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SOLICITS TO INTERVIEW FOR ANY INFO PERTINENT TO THEIR CONNECTION,
OR CONNECTION OF WILLIAM SIMPONIS, WITH JAMES EARL RAY OR
CAPTIONED MATTER.

LOS ANGELES AT GARDENA ATTEMPT TO CONTACT AND INTERVIEW NICK
SIMPONIS RE THE ABOVE CONNECTIONS AND CAPTIONED MATTER.

LHM FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) PRIORITY

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SACRAMENTO (100-427) PRIORITY

SALT LAKE CITY (100-11666) PRIORITY

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MURKIN.

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE, DECEMBER 9, 1976.

ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED IN
REFERENCED TELETYPE.

BUREAU SHOULD NOTE THAT ALFRED WILLIAM MARTINEZ INDICATED
HE WAS IN SALT LAKE COUNTY JAIL FOR 60 TO 90 DAYS DURING LATE

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1966 OR EARLY 1967. SALT LAKE JAIL RECORDS DO NOT CORROBORATE THIS; HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED JAMES EARL RAY WAS IN THE MISSOURI STATE PRISON FROM MARCH 17, 1960, UNTIL HIS ESCAPE APRIL 23, 1967. ANY MAIL ADDRESSED TO JAMES EARL RAY DURING THIS PERIOD WOULD HAVE GONE TO THE MISSOURI STATE PRISON.

SALT LAKE COUNTY JAIL RECORDS INDICATE THAT MARTINEZ AND WILLIAM SIMPONIS WERE INCARCERATED TOGETHER AT THE MOST FROM JANUARY 29, 1968, TO MARCH 2, 1968. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION HAS ALREADY DISCLOSED THAT JAMES EARL RAY ON JANUARY 29, 1968, WAS RESIDING IN LOS ANGELES AND APPEARS TO HAVE REMAINED THERE UNTIL AT LEAST MARCH 17, 1968, SO IT IS OBVIOUS ANY MAIL ADDRESSED TO JAMES EARL RAY DURING THIS PERIOD WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SENT TO MEMPHIS, TENN.

MEMPHIS CONCLUDES THAT JAMES EARL RAY AND JIMMIE W. RAY, AN ACQUAINTANCE OF WILLIAM SIMPONIS, HAVE NO CONNECTION AND THAT FURTHER INQUIRY BASED ON INFO FURNISHED BY MARTINEZ WOULD BE OF NO VALUE.

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Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN ¹⁵⁷⁻²⁰³
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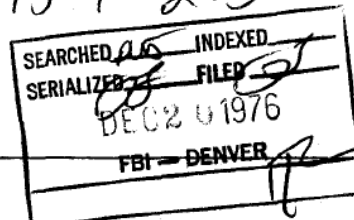
Re Sacramento teletype dated 12/9/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of
an LHM regarding contacts of the Sacramento FBI office
with one ALFRED WILLIAM MARTINEZ, DOB

Enclosed for other offices is one copy of this
LHM.

This matter is being considered RUC as no further
leads exist in Sacramento Division.

2 - Bureau (Enc. 4)
2 - Denver (Enc. 1)
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2 - Las Vegas (Enc. 1)
2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1)
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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Sacramento, California

December 15, 1976

MURKIN

On December 2, 1976, Alfred William Martinez, 807 Green Wood Street, West Sacramento, California, telephone 372-0780, telephonically contacted the Sacramento FBI office and furnished information which he considered might be pertinent to the investigation of the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On December 7, 1976, Martinez was interviewed at 1401 11th Avenue, Sacramento, California, where he was employed on that date. Results of that interview are set forth:

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ALFRED WILLIAM MARTINEZ, 807 Green Wood Street, West Sacramento, California, telephone 372-0780, was interviewed at 1401 11th Avenue, Sacramento, California. MARTINEZ was working at this location for the Delk-Terminex Company, an insect extermination business.

MARTINEZ advised he was in the Salt Lake County Jail, Salt Lake City, Utah, for two and a half to three months. He advised that he was in this jail sometime during the latter part of 1966 or early 1967.

MARTINEZ advised that during this incarceration he became friendly with an individual named WILLIAM SIMPONIS. He advised that SIMPONIS would be about 60 years old. He believes that SIMPONIS was in jail on a robbery charge. SIMPONIS was ill with emphysema; and had been sent to Salt Lake County Jail to be tried on a charge. SIMPONIS came to Salt Lake County Jail from the Federal Prison Facility at Springfield, Missouri.

