIEVED ABLE TO PLACE  
JOHN MC CLINTOCK, HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND DELMAR  
GRINDSTAFF IN ALTON ON JULY THIRTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN  
 AND TO ATTEST TO CLOTHING WORN BY COVINGTON AND GRINDSTAFF  
 ON THAT DATE.

PUBLIC DEFENDER ROBERT TRONE STATES WILLIE LEE HAS NOT  
 CONTACTED HIM AND HE COULD NOT REACH LEE WHEN HE ATTEMPTED  
 TO CONTACT HIM AT KNOWN TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

1 - Springfield (44-561)  
 1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)  
 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU, EIGHT FIFTEEN LAST.

PUBLIC DEFENDER ROBERT TRONE, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS,  
ADVISED WILLIE LEE HAD NOT REPORTED TO HIM AS OF THREE P.M.  
TODAY.

EFFORTS TO CONTACT SI SIXTEEN FOURTEEN - C UNPRODUCTIVE.

COPIES MAILED CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

1 - SI (44-561)  
1 - Chicago (44-1114)(AM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)  
1 - St. Louis (44-775)(AM)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST NINETEEN LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISES HE HAS MADE NO  
PROGRESS IN EFFORTS TO CONTACT SOURCES MENTIONED IN RETEL.  
EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE UNPRODUCTIVE.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

1 - Springfield (44-561)  
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYONE LAST.

SI ONE FIVE FIVE TWO - C, SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C,  
AND PCI HELEN GRABLE CONTACTED. INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT A  
WILLIE LEE, BELIEVED A QUOTE WEAK LINK END QUOTE AMONG ASSOCIATES  
JOHN MC CLINTOCK, DICK COVINGTON, AND DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, HAS  
LEFT THE STATE BECAUSE SOMEONE IS QUOTE OUT TO GET HIM END  
QUOTE.

MC CLINTOCK DUE FOR TRIAL MADISON COUNTY COUNTON  
BURGLARY CHARGE.

WHEREABOUTS OF COVINGTON AND GRINDSTAFF UNKNOWN TO  
INFORMANTS OR ASSOCIATES.

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1 - Springfield (44-561)  
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
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Date: **8/21/68**

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)****FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)****MURKIN****RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTY LAST.**

**SI ONE FIVE FIVE TWO DASH C, WHO FURNISHED ORIGINAL INFORMATION INDICATING JOHN MC CLINTOCK WAS ONE OF THOSE INVOLVED IN ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON, STATED TODAY HE KNOWS JAMES EARL RAY AND IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN RAY WAS NOT IN ALTON DURING JULY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN; THAT INFORMATION REGARDING MC CLINTOCK'S COMPLICITY IN BANK ROBBERY ACCURATE AND THAT THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN MC CLINTOCK AND RAY. INFORMANT INTENSIFYING INQUIRY TO FURTHER ELABORATE ON INFORMATION.**

**MAIL COPY TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.**

**1 - Springfield (44-561)  
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
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Date: **8/23/68**Transmit the following in **PLAINTEXT**  
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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)**  
**MURKIN**

**RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYTWO LAST.**

**CHIEF WILLIAM H. PETERSEN (NA), ALTON PD, ADVISED NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IN ALTON SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE FROM MSP. FURTHER, THAT HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY WRITERS PREPARING BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON RAY AND IN CONVERSATION THEY INDICATE THEY HAVE INTERVIEWED INNUMERABLE PERSONS AND NONE CAN PLACE RAY IN ALTON.**

**PAUL COUSLEY, EDITOR, ALTON EVENING TELEGRAPH, ADVISED NO SOURCES OF THE PAPER OR CITIZENS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION INDICATING RAY PARTICIPATED IN ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON OR WAS EVER IN ALTON AREA IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.**

**MAIL COPY TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.**

1 - Springfield (44-561)  
 1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)  
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Date: 8/26/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED AUGUST  
TWENTY THREE LAST.

SUSPECT JOHN MC CLINTOCK ARRESTED BY ALTON PD  
THIS DATE FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR ON BENCH WARRANT ISSUED  
L.A. COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ARISING OUT OF BURGLARY CHARGE.  
MC CLINTOCK TRANSPORTED TO MADISON COUNTY JAIL AND EFFORTS  
BEING MADE TO OBTAIN HIS RELEASE BY ASSOCIATES. EFFORTS  
MADE TO INTERVIEW BUT UNSUCCESSFUL.

