

Airtel SACs, Birmingham, Jackson, Memphis
RE: MURKIN

obtaining descriptions and registrations for the automobiles of such persons. A review of such records might indicate whether any one individual might have accompanied Ray or been in contact with him during this period. Pertinent or questionable registration records should be obtained if possible for examination by the FBI Laboratory.

Memphis should insure that the Bureau is kept currently advised of pertinent developments in this case, particularly all aspects of-court action since the death of Judge Battle on March 31, 1969.

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Transmit the following in _____
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 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 5/16/69

FROM : SA BOYD D. ADSIT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re memo of SA ADSIT, 5/14/69, setting forth leads in Longmont, Colo. (assigned SA SMITH) and Cheyenne, Wyo. (assigned SA CARLSON).

OO advised by airtel 5/14/69 that leads need not be covered unless so directed by the Bureau at some future date.

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SAC, DENVER (157-203)

5/21/69

SA JOEL A. CARLSON (P)

MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

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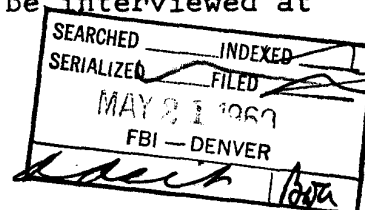
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Ray Will Begin Fight for New Trial

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI)—James Earl Ray goes back into court Monday in hopes of nullification of his 99-year prison sentence and winning a new trial in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray signed waivers to his rights of appeal, not only to higher state courts but to the U.S. Supreme Court when he pleaded guilty on March 10 to the April 4, 1968, slaying of the Nobel peace prize winner, court records show.

But a quirk of fate—the death by heart seizure of Judge W. Preston Battle—may put Ray back into court to fight anew murder charges in the death of the civil rights leader that has already carried Ray from London to Memphis and to the cold grey walls of the state prison at Nashville.

Criminal Court Judge Arthur C. Faquin Jr. who inherited the Ray case after Battle's death on March 31, will be told that Hous-

ton Atty. Percy Foreman "pressured" Ray into pleading guilty.

The prisoner's three new attorneys—Robert W. Hill Jr. of Chattanooga, J. B. Stoner of Savannah, Ga., and Richard J. Ryan of Memphis—will argue that Foreman and the previous lawyer on the case, former Birmingham, Ala., Mayor Arthur J. Hanes Sr., used Ray to peddle his inside story to magazines,

books and motion pictures for their own financial gain.

Ray has also filed a U.S. District Court suit in Nashville asking that contracts between himself and author William Bradford Huie—arranged by Hanes and then switched to Foreman—be voided. A hearing on that matter is scheduled Tuesday.

The latest twist was complicated by the death of Battle, who suffered a heart seizure at his desk the day he returned from vacation following apparent settlement of the case.

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

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Denver, Colorado

May 29, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
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COMMEMORATION OF THE DEATH OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A First Source, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on May 28, 1969, that Dr. M. C. WILLIAMS, President, Religious Council on Human Relations, 1525 Josephine, Denver, Colorado, wrote a letter dated to January 9, 1969, to Mayor WILLIAM MC NICHOLS, Denver, Colorado, stating that he was working with a committee based in New York which committee is headed by Rev. WYATT T. WALKER, the former administrative assistant to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He said the purpose of the committee is to petition Congress and the new Administration to make January 15, KING's birthday, a national holiday.

He stated in his letter that "we" are requesting the same of the Governor of Colorado and have been in contact with representative of the Colorado House of Representatives and Senate in hopes that the resolution may be passed supporting this idea. Rev. WILLIAMS also requested a Proclamation by the Mayor declaring January 15, 1969, as Martin Luther King Day in Denver. First Source stated the Mayor replied to Rev. WILLIAMS's letter suggesting Rev. WILLIAMS direct his efforts toward the Federal level and agreeing to issue the requested Proclamation. First Source stated that the Proclamation was issued; however, Martin Luther King Day is not to be an annual affair.

A Second Source, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on May 28, 1969, that the Governor of Colorado, JOHN A. LOVE, received a letter and a telephone call from Rev. M. C. WILLIAMS, shortly before KING's birthday, January 15, requesting that the Governor declare January 15 a State holiday. The Governor advised Rev. WILLIAMS that what he wanted would be best accomplished on the Federal level. The Governor took no action to declare a State holiday.

The Second Source stated that there was some talk among members of the State Legislature concerning a resolution

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supporting efforts to have January 15 declared a national legal holiday, but nothing was actually introduced. The Legislature is adjourned until January, 1970, and will be taking no action in this matter unless it is brought up again at that time. Second Source said the Governor has the power to issue an Executive Order at any time declaring January 15 a State holiday but there is no likelihood that he will.

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DIRECTOR, F.B.I. (100-12709)

May 29, 1969

SAC, DENVER ¹⁵⁷⁻²⁰³ (~~175-203~~) (RUC)

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEATH OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., 4/4/69
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Bureau airtel to Albany and sixteen other offices including Denver.

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and ten copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth past efforts by Rev. M. C. WILLIAMS, Denver, Colorado, to gain support for a State holiday on KING's birthday, January 15.

First source is MARY JO CUMMINGS, Mayor's office, City and County Building, Denver, Colorado. Second Source is PATRICK MURPHY, Governor's Aide, Governor's Office, State House, Denver, Colorado. Both advised they would endeavor to advise the Denver Office of any future developments in this matter.