At SIMPONIS' request, MARTINEZ wrote several letters for him. MARTINEZ advised that he wrote approximately three letters a week during the period he was incarcerated to an individual identified both as JAMES RAY and EARL RAY by SIMPONIS. MARTINEZ advised he mailed these letters to Memphis, Tennessee, but that he could not remember the address. MARTINEZ advised that he bought the stamps and envelopes for these letters and also such things as candy bars for SIMPONIS. MARTINEZ estimates that he spent approximately \$30.00 on these items for SIMPONIS.

MARTINEZ advised that he had kept a shoe box full of letters that he had received from RAY and some personal 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.

Interviewed on 12/7/76 at Sacramento, California File # SC 100-427
by SA BOYD R. L. KEENAN/cw 2 Date dictated 12/10/76

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MARTINEZ advised that the contents of the letters he wrote usually consisted of information about when SIMPONIS was going to get out of jail, and how the two of them would get together. MARTINEZ cannot think of any other topics about which he wrote.

MARTINEZ was told by SIMPONIS that he should contact RAY 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 anymore." SIMPONIS never identified any other individuals involved in these plans, either perpetrators or victims. He advised SIMPONIS hated black people very much, but he never specifically mentioned MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. or any other blacks that he could remember.

MARTINEZ advised that when he got out of jail, SIMPONIS gave him three letters written by SIMPONIS to be mailed to RAY. MARTINEZ advised that these were sealed, and that he did not read the contents, but that he did send them. MARTINEZ advised he was to maintain contact with SIMPONIS, who would advise him to go to Memphis at a specific time, and that SIMPONIS would have mailed a picture of MARTINEZ to RAY for purposes of identification. When this occurred, RAY was to meet MARTINEZ at the Memphis Airport on a designated date. MARTINEZ advised he never contacted SIMPONIS after he got out of jail in Salt Lake City. MARTINEZ advised that a short time after his release from Salt Lake County Jail, he was arrested for burglary in Canyon City, Colorado, and sent to the Colorado State Prison from May 28, 1967, until the latter part of 1967.

MARTINEZ further advised he wrote letters for SIMPONIS to other individuals. He identified these individuals as follows:

JEANETTE SCOTT, Girlfriend of SIMPONIS
Pioneer Hotel
342 5th Street
Elko, Nevada

(MARTINEZ seemed to recollect SCOTT was part owner of this hotel and was supposed to have a large collection of guns);

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LILLIAN SCHURTER
1274 West Street
Possibly Elko, Nevada
Telephone: TE3-7226;

KALIOPE SOLIATES
1026 West 20th
Possibly Elko, Nevada
Telephone: TE3-3617;

NICK SIMPONIS
Gardena, California
Telephone: 434-8747

(Brother of WILLIAM SIMPONIS, street address
unknown).

MARTINEZ advised that he does not know if the
individual referred to as JAMES RAY or EARL RAY is identical
to JAMES EARL RAY convicted in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.

The following is a description of ALFRED WILLIAM
MARTINEZ as obtained through observation and interview:

Race	Mexican
Sex	Male
Height	5'9"
Weight	150
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Canyon City, Colorado
FBI	83901G
SSAN	
Address	807 Green Wood Street West Sacramento, California
Previous address	3427 40th Street Sacramento, California 1651 Illinois Avenue Canyon City, Colorado

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Mother

ROSE MARTINEZ

1651 Illinois Avenue
Canyon City, Colorado

Employment

Delk-Terminex Company
Arden and Fulton Avenue
Sacramento, California

MARTINEZ is currently on probation for drunk
driving.

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6/6/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)
ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,
RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

FROM: SAC, DENVER (66-2310)

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
BUDED: 6/12/78

Re Bureau teletype to Albany, 6/5/78, which refers to Bureau letter to Albany, 8/25/67, captioned "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS, INTERNAL SECURITY" and Bureau airtel to Albany, 3/4/68, captioned "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS, RACIAL INTELLIGENCE."

Referenced Bureau letter to Albany, dated 8/25/67, was not sent to Denver, according to information set forth in the second referenced Bureau airtel to Albany, dated 3/4/68.