MAIL COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

2 - Springfield (1: 44-561)  
(1: 91-3699)

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RE: REQUEST FOR HUMAN INTEREST  
ITEMS ON ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Re Bulet, 8-23-68.

In order to have available a backlog of human interest data, offices receiving above referenced communication are requested to furnish the Bureau items of unusual interest regarding our investigation of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. The information particularly sought is that which has not been previously incorporated in official reports and may deal with any aspect of our investigation, including personal recollections by investigative personnel. Submit the results using above caption to reach the Bureau not later than 9-20-68. All items should be submitted to SAA JOHN J. BUCKLEY.

SAC JH S

MEMO TO ALL AGENTS  
ST. LOUIS DIVISION  
1 - 44-775  
1 - 66-124

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYSIX, LAST.

SI SIXTEEN FOURTEEN - C ADVISED TODAY HE HAS BEEN IN  
CONTACT WITH CHUCK BAZE CONCERNING BAZE'S ACTIVITIES AND  
KNOWLEDGE OF ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON. INFORMANT STATES  
HE FEELS BAZE HAS DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING BR THOUGH  
NOT ACTIVE PARTICIPANT. INFORMANT INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE  
CONTACT OF BAZE.

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1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1P)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU EIGHT TWENTY SEVEN LAST.

SI ONE FIVE FIVE TWO-C CONTACTED TODAY RE INFO ON ROBERT LOUIS STANTON FURNISHED BY EAST ALTON P.D. INFORMANT SUBSTANTIATED PREVIOUS INTELLIGENCE INDICATING STANTON PREFERS FORTY FIVE CALIBER AUTOMATIC. STATED STANTON HAS WIDE ACQUAINTANCE AMONG CRIMINAL ELEMENT IN GREATER ALTON AREA AND COULD WELL HAVE ACCESS TO ENOUGH INFO ABOUT THE BANK OF ALTON TO PULL BR. EXPRESSED DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT STANTON WOULD PULL BR, STATING HE PREFERRED BURGLARIES.

PCI LARRY R. HANES CONTACTED AND GIVEN ASSIGNMENT TO DEVELOP INFO ON HAROLD RICHARD COVERINGTON AND DELMAR GRINDSTAFF.

COPIES MAILED CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS. P

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1 - MEMPHIS (44-1987) (AM)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P 1)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT LAST.  
INFORMANTS AND PCIS AT ALTON, ILLINOIS, UNABLE TO  
PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHEN CONTACTED TODAY.  
MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

1 - Springfield (44-561)  
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
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(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWENTY NINE LAST.

PCI LARRY R. MANNS ADVISED HE HAS MADE INQUIRY RE  
HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, STATES COVINGTON IN GREATER ALTON  
AREA AND WILL SET HIM UP FOR INTERVIEW.

NO OTHER NEW INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DATE.

MAIL COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

1 - Springfield (44-561)  
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)  
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Date: 9/3/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST THIRTY LAST.

PCI LARRY R. MANN ADVISED WILLIE LEE HAS FLED THE  
STATE AND PRESUMABLY RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA TO ANSWER BURGLARY  
CHARGES THERE AND TO AVOID RECRIMINATION FROM PERSONS WHO  
ARE ATTEMPTING TO "GET HIM".

SUSPECT JOHN MC CLINTOCK RELEASED FROM MADISON COUNTY  
JAIL ON BOND AND ALLEGEDLY LIVING IN OLD SHAWNEETOWN AREA.

EFFORTS BY PCI TO LOCATE DICK COVINGTON UNPRODUCTIVE  
TO DATE.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

1 - Springfield (44-561)  
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL SEPTEMBER THREE LAST.

PCI LARRY R. MANNS, PCI HELEN GRABLE AND SI ONE FIVE  
FIVE TWO DASH C, ADVISED THEY HAVE DEVELOPED NO ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

1 - Springfield (44-561)  
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE SEPTEMBER FOUR LAST.

CHIEF WILLIAM PETERSEN (NA), ALTON PD; WILLIAM BEARDSMORE, PRESIDENT, THE BANK OF ALTON; AND PAUL COUSLEY, EDITOR, ALTON EVENING TELEGRAPH, ADVISED NO CURRENT OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HAS COME TO THEIR ATTENTION SINCE MATTER LAST DISCUSSED.