It is noted that Rev. M. C. WILLIAMS is an Integration Liaison Source of the Denver Office and it is believed that any plans to further this cause can be discreetly determined through him, as well.

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FBI Official Admits King Wiretap

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A top aide to J. Edgar Hoover said Wednesday the FBI's wiretap on the telephone of Martin Luther King Jr. had been authorized in writing by Robert F. Kennedy as Attorney General.

Clyde A. Tolson, associate FBI director, made the assertion in disputing a charge that the wiretap violated legal and presidential restrictions which limited FBI wiretaps to persons approved by the attorney general and involving only "national security" investigations.

Tolson said the King wiretap met both requirements.

His statement was made in a

letter to newspaper columnist Carl T. Rowan, who in a column published Sunday in the Washington Star cited the wiretapping of King's phone in contending that Hoover should be removed from office.

Tolson called Rowan's column "malicious" and "scurrilous." His letter was distributed to news agencies by the FBI.

"For your information," Tolson wrote, "the wiretap on Martin Luther King Jr. was specifically approved in advance in writing by the late Attorney General of the United States, Mr. Robert F. Kennedy."

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

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Date 6/17/69

RE:

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

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

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks: **For your information and guidance.**

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United States Department of Justice
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cc Mr. Newbold Noyes
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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
REPORT OF
DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT

REGISTER NO. W-16900 NAME Raymond Leon Yount AGE 29
TRUE NAME ALIAS
BIRTH DATE [REDACTED] BIRTH PLACE Ft. Smith, Ark.
HEIGHT 5 FT. 11 3/4 IN. WEIGHT 155 RACE White
BUILD Tall HAIR Brown EYES Hazel COMPLEXION Fair
MARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS Small scar inner left wrist; 6" scar right hip.
OCCUPATION OR TRADE Engineering - survey MARITAL STATUS Married
EDUCATION College hours in engineering RELIGION Mormon
GRADE ACHIEVEMENT 11.8 INTELLIGENCE CLASSIFICATION Above average
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MILITARY Nat. Guard 1955 1956 TYPE OF DISCHARGE Minority
Air Force FROM 1956 TO 1956 Psychiatrist's disch.
U.S. Navy 1957 1957 MO. 0 honorable
PAROLES OR PROBATION: MO. 0 FORMER IMPRISONMENT: OTHER 3
OTHER 4
EMERGENCY ADDRESS FATHER: Mr. Otis Yount
113 Linwood Dr.
Sand Springs, Okla.
PRESENT CONVICTIONS

CAUSE NO. 304

OFFENSE: PG: No account check

SENTENCE 4 years

DATE OF SENTENCE: 4-24-69 TERM OF COURT: Mar. 196

COUNTY: Barry

DATE RECEIVED: 4-26-69

JAIL TIME 17 days

FULL TIME 4-8-1973

% TIME 4-8-1972

DISCH. DATE:

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT
Diagnostic Center Report

Name: Raymond Leon Yount

Number: W-16900

Date: 5-27-1969

FELONY INCARCERATIONS:

4-1-59, Englewood Colo., 60 days to 6 yrs. by Youth Corr. Act., trans. El Reno Okla. after 4 mos., par. 7-1961, par. viol., 2nd par. 4-1963, p.v., rel. full time served 4-25-65.

11-1965, Cummings Ark. SP Farm, 2 yrs., 1 yr. suspended sentence, rel. on administrative par. after 5 months.

7-13-66, Nev. SP, forg., 1-14 yrs., par. after 2½ years.

CRIMINAL HISTORY: Subject indicates that his first arrest was at age 18 for forgery. The FBI Report indicates that the subject has been arrested for investigation, passing checks on a government reservation, Dyer Act, insufficient funds checks, bogus checks, involuntary manslaughter, investigation of forgery, forgery, ex-convict registration, no account checks, no operator's license, and for the present offense which is no account check.

At the time of the present offense the subject was on parole from the state of Nevada.

PRESENT OFFENSE: The subject states that he was having problems with his wife, who left him, taking all of his possessions and money. Subject states that he had already technically violated his parole from the state of Nevada, and wrote several checks during a 1 week period.

There is no Commitment Report available at this time.

Accomplices: None listed.

Detainers: None at present.

FAMILY: Subject is 29 years old. He was born and raised in Fort Smith, Arkansas under fair economic conditions. The subject indicates that his relationship to his parents and to his sister was not good. A previous psychiatric evaluation describes the subject's father as being very nervous and high strung. The report indicates that subject's father has a mental history in connection with his military service. The subject's mother was described as being obese and appearing older than her actual age.

EDUCATIONAL: The subject states that he has completed the requirements for his G.E.D. while in the federal institution. He states that he has also taken numerous college hours in engineering and related topics. Diagnostic Center test data indicates that the subject has above average intelligence, above average verbal ability and mechanical comprehension. The S.A.T. score indicates that the subject achieves on an 11.8 grade level. This inmate indicates that he intends to continue taking college courses in the field of engineering.

MARITAL: At the age of 17 the subject married a 19-year-old girl whom he had known for 8 or 9 hours. There were no children by this marriage which ended in divorce after 1 month.

At the age of 20 the subject married a 19-year-old girl whom he had known for 1 day. There were no children by this marriage which also ended in divorce after 1 month.