Second referenced Bureau airtel to Albany, dated 3/4/68, was the initial serial in Denver file 157-199 (Bufile: 100-448006) of the same caption. A review of that file showed no responses from Denver on that subject matter as concerned only Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. or the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

A further review of the following files, identified through indices checks at Denver, failed to disclose any

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- ⑤ - Denver (1-66-2310)
 - (1-100-8866)(SCLC)
 - (1-100-9045)(KING)
 - (1-157-199)
 - ① - (1-157-203)(MURKIN)

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communication meeting the criteria set forth in referenced
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COMINFIL of the SCLC - RM; IS - C, Denver file
100-8866, Bufile: 100-438794;

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C, Denver file
100-9045, Bufile: 100-106670;

MURKIN, Denver file 157-203, Bufile: 44-38861.

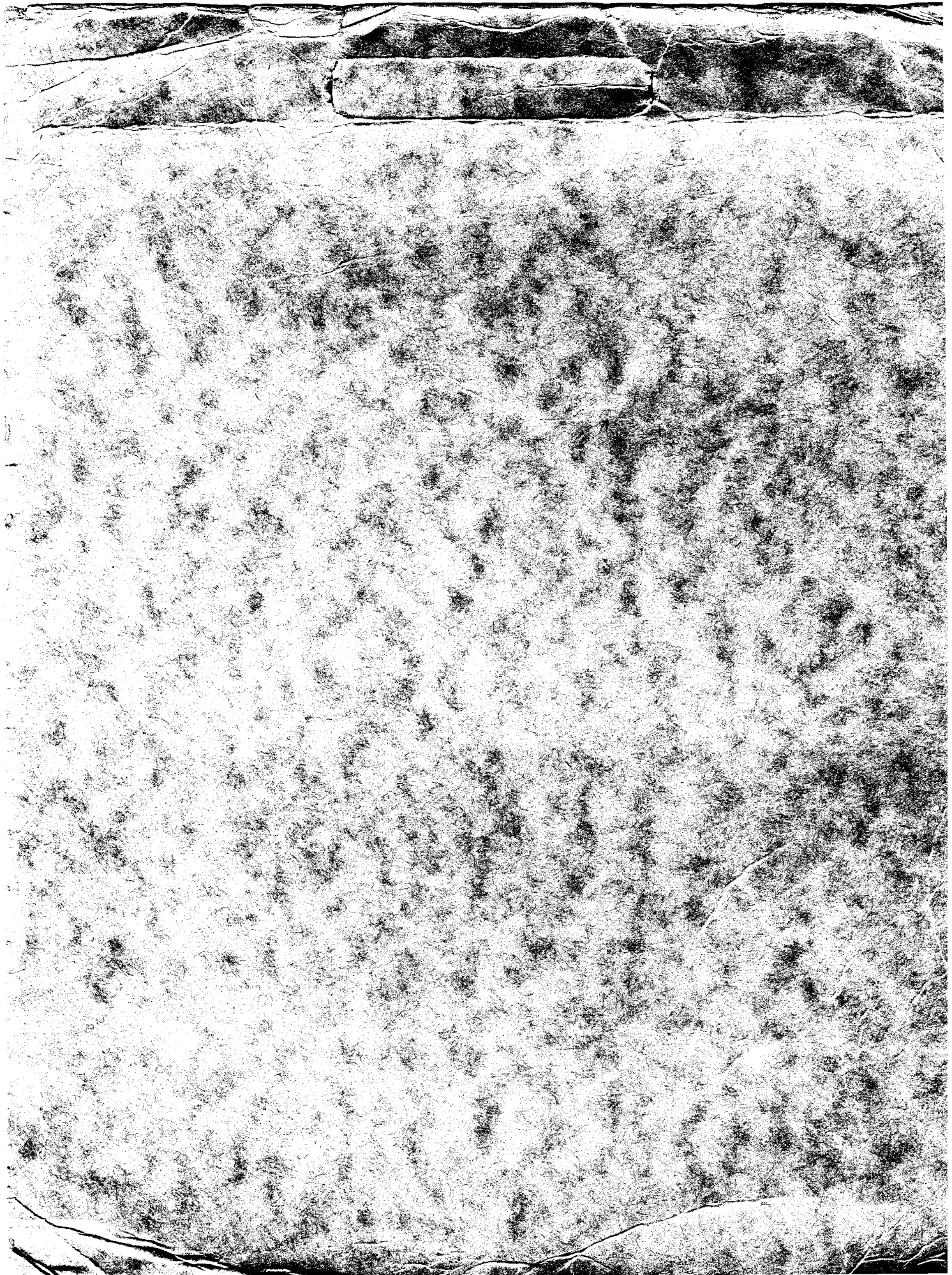
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