

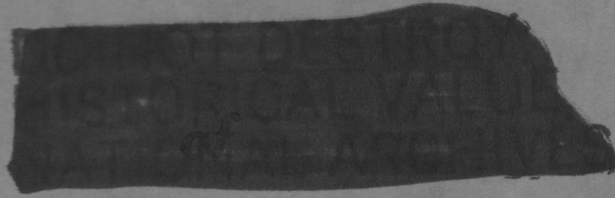
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TO JACKSON AND MEMPHIS
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P.

MURKIN

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
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today - JJ
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, JACKSON
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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NY 44-1609

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Daughter	ROSEMARY (age approximately 5 years)
Son	RAYMOND (age approximately 10 years)

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JACKSON

At Marks, Mississippi

Will conduct appropriate investigation to eliminate or identify BARYS as unknown subject in instant case.

F B I

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Jackson airtel 4/10/68 and Albany airtel 4/10/68.

RE THERMO-SEAL MACHINES MANUFACTURED BY
TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Enclosed for the Bureau are six (6) enclosures setting forth samples of tape markings obtained from laundries within the State of Mississippi. They are as follows:

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Special Agent in Charge

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AT BUREAU

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To: SAC, Albany
From: Director, FBI

**ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS**

Many offices are using above caption in communications to the Bureau concerning a variety of activities and racial incidents arising out of the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr. This is creating problems from administrative and filing standpoints and should be discontinued immediately. Captions descriptive of the activity involved should be used in accordance with instructions in the FBI Handbook, page 154h of Part III.

For example, in reporting information concerning disturbances that may have occurred in Albany the caption "Racial Disturbances Following Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Albany, New York, April 9, 1968, Racial Matters" could be used.

② - All Offices

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re Jackson telephone calls this date to the Bureau, Atlanta, and Memphis.

Enclosed for Memphis, the office of origin, are twenty copies of an FD-302 with one copy each to the Bureau and designated offices, with the exception of two to New York.

REGGIE SMITH, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) cameraman, has furnished reliable information to the Jackson Office on several occasions over the past years.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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Will contact CBS Officials, News Department,
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TO CLR

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA PETER J. RYAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA PETER J. RYAN at Jackson.

On 4/9/68, ETTA STRAIN, Driver's License Division, MHSP, advised she could not locate a driver's license under the name HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER, Miss STRAIN advised there is not license in the file under the surname LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

Miss STRAIN advised her files reflect the following persons with the name JOHN WILLARD or a combination of such name:

~~██████████~~ JOHN DAVID WILLARD, operator's license number is described as of 10/7/58, as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	<input type="text"/>
Eyes	Gray
Hair	Brown
Weight	180
Height	5'10"
Address	2419 13th Avenue, Gulfport, Miss.
Remarks	Does not have a current Miss. driver's license.

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~~██████████~~ JOHN MILBURN WILLARD, operator's license number described as of 3/6/64 as:

Race	White
Sex	Male



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DOB [redacted]
Eyes Blue
Hair Brown
Height 5'6"
Weight 132 pounds
Address 204 Nanney Drive, Tupelo,
Miss.
Remarks This license expired March, 1965,
and there has been no renewal.

*only John H. Willard
eliminated
John Milburn Willard
handled.*

~~JOHN RAY WILLARD~~, operator's license number [redacted],
described as of 8/3/40 as:

Race White
Sex Male
DOB [redacted]
Hair Brown
Eyes Brown
Height 5'4"
Weight 120
Address 3705 Edgewood, Natchez,
Miss. Current address is
listed as Route 1, Box 20,
Roxi, Miss.
Remarks This license is good until
September, 1969.

*lead by
at Sambo's*

FRED THOMAS, Sheriff, Hinds County, Miss., advised
4/9/68, that the alphabetical listing of vehicles registered
in Hinds County as of October, 1967, does not contain the
names LOWMEYER, LOWMYER, or the name JOHN WILLARD.

FBI JKSN MISS

FBI NEWARK

1235PM URGENT 4-12-68 ELF
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND JACKSON
FROM NEWARK (44-854) (P)

MURKIN.

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AS WHITE MALE, IN HIS THIRTIES, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES,
ONE SIXTY-ONE SIXTY FIVE, SLENDER BUILD, DARK HAIR,
FLASHY DRESSER. HE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE SUSPECT'S HOME IS
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OF ANY ACTIVITIES ON THE PART OF ARMSTEAD OR INDICATION
THAT HE IS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.

JACKSON ATTEMPT IDENTIFY ARMSTEAD AND ESTABLISH HIS
WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIODS.

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FBI NEWARK

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TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, Jackson (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re Newark teletype to Director, 4/12/68.

On 4/12/68 Mr. REX P. ARMISTEAD (NA), Chief Investigator, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Miss., was interviewed by SA'S JAMES A. ABBOTT and L. DEAN PAARMANN. ARMISTEAD, who is completely cooperative with the Jackson Office, advised that he is the same person who was formerly the Security Officer for U. S. Overseas Airlines, formerly based at Cape May, New Jersey. ARMISTEAD, who is now almost bald, now bears little resemblance to the individual described in the composite drawing of Reverend KING's murderer. ARMISTEAD further advised that at the time of Reverend KING's murder, he was in a conference with other law enforcement officers regarding armed robbery matters at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and did not return to Jackson, Miss., until the evening of April 5, 1968.

In view of ARMISTEAD's current law enforcement position and whereabouts at the time of Reverend KING's murder, no further investigation regarding this suspect being conducted.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA PETER J. RYAN at Jackson, Mississippi:

On April 5, 1968, Mrs. KATHERINE EASTERLING,
Secretary, Mississippi State Probation and Parole Board,
State Capitol Building, furnished the following information
from Parole Board file number 6920 concerning JOHN H.
WILLARD:

The following information is reflected in Parole
Board memorandum dated June 30, 1958:

JOHN H. WILLARD was sentenced June 25, 1958, with
HERMAN DANIEL to three years probation for the offense of
arson, which resulted from the subject's burning an automobile
in Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

WILLARD was born in Pontotoc County, Mississippi,
but his family has resided in Memphis, Tennessee, or vicinity
for a number of years and has resided also in Pleasant Hill,
Mississippi. Subject's father is ENIS, age 54, and his mother is
MAMIE, age 48. Subject's father is a farm foreman for the
Dudley Bridgforth Farm in Pleasant Hill, Mississippi.

The following individuals were listed as members
of his family:

LYNDER WILLARD, age 26, 1553 Fairfax Street,
Memphis, Tennessee (upholsterer),

FRANCES WILLARD, age 15, Pleasant Hill, Mississippi
(school),

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SHIRLEY Q. WILLARD, age 12, Pleasant Hill,
Mississippi (school),

JUNE BLACK, age 24, 121 Hopewell, Memphis,
Tennessee, (Sears Roebuck and Company),

JEAN BULLIGHTON, age 24, Hernando, Mississippi,
(housewife),

KENNETH WILLARD, age 18, Peach Street, Memphis,
Tennessee,

BETTY JOYCE WILLIAMS, age 22, Peach Street,
Memphis Tennessee, (housewife).

BETTY JOYCE WILLIAMS's husband is also an
upholsterer, and all the above listed individuals, including
JOHN H. WILLARD, are employed by the Gaines Manufacturing
Company (a furniture manufacturer) in Memphis, Tennessee.

WILLARD has been married one time to the former
BARBARA NELLE DYE, Ecrú, Mississippi, and they have one
son, RANDALL JOE WILLARD, eight months old. They currently
reside at 1850 Jefferson Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

The following description is reflected in the
above mentioned memorandum:

Name	JOHN H. WILLARD
Residence	1850 Jefferson Street, Memphis, Tennessee
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth	Pontotoc County, Mississippi
Complexion	Ruddy

File number 6920 reflects subject's probation term was ended May 1, 1961. The following addresses and employments were noted for WILLARD in the monthly probation reports contained in this file:

December 22, 1958, employed by Gaines Manufacturing Company,

August, 1959 to March, 1961, employed by Southern Industries (furniture manufacturer), Pontotoc, Mississippi,

May 3, 1961, employed by Maynard Manufacturing Company, Pontotoc, Mississippi as machine operator.

WILLARD resided at Route 1, Ecrú, Mississippi as of May 3, 1961, the last date that was noted in this file.

While WILLARD was in Memphis, Tennessee, on probation from Mississippi, he was under the supervision of Memphis Parole Officer JOSEPH C. MITCHELL, from approximately July 28, 1958 to December 22, 1958.

WILLARD was arrested with one HERMAN DANIEL for the above offense of arson in June, 1958. DANIEL is described as a white male; born [redacted] in Lafayette County, Mississippi; hair brown; eyes brown; height five feet nine inches; 170 pounds; and complexion is ruddy. DANIEL's residence as of June, 1958, was 1765 Fairmont, Memphis. His mother is listed as MAUDE LEE DANIEL, residing at Route 2, Pontotoc, Mississippi. DANIEL was released from probation on June 25, 1962.

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Mrs. ETTA STRAIN, Driver's License Division, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, advised SA PETER J. RYAN on April 9, 1968, their records show that JOHN MILBURN WILLARD, Mississippi operator's license number 1607080, had a Mississippi license to expire in March, 1965, and there has been no renewal. He is a white male, born [redacted] blue eyes, brown hair, five feet six inches, 132 pounds, address 204 Nanney Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi.

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DEWEY WEEMS, Investigator, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD on April 5, 1968, their records show the following information regarding JOHN H. WILLARD.

He is a white male, born [redacted] and as of March 4, 1967, he resided at Route 1, Ecrú, Pontotoc County, Mississippi. He has Mississippi driver's license number 1157809. His records reflect that in 1963 he was involved in two automobile accidents. In 1964 he was involved in an automobile accident and license was suspended. On October 13, 1965, he was charged with speeding and paid a \$10.00 fine. On October 13, 1965, he was driving a 1963 Chevrolet truck. On December 26, 1966, he was charged with speeding and fined \$15.00. On March 4, 1967, he was charged with reckless driving and fined \$15.00. All of the above occurred in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol records reflect he was arrested for the crime of arson committed on June 25, 1958, and sentenced to three years probation. This was handled by the Pontotoc County Sheriff's Office. He is not presently wanted by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. On April 5, 1968, records of the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, were reviewed by SA JAMES W. SAMMON and revealed no record for JOHN H. WILLARD or JOHN WILLARD.

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J. L. COLLUMS, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, advised SA JOHN S. CASTLES and SA FRANCIS G. HONAN on April 5, 1968, he is a neighbor of JOHN H. WILLARD. He and WILLARD both live in a rural area of Pontotoc County and WILLARD is his closest neighbor. He said that on April 4, 1968, he observed WILLARD around 5:30 or 6:00 mowing his lawn. He could furnish no additional pertinent information.

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FRED STRANGE, Owner, Strange Motor Company, Tupelo, Mississippi, advised SA JOHN S. CASTLES and SA FRANCIS G. HONAN that JOHN MILBURN WILLARD was employed by him as a mechanic in 1963 and left his employment on March 5, 1964. He is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Height	Five feet four inches
Weight	110 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown.

He previously worked at Sowers Motors, Incorporated, Rolla, Missouri, Druitt Motors, Sedalia, Missouri, and Kinden Motor Company, Poplar Bluff, Missouri. STRANGE stated that WILLARD had returned to Sedalia, Missouri, in 1964 and he believes he is working for J. W. SHEPHERD at a Volkswagen dealership in Kansas City.

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Re Jackson teletype dated