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W-16900 - Raymond Leon Yount

At the age of 25 the subject married a 23-year-old woman whom he had known for 3 months before their marriage. There were no children by this union which ended when the subject's wife was killed in an automobile accident.

At the age of 26 the subject married a 43-year-old woman whom he had known for 3 months. There were no children by this marriage, which after 4 years is about to end in divorce.

The subject indicates that his present wife is the cause for his legal difficulties. He indicates that she is a very troublesome person who also has a criminal record.

MILITARY: The subject has served in the Arkansas National Guard from 1955 to 1956 and received an honorable discharge. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1956 but was given a minority discharge because he was under age when he enlisted. Subject enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1957 and was reportedly given an inaptitude administrative discharge. Subject states that he struck an officer, appeared before a psychiatric board and received a discharge because of his emotional instability.

EMPLOYMENT: Subject states that his first job was as an electronic's assembly helper. He indicates that he has held numerous electrical related positions, worked as a draftsman designer and as a member of the engineering staff of the Lear Reno Corporation for 2 months.

RELIGION: This inmate indicates that he has attended the Mormon Church on an irregular basis. Subject indicates that he is personally acquainted with high ranking members of that church's organization.

HEALTH: The subject states that in general his health is good. He has an extensive medical history of both psychiatric and physical problems.

This inmate has received numerous psychiatric evaluations. He has been described as an "emotionally unstable personality of long standing". He was diagnosed as "psychopathic personality with emotional instability."

This inmate was involved in a motorcycle accident in which he received injuries to his back, head, leg and jaw. A previous psychiatric evaluation states that the subject has had an "outside tumor." At one time the subject complained of having blackout spells. During the interview the subject stated that he has often had severe headaches and stated that he has consumed a great deal of alcohol in order to relieve this pain.

The Diagnostic Center Medical Report indicates that the subject is allergic to antibiotics and that he is fit for duty.

SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT: The subject has a long history of poor social adjustment in the home, school, military and marital experience. Subject indicates that he drinks to excess when he is depressed.

The subject's academic pursuits while incarcerated appear to be successful. A previous institutional report indicates that subject received superior grades on a college level in such courses as interior decorating, engineering graphics and engineering drawing.

A previous psychiatric evaluation states that the subject has suffered from much emotional instability, and has done considerable "acting out."

He reportedly had temper tantrums in which he would often leave home in the middle of the night, take the family car and drive to a distant town. On various

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occasions the subject has threatened to kill the rest of his family during these temper tantrums. On 1 occasion the subject left a suicide note stating that he intended to do away with himself since "no one loved him."

EVALUATION: The subject is 29 years old. He was born and raised in Fort Smith, Arkansas under fair economic conditions. This inmate has above average intelligence and good mechanical and engineering skills. Subject has had a very stressful and emotionally insecure life. He has made a generally poor social adjustment in spite of his talents.

During the interview the subject presented himself as a nervous individual who on several occasions reminded the interviewer not to insult his intelligence.

The subject has spent approximately the last 10 years in various institutions. He generally appears to have made a good institutional adjustment. The subject has a slightly overbearing personality, but is not totally disagreeable. He has been diagnosed as "psychopathic personality with emotional instability."

During the interview the subject stated that while he was incarcerated at the Cummings Prison Farm in the state of Arkansas he was in a position of authority and consequently received the blame for several incidents of brutality which took place in that institution. Subject indicates that in H-Hall he has received several threats from inmates who knew him from that institution.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: FBI Report, relative questionnaire, test data, medical report, previous institutional reports, psychiatric evaluations and interview.

PM:bs

Philip M. Meader
Corrections Caseworker

Name: Raymond Leon Yount

Number: 16900

Date: 5-29-1969

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Custody: Routine
2. Social Service: Not indicated
3. Educational: Correspondence courses
4. Vocational: Computer programmers course
5. Work: Routine

SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Subject may be qualified to instruct others in algebra and math.

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Date 2/4/70

RAYMOND LEON YOUNT, Missouri State Penitentiary #16900, was interviewed at his request at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

At the start of the interview YOUNT was shown a six page statement which had been made available by Warden HAROLD SWENSON. YOUNT read this six page statement and stated that he had prepared this statement a few days prior to this interview and the statement was true and correct, however, he did not wish to sign it.

"I, Raymond Leon Yount, 16900, do hereby offer this statement completely freely and voluntarily. I issue this statement without any threats of promises being imposed upon me. To the best of my knowledge, all facts given are true to the best of my memory.

"During the latter part of the month of June, or the first part of July of 1966, I was in Oxford, Mississippi. I state this date to be true as I recall that it was just a very few days from the 4th of July holiday.

"It was here (Oxford) that I met with another young fellow which I had served time with in the PRERO. This man's last name was Bean. I don't think I even knew his first name. He had the nickname of "Carnie" as he was a previous carnival worker. Bean appeared to be prosperous, well dressed and with funds. I had known Bean since 1961 at this time.

"I registered in a motel in Oxford. I do not recall the name of the motel unit. It was a two-story structure located approximately 4 blocks north of the main city square of Oxford. The name used here was either Billie R. Sellers /or James G. Sellers. This will be on the motel records as I believe a worthless check was left there or else the bill for

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Date dictated 1/29/70

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the room was abandon. It was here that Bean and I talked, drank and that he told me of "some people I want you to meet".

"The next day, we together drove to another Mississippi city to get new I.D. cards. I am unable to recall the name of this town but believe that I could re-trace the route on a map. The I.D. I obtained was under the name of Bruce Richard Caldwell, 412 Elm Street, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. This I.D. was received out of a case located in the rear of a printing firm. The odd thing that I noted here was all of the packs of I.D. that we looked through were of Canadian origin and that they were not counterfeit, rather real, used I.D. cards. There were several packs of I.D. card_ we looked through to find one that I fitted.

"Note: I was later arrested with this very I.D. on me in Douglas County Nevada. This was on Aug. 13, 1966. I understand that the I.D. cards were returned to an "Inspector" in Windsor.

"Later in the evening of the day which I received the I.D. cards, Bean arranged for us to meet with three men in a motel in the same city. I do recall various things about the location of this motel and the motif of the structure. Bean arranged this meeting by means of a phone call from the printing firm. Obviously it was a local call.

"Upon entry into the motel room the first thing I noticed was the tension about every one present. Drinks were poured and small talk exchanged.

"The three men were well dressed and obviously did not occupy the room full-time as there was no luggage or extra clothes. I would approximate their ages at 28, 35 and 39. I would recognize any of these men if I ever saw them again.

"The oldest man did most of the talking. He was a large man, wearing a wine-colored silk jacket. He spoke with a accent with I quickly classified as a New Orleans-French. I was familiar with this pronunciation. He wore his pants very high around his waist line which I automatically connected also with the New Orleans French Quarters. At no time did he state that he was from New Orleans or from anywhere.

"He asked me where all I had served time and for what?

"If I liked "Niggers"?

"If I had ever been in the armed service?

"If I could fire a rifle with accuracy?

"If I was interested in making some fast easy money?

"With this, I was shown three large stacks of bills with a brown paper band around each stack.

"Note: These questions were not all asked at the same time, but rather over the course of an hour or so.

"During all this time I was listening more than talking and trying to figure out what the proposition was. No exacting details were given.

"Small talk continued for some time, one of the men, the middle aged one, of approximately 35 years left the room and returned about 30 minutes latter.

"Shortly thereafter, I was ask if I would go to Jackson, Mississippi on the next day with two other men. Martin Luther King was given, by name, as the target. He was to speak in public on the next evening. The three of us were to arrange ourselves on roofs of nearby buildings and then "open-fire" at

the same time. The closet door of the motel room was opened and there were three rifles leaning against the wall. The stacks of money was on the dresser. I knew, in my own mind that these men were serious and did intend to have this man killed. However, it was also obvious to me that there was no way to "get away" with such a crime and I even doubted that payment would be fulfilled. The general plan was not to realistic, for the three on the roofs. To be honest, I was more scared than anything.

"There was no decision made at this time. I told them that I would let them know in a couple of hours, with this Bean and I left the motel room. The younger fellow followed us outside. He handed Bean a motel room key which was to the next unit. The three of us went inside. I told Bean that I was going to the car to get some clothes and bath articles to clean up with. The young fellow stood in the doorway. As quickly as I was in the car, I turned the key and was gone!

"Somewhere north, approximately 50-75 miles of Jackson I stopped at a service station and phoned the F.B.I. office in Jackson Mississippi. I refused to tell the Agent who nor where I was. I only told him that there was a plot to kill Martin Luther King and to keep him out of public in Jackson the next day. The agent tried to hold me on the phone as long as he could. I talked all of 60 seconds. I explained myself clearly. This call should be on file in the Jackson Office. I hung-up the phone and left. I drove on into Jackson, left the car at the airport and boarded a plane for San Francisco, California."

YOUNT advised that the abbreviation FRERO refers to the Federal Reformatory at El Reno, Oklahoma. YOUNT advised he has never seen a picture of JAMES EARL RAY and he could not say if RAY was present in Oxford, Mississippi, when this matter was discussed in July, of 1966.

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YOUNT described the three other unknown males that were at the meeting in a motel room in Oxford, Mississippi, as follows:

Unknown subject #1

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Middle or late 20s
Height	5'10" to 5'11"
Weight	155 to 160 lbs.
Hair	Black, worn medium long
Complexion	Dark
Manner	Quiet
Dress	Wears flashy clothes

Unknown subject #2

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 35 years old
Dress	Well dressed

Unknown subject #3

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 39 years old
Height	6'1"
Weight	230 to 240 lbs., obese
Hair	Dark
Accent	New Orleans-French

YOUNT advised that he has not seen any of these individuals again, however, he told this story to JOHN EMERSON, 412 West Musser Street, Carson, Nevada, a minister who can be contacted at the above address or through 409 South Tacoma Street, Carson, Nevada.

YOUNT stressed that he had cooperated with U. S. Postal authorities in the past at Little Rock, Arkansas, in November, 1965, concerning some stolen money orders.

YOUNT advised that he had not furnished this information until this time because he felt that the assassination had been averted, but now feels that this information should be given to the proper authorities.

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YOUNT stated that unknown subject #1 hangs around the Itt'll Do Club in Dallas, Texas, and that he had met this individual prior to their meeting in Oxford, Mississippi, however, he did not mention this meeting to unknown subject #1.

YOUNT also stated that unknown subject #3 could be identified through an unknown individual who broke his arm in May of 1966 and was treated at Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. YOUNT stated that this unknown individual is a "barker" on Bourbon Street in New Orleans.

YOUNT stated that unknown subject #1 could be identified by URETHA (phonetic) who is a cocktail waitress at Love Field Cocktail Lounge, Dallas, Texas. YOUNT stated that he was with URETHA at the Itt'll Do Club in Dallas when unknown subject #1 tried to start a fight with him, and URETHA knew unknown subject #1 at that time.

YOUNT also advised that his fourth wife, BILLYE RUTH SELLERS, was with him on a check cashing spree at the time of this meeting in Oxford, Mississippi, in July, 1966. YOUNT stated that perhaps SELLERS is wanted by the FBI in regard to these check writing activities. He stated that SELLERS is also known as BILLYE RUTH YOUNT, and BILLYE RUTH HARRIS, and was employed for a time at 201 West King, Carson, Nevada, with the State of Nevada Insurance Division. YOUNT stated that SELLERS could not be contacted through 1027 East Walnut, Springfield, Missouri, or through her children who reside at 1012 Ivy, Cassville, Missouri, or DEBORAH KAY SELLERS, a student at Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield, Missouri.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	RAYMOND LEON YOUNT
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Weight	173 lbs.
DOB	
Place	Fort Smith, Arkansas
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Scar	Left wrist

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INFORMATION CONCERNING CONSPIRACY TO
ASSASSINATE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
July, 1966,
Oxford, Mississippi

Enclosed for Memphis are 2 copies of an FD-302 on RAYMOND LEON YOUNT, and 1 copy of Missouri Department of Corrections report concerning YOUNT. Information copies along with 2 copies each of FD-302 on RAYMOND LEON YOUNG, and 1 copy each of Missouri Department of Corrections report concerning YOUNT, are being sent to Denver and Seattle, who had cases on YOUNT and SELLERS in the past.

On 1/26/70 RAYMOND LEON YOUNT, Missouri State Penitentiary #16900 was interviewed at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. After the interview Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, was interviewed by Special Agents ROWEN B. AYERS and KEITH M. HUNTER, at which time he made available a copy of Missouri Department of Corrections report of Division of Classification and Assignment concerning RAYMOND LEON YOUNT.

It is noted that this report states that the subject has an extensive medical history of both psychiatric and physical problems. "This inmate has received numerous psychiatric evaluations. He has been described as an 'emotionally unstable personality of long standing'. He was diagnosed as "psycopathic personality with emotional instability'."

The report also states that the subject has served in the United States Navy and was given an administrative discharge after appearing before a psychiatric board and receiving a discharge because of emotional instability.

The above is being furnished for information and evaluation by your office. In view of the above, no leads have been set out by the Kansas City Division.

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Date: **3-4-70**Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)To: **SAC, Albany***plus* From: **Director, FBI****SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., APRIL 4, 1970,
RACIAL MATTERS
BUDED 3-18-70**

April 4, 1970, will be the second anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., and it can be expected that there will be ceremonies and possibly demonstrations commemorating this death. On March 24, 1970, a motion picture about King's civil rights work and his death is scheduled to be shown at about 1,000 theaters across the country to raise funds in King's name for the Martin Luther King Special Fund in Atlanta, Georgia. The emotional impact of this film followed by the anniversary of King's death could lead to incidents of violence. Another factor contributing to the possibility of violence is the extensive antiwar activities planned for April, 1970, and the expected vandalism and other illegal activities in connection with this antiwar activity. In such an atmosphere of lawlessness, together with emotions connected with the anniversary of King's death, racial activities involving similar lawlessness could result.

In order that the Bureau will be in possession of the necessary information upon which an assessment can be made of the violence potential in connection with the

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RE: SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., APRIL 4, 1970

activities commemorating King's death, each office is to submit an airtel to reach the Bureau by March 18, 1970, regarding the situation. Any positive information should be included in a letterhead memorandum. This information should include planned activities, extremist influence, student involvement, and any other factor which might affect the violence potential. If there are no activities planned, and there is no information available which would assist in assessing the violence potential, no letterhead memorandum need be submitted, but an airtel should be submitted explaining why a letterhead memorandum is not necessary.

After the submission of the March 18, 1970, assessment all subsequent information regarding this matter should be submitted as received by the type of communication applicable to the urgency of the information. The Bureau expects each office to afford this matter sufficient attention to insure that the Bureau's responsibilities in this matter will be adequately met.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (RUC)
SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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ReBuairtel to Albany, 3/4/70.

DN 414-R, DN 442-R and DN 447-S advised they have no information regarding any planned activities for violence potential that may occur on this date.

To date the Denver Division has received no information indicating whether the motion picture about KING's civil rights work and his death is scheduled for a Denver theater.

In the event the Denver Division determines through their racial and security informants that such activity is planned, the Bureau will be advised immediately.

Denver requests the Bureau, if they have knowledge of the film company distributing the motion picture mentioned in reairtel, to advise Denver.

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SA FREDERICK M. VOLZ (P)

DN 442-R

On 3/10/70, informant was contacted and furnished the following information:

Informant has no information regarding any planned activity on the part of the Black Panther Party (BPP) for the second anniversary of the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 4/4/70.

Informant has no information that SHIRLEY COTTON is a member or sympathizer of the Denver BPP.

Informant has no information that HERBERT L. JACKMAN is a member of sympathizer of the BPP.

Informant has never seen CHOD GRANT at BPP Headquarters.

The name and photograph of SIDNEY HAROLD VAUGHN is unknown to the informant.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (170-33A) DATE: March 23, 1970

FROM : SA FREDERICK M. VOLZ

SUBJECT: DN 414-R

The captioned informant was contacted on March 10 and 12, 1970 and furnished the following information:

Informant has no information regarding any planned activities during the anniversary of the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

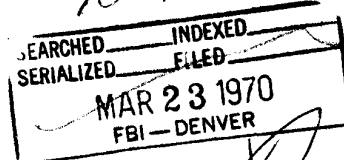
Informant advised SHIRLEY COTTON is unknown to him as being a member or sympathizer of the Black Panther Party (BPP) in Denver.

The name HERBERT L. JACKMAN, 1023 West Ellsworth, is unknown to the informant as being a member or sympathizer with the BPP.

CHOD DOUGLAS GRANT, aka, is unknown to the informant and does not reside at BPP Headquarters, Denver (SA GUSTAFSON advised by separate memo).

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Informant has no knowledge of a visit by one of the Denver Panthers to Colorado Springs to organize a chapter of the BPP. Since the Panther was supposed to be from California and was in Colorado Springs on 2/11/70, he feels it was to organize a HUEY NEWTON rally and could possibly have been one of the Denver BPP members currently in Denver from national headquarters in California.

Photographs were shown informant taken at the BSA protest, University of Wyoming, on 2/7/70. Informant advised none of the four photographs are Denver BPP members, however, in photograph number 1, he recalls the individual with the white headband as being at the BPP rally at the Federal Building, Denver, on 2/11/70. He said no one from the Denver BPP group went to Wyoming to the game.

Informant advised that SIDNEY HAROLD VAUGHN and the photograph sound and look familiar to him as being an individual who hangs out at Mac's Bar on Friday and Saturday nights at 21st and Stout Streets. Informant will attempt to obtain more information regarding VAUGHN.

Informant advised ORA WILLIAMS has returned to Denver from California and is residing at the BPP community house, 3123 Franklin Street.

ANDREW AUSTIN has not returned to Denver from New York.

The Panthers are still having trouble selling their newspapers and less than eight children attend the breakfast program at the High Street Parish. Liberation classes are being held at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday evenings but are attended by less than four people other than the BPP members.

The following persons are currently active in the BPP in Denver:

MIKE HILL;
ARLANDO PIPKINS;
DIANE FOWLER;
VICTOR HOUSTON;
HAROLD HOLMES (recently returned from California);
EDDIE DENTON;
JACQUELINE LEE TABB;
ORA WILLIAMS;
GEORGE LOYD (trying to find job at East Side Action Center);
Unknown Negro girl who wears a platinum wig, approximately 30 years old.

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SORL SHEAD currently resides with his wife, CARRIE, at 3710 Race Street.

Informant advised that he recalls a BPP member by the name of THOMAS from Los Angeles who was at the retreat in San Francisco in November, 1968. THOMAS is described as age 22-23, 165 - 170 pounds, 5'11" - 6'1", medium complexion, beard, medium Afro cut like BILL COSBY.

In a conversation with BPP members in Denver, informant learned some BPP group in the east has 7,000 sticks of dynamite that were stolen from an Army ordnance depot in Maryland.

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4/8/70

SA FREDERICK M. VOLZ

DN 414-R

On 3/17/70, informant was contacted and furnished the following information:

RUSS SIMPSON and his wife have moved to 1040 Kalamath, Denver, where he has purchased a home with a three per cent Government loan.

Informant was alerted to the new organization, National Black Referendum on Vietnam, and he stated he would advise if such an organization starts in Denver.

Informant advised that the movie "King" is being presented at four movie houses in Denver on 3/24/70. He heard that some of the Black civil rights groups are attempting to get a park in Denver for a benefit, however, none of these groups have planned any violence.

The Breakfast Program is still being conducted at the High Street Parish and the liberation School is being held on Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Panther Headquarters, 3123 Franklin.

The Panthers have only two community centers as on Sunday, 3/15/70, they moved out of 932 East 25th Avenue. The two remaining centers are located at 1224 East 22nd Avenue, and 3123 Franklin.

LAUREN WATSON has bought a new 1970 Nova or Malibu Chevrolet. A temporary sticker is located on the car.

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CHAUNCEY BOOKER, who is driving a red 1966 Impala two-door hardtop sport coupe with Disabled Veterans license plates.

GERALD DIXON is working in the kitchen at the Sky Chef at Stapleton Airport in the section north of the airport where food is prepared for the airplanes.

Informant furnished the current BPP Bulletin #8, dated 3/6/70, and a free breakfast memo. The originals are attached to this memo in file 170-33A and Xerox copies have been made for file 157-160.

Time reports on King silencing

(Below)

NEW YORK (AP)—Time magazine says FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover confronted the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1964 with some wiretaps revealing King's alleged extramarital activities, and King later toned down his criticism of the FBI.

An issue of the magazine released Sunday gives Time's version of the 1964 Hoover-King meeting in an article discussing a new book about King by novelist John Williams.

In his book, "The King God Didn't Save," Williams says the FBI started tapping King's telephone and bugging his hotel rooms in 1963.

Time says Williams reports that the surveillance uncovered no subversion but "did turn up an astonishing amount of information about King's extensive and vigorous sexual activities."

Anonymous source

Williams quotes one anonymous source as telling him that King used a code. "A very attractive woman was called 'Doctor,'" the informant is quoted as having said. "I forget the other names for women not so attractive."

Time says "most newspapers ignored the rumors and leaks to them of King's extramarital activities, but their existence undermined King's effectiveness just the same."

"The effect," says Williams, "was one of slow political assassination; King was spared it only by the bullet of James Earl Ray," Time said.

Ray pleaded guilty to killing King in 1968.

In presenting its version of the Hoover-King meeting, Time said: "Williams has the correct outline of the FBI tape story. What he does not have is precisely what happened at the celebrated meeting between FBI Director Hoover and King in 1964.

"Hoover, Time learned, explained to King just what damaging private detail he had on the tapes and lectured him that his morals should be those befitting a Nobel Prize winner. He also suggested that King should tone down his criticism of the



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

FBI. King took the advice. His decline in black esteem followed, a decline scathingly narrated by Williams."

Manipulation

The magazine says Williams argues in his book that King was the complicitous victim of a "white power" plot to manipulate and ultimately destroy him.

The fact that the FBI had been bugging King was revealed last year by FBI agent Robert Nichols in a courtroom in Houston, Tex., where boxer Cassius Clay was seeking to vacate a sentence for refusal to be inducted into the Army. One of the monitored conversations was between King and Clay.

Nichols testified he had been in charge of the surveillance of King until May, 1965.

Nichols was not allowed by the judge to say why King's phones were tapped, but he said it occurred at a time when King was attacking the FBI for assigning Southern agents, rather than Northerners, to protecting civil rights workers.

Later, when Carl T. Rowan, a Washington newspaper columnist, said it was Hoover's own idea to tap King's phones, the FBI called such a statement "scurrilous," and said all wiretaps had been approved by the then attorney general, Robert F. Kennedy.

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Rocky Mountain News
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From: Director, FBI

DEMONSTRATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH
ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., APRIL 4, 1971
RACIAL MATTERS

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Information from sources and in the press indicates that various groups are planning demonstrations to coincide with the third anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., April 4, 1971.

The Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), recently announced that his organization plans a series of Spring demonstrations in a campaign against poverty, war, and repression which will culminate in a march on Wall Street in New York City on April 4. At a February meeting of the Fifth Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee, the New York City arm of the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice (PCPJ), a representative of SCLC announced that the April 4 march will be preceded by teach-ins and other activity in New York City High Schools on April 2, and a take-over of sections of Central Park on April 3. Delegates from the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, which is controlled by the Socialist Workers' Party, agreed to support this demonstration. The PCPJ is a coalition of various protest groups including the Communist Party.

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Airtel to Albany

Re: Demonstrations in Connection with
Anniversary of Death of Martin
Luther King, Jr., April 4, 1971

In Chicago, Illinois, a coalition of labor, peace and social welfare organizations calling itself "The Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemoration Committee," has announced plans for "freedom marches" and rallies in Chicago on the eve of April 4. This group is hopeful of attracting 10,000 participants.

In view of the potential for violence and disorder in demonstrations such as those being planned for New York City and Chicago, all offices should be alert for any information indicating that mass demonstrations commemorating King's death are being planned in their respective divisions, or that militant or extremist groups and individuals are planning to participate in the demonstrations in New York City, Chicago, or elsewhere. If such information is developed, necessary investigation should be conducted to identify militant and extremist individuals and groups involved and to determine the tactics they intend to use in the demonstrations. All information is to be immediately furnished to the Bureau and pertinent offices by teletype suitable for dissemination and under appropriate descriptive caption. Individuals and organizations mentioned must be briefly characterized.

Informants are to accompany groups traveling to these demonstrations. Bureau authority is necessary prior to sending an informant. A copy of communication requesting authority to send an informant is to be directed to the pertinent office and is to include the code name utilized by the informant.

Close liaison should be maintained with police and other local agencies where the demonstrations are to be held and you should be particularly alert to possible violations of the antiriot statutes and other Federal statutes within the Bureau's jurisdiction.

SAC, DENVER (170-33 A)

3/31/71

SA FREDERICK M. VOLZ

DN 414-R

On 3/24/71, informant was contacted at which time he furnished a leaflet being distributed in the Denver area at colleges, high schools, churches and in the Negro area announcing the ANGELA DAVIS Rally and Dance to be held 3/26-27/71. A copy of this leaflet is attached.

(It should be noted the leaflet shows the Denver Committee to Free ANGELA DAVIS has Post Office Box 3041. On 3/25/71, SA DAVID L. DIRKSE contacted Postal Inspector ROBERT STRICKER at which time he was determined that Post Office Box 3041 is not the correct box number. Box 3104 is listed to the ANGELA DAVIS Committee, 2300 Welton Street, Denver, Colorado.)

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At Dr. King Center**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
ATTENTION: DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
J. O. INGRAM
INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, DENVER (100-12482) (RUC)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
BUDED: 8/9/76

Re Bureau teletypes to all SACs, 7/29/76 and 7/30/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 762 copies of serials
and 1As taken from Denver file 157-203, captioned MURKIN.

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SALT LAKE CITY (44-253) ROUTINE

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RE BUTEL, DEC. 2, 1976.

ON DEC. 7, 1976, ALFRED WILLIAM MARTINEZ, 807 GREENWOOD ST., WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIF., PHONE 372-0780, WAS INTERVIEWED IN DEPTH AT 1401 11TH AVE., SACRAMENTO, CALIF., WHERE HE WAS WORKING THAT DATE.

MARTINEZ ADVISED HE WAS IN SALT LAKE COUNTY JAIL FOR TWO AND

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ONE-HALF TO THREE MONTHS IN WHAT HE BELIEVES WAS LAST PART OF 1966 OR EARLY 1967.

MARTINEZ ADVISED DURING THIS INCARCERATION HE BECAME FRIENDLY WITH WILLIAM SIMPONIS. HE ADVISED SIMPONIS WAS ILL WITH EMPHYSEMA, AND AT SIMPONIS' REQUEST MARTINEZ WROTE SEVERAL LETTERS FOR HIM. HE ADVISED HE WROTE APPROXIMATELY THREE LETTERS A WEEK DURING THE ENTIRE PERIOD HE WAS INCARCERATED, TO AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS JAMES RAY AND EARL RAY BY SIMPONIS. HE ADVISED HE MAILED THESE LETTERS TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, BUT HE COULD NOT REMEMBER THE ADDRESS. MARTINEZ ADVISED HE HAD KEPT A SHOE BOX FULL OF LETTERS HE RECEIVED FROM RAY AND SOME ITEMS WHICH BELONGED TO SIMPONIS. MARTINEZ ADVISED TWO OF THESE LETTERS WERE ADDRESSED TO HIM AND THE REST TO SIMPONIS. HE ADVISED HE LOST THESE ITEMS FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO AND HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE THEM.

MARTINEZ ADVISED THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTERS USUALLY CONSISTED OF INFO ABOUT WHEN SIMPONIS WAS GOING TO GET OUT OF JAIL AND HOW THEY WOULD GET TOGETHER. MARTINEZ CANNOT THINK OF ANY OTHER TOPICS ABOUT WHICH HE WRBTE.

MARTINEZ WAS TOLD BY SIMPONIS THAT HE SHOULD CONTACT RAY

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WHEN HE GOT OUT OF JAIL AND "THAT THEY HAD A JOB GOING ON; THEY WOULD NEED SOME HELP ON IT; THAT I COULD MAKE QUITE A BIT OF MONEY ON IT AND I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WORK ANY MORE." SIMPONIS NEVER IDENTIFIED ANY VICTIMS OF SUCH A PLAN. HE ADVISED SIMPONIS HATED BLACK PEOPLE VERY MUCH BUT HE NEVER MENTIONED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., OR ANY OTHER BLACKS SPECIFICALLY THAT HE COULD REMEMBER.

MARTINEZ ADVISED WHEN HE GOT OUT OF JAIL SIMPONIS GAVE HIM THREE LETTERS WRITTEN BY SIMPONIS TO BE MAILED TO RAY. MARTINEZ ADVISED HE DID NOT READ CONTENTS OF THESE LETTERS BUT HE DID SEND THEM. MARTINEZ ADVISED HE WAS TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH SIMPONIS, WHO WOULD ADVISE HIM TO GO TO MEMPHIS AT A SPECIFIED TIME, AND THAT SIMPONIS WOULD HAVE MAILED A PICTURE OF MARTINEZ TO RAY FOR PURPOSE OF IDENTIFICATION. WHEN THIS OCCURRED, RAY WAS TO MEET MARTINEZ AT MEMPHIS AIRPORT ON A DESIGNATED DATE. MARTINEZ ADVISED HE NEVER CONTACTED SIMPONIS AFTER HE GOT OUT OF JAIL IN SALT LAKE CITY AND WAS ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY IN CANYON CITY, COLORADO, AND SENT TO COLORADO STATE PRISON FROM MAY 28, 1967, UNTIL THE LAST OF 1967.

MARTINEZ FURTHER ADVISED HE WROTE LETTERS FOR SIMPONIS TO

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OTHER INDIVIDUALS. HE IDENTIFIED THESE INDIVIDUALS AS JEANNETTE SCOTT, GIRL FRIEND OF SIMPONIS, PIONEER HOTEL, 342 FIFTH STREET, ELKO, NEVADA (MARTINEZ SEEMED TO RECOLLECT SCOTT WAS PART OWNER OF THIS HOTEL AND WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE LARGE COLLECTION OF GUNS); LILLIAN SCHURTER, 1274 WEST STREET, POSSIBLY ELKO, NEVADA, PHONE TE3-7226; KALIOPE SOLIATES, 1026 WEST 20TH, POSSIBLY ELKO, NEVADA, PHONE TE3-3617; AND NICK SIMPONIS, GARDENA, CALIF., PHONE 434-8747 (BROTHER OF WILLIAM SIMPONIS, STREET ADDRESS NOT KNOWN).

MARTINEZ IS MEXICAN MALE, 5'9", 150 LBS., BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, BORN [REDACTED] CANYON CITY, COLORADO, FBI NO. 8390LG, SSAN [REDACTED] ADDRESS 807 GREENWOOD STREET, WEST SACRAMENTO, PREVIOUS ADDRESSES 3427 40TH STREET, SACRAMENTO; 1651 ILLINOIS AVENUE, CANYON CITY, COLORADO; CURRENTLY ON PROBATION FOR DRUNK DRIVING CHARGES.

MARTINEZ ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW IF INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO AS JAMES OR EARL RAY IS IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY CONVICTED IN MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DENVER AT CANYON CITY REVIEW COLORADO STATE PRISON RECORDS FOR MARTINEZ FOR POSSIBLE LEAD PURPOSES RELATING TO SIMPONIS OR RAY.

LAS VEGAS AT ELKO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE SCOTT, SCHURTER AND