PCI LARRY R. MANNS ADVISED HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON CONCERNED OVER INCREASED EMPHASIS ON BR INVESTIGATION AND MADE STATEMENT HE HOPES QUOTE THE HEAT WILL BE TURNED OFF SOON END QUOTE. MANNS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PINPOINT COVINGTON'S WHEREABOUTS SO HE MIGHT BE INTERVIEWED.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 9/13/68

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS (2);  
The Bank of Alton,  
Alton, Illinois  
7/13/67  
BR

(OO: SPRINGFIELD)

Enclosed for St. Louis and Indianapolis, if not already received, are lists of members and non-members of the National Institute of Dry Cleaners furnished by the Baltimore Division.

These lists are to be used in the mailing of circular letters furnished by the Bureau concerning the subject.

- 2 - Chicago (44-1114)
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- 2 - Indianapolis (Enc. 2)
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SAC, Atlanta

8-23-68

Director, FBI

**REQUEST FOR HUMAN INTEREST  
ITEMS ON ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)  
BUDED: 9-20-68**

In order to have available a backlog of human interest data, all offices receiving this communication are requested to furnish the Bureau items of unusual interest regarding our investigation of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. The information particularly sought is that which has not been previously incorporated in official reports and may deal with any aspect of our investigation, including personal recollections by investigative personnel. Submit the results using above caption to reach the Bureau not later than 9-20-68.

1 - Birmingham  
1 - Chicago  
1 - Kansas City  
1 - Los Angeles  
1 - Memphis  
1 - New Orleans

① - St. Louis  
1 - London  
1 - Mexico  
1 - Ottawa  
1 - Paris

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

THIS DATE, CONFERENCE HELD WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, MEMPHIS, AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES. MATTER OF LINDING UP WITNESSES AND EVIDENCE DISCUSSED. CANALE PROPOSED FOLLOWING PROCEDURES HE ESTABLISHED SO THAT HE CAN COMPLETE REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF PERTINENT EVIDENCE:

FIRST, HE WOULD LIKE REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE TO MEET WITH LABORATORY EXAMINERS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY ON DATE NEXT WEEK. CANALE PROPOSES THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS FINDINGS WITH INTERESTED EXAMINERS AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW EVIDENCE STILL MAINTAINED AT LABORATORY.

CANALE FEELS THAT IF HIS REPRESENTATIVES GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY, THEY CAN MAKE DECISION, BASED ON EVIDENCE AVAILABLE, AS TO NUMBER OF EXAMINERS THEY MIGHT NEED IN CONNECTION WITH TRIAL, TYPE OF EVIDENCE THAT MIGHT BE SUITABLE FOR USE, AND THIS WOULD ALSO GIVE THEM AN IDEA AS TO VARIOUS FIELD DIVISIONS AND WITNESSES IN THOSE DIVISIONS.

RGJ:ME  
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CC: ATLANTA (AM)  
BIRMINGHAM (AM)  
CHICAGO (AM)  
KANSAS CITY (AM)

CC: LOS ANGELES (AM)  
NEWARK (AM)  
NEW ORLEANS (AM)  
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PRESENCE IN THIS CASE.

THE PERSONNEL TO TRAVEL AS TO THE VARIOUS ITEMS THAT MAY BE OF  
 THAT AND THAT OF THIS BASIS HE WILL NEED A MINIMUM OF  
 CAN BE COMPLETED, HE CAN RETURN EARLIER THAT HE NEEDS FOR THE  
 IT WAS OPINION OF CHAIR THAT HE WAS PRESENTLY WORK  
 DISCUSS ATTEMPTS TO THAT APPROPRIATE AGENCIES CAN BE LINED UP.  
 LABORATORY REPRESENTATIVES TO BEING RELEVANT EVIDENCE AND  
 REPRESENTATIVES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE CAN MEET WITH  
 RECENT REQUESTED TO ADVISE RELEVANT DATA OF WHICH REPE-

AND TO RETURN AND TRAVEL.

MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF GOING TO LONDON, TO MEXICO CITY,  
 HAVE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN FOREIGN TRAVEL. SPECIFICALLY, HE  
 WITH LINDSAY AS WITNESSES, A REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS OFFICE MUST  
 CHAIR ALSO MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY THAT IN CONNECTION

RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS WHEN HE MIGHT HAVE TO RESPOND.

TO, AND HE WOULD AT THIS TIME ALSO TALK TO WITNESSES IN THE  
 WITH AGENTS AND RECORD EVIDENCE THE INFORMATION THAT CAN TRAVEL  
 OFFICE THROUGHOUT CONTACT PERTINENT FIELD DIVISIONS AND DISCUSS  
 AVAILABLE AT LABORATORY, HE PROPOSED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS  
 CHAIR STATES THAT AFTER REVIEW OF DATA WHICH IS

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**AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS  
CITY, LOS ANGELES, NEWARK, NEW ORLEANS, AND ST. LOUIS. P.**

**END**

DIRECTOR, FBI

9-20-68

SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

REQUEST FOR HUMAN INTEREST  
ITEMS ON ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)  
Buded: 9-20-68

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, 8-23-68.

Canvass of SA's and review of St. Louis file  
has failed to disclose human interest items in connection  
with above matter.

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1 - St. Louis

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) (P)  
SUBJ: MURKIN  
COST DATA

Re SL airtel to Memphis, 9/4/68.

Following is cost data for St. Louis Division for month of September, 1968:

1. Man Hours Spent

A. Special Agents

Regular  
4 hours

Overtime  
0

Total  
4 hours

B. Clerical

Regular  
5 hours

Overtime  
0

Total  
5 hours

2. Total Mileage - 0

3. Unusual Costs - None.

4. Peak number of Special Agents on case during month - 1.

2 - Memphis  
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## Ray Worked Two Months In Restaurant

CHICAGO (UPI) — James Earl Ray, accused in the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., worked as a dishwasher and waiter in a north suburban restaurant for two months after escaping from a Missouri prison, it has been learned.

His job at the Indian Trail Restaurant in Lakeshore Winetka — where his former employers said he was always clean shaven, neatly dressed and courteous — was learned Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Klingeman, the owners, were unaware that their onetime food server was Ray until approached last August by a magazine writer commissioned by Ray to write his life story.

The Klingemans, who said Ray was a highly satisfactory employe, notified Winnetka police, who in turn notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

### Not Crucial

The information is not considered crucial in the murder case but is important in helping investigators fill in a "missing link" in Ray's whereabouts between his escape on April 3, 1967, and the assassination on April 4, 1968.

The Klingemans said Ray used the name of John L. Rayns when he applied for a job as a dishwasher May 3, 1967. He used his own Social Security number, the couple learned later.

They said he was bothered by a foot ailment, but did a good job and was promoted to food server with a boost in salary from \$103 to \$117.50 a week.

The Klingemans said Ray received "two or three" telephone calls weekly during the eight weeks he was there. On his last day, he was called to the tele-

phone and then visited at the back door or the restaurant by an unidentified man. The next day he failed to report for work, they said.

### Letter From Quincy

Several days later, the Klingemans received a letter from Ray, postmarked Quincy, Ill., the home town of Ray's sister. It said Ray had been "offered a job on a ship" and asked that his final pay check be mailed to a Winnetka Post Office box, which was done.

The Klingemans were interviewed by FBI agents Aug. 24 and turned over Ray's eight canceled pay checks to the agents, they said.

Mrs. Klingeman said she was told by an agent that Ray's foot ailment apparently was from injuries received walking and hitchhiking to Chicago after escaping from the state prison at Jefferson City, Mo.

Ray previously worked in the Chicago area in 1950-51. His brother, Jerry, 32, was found working as a groundskeeper at a country club a few miles from the Indian Trail Restaurant after the King assassination.

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P  
RE: MURKIN  
COST DATA

ReNYairtel to Memphis, 9-4-68.

The following is cost data for the St. Louis Division  
for the Month of September, 1968:

1. Man Hours Spent
  - A. Special Agents

Regular	Overtime	Total
1 hour	0	1 hour
  - B. Clerical

Regular	Overtime	Total
1 hour	0	1 hour
2. Total Mileage - 0.
3. Unusual Costs - None.
4. Peak Number of Special Agents on case during Month - 1.

2 - Memphis  
1 - St. Louis  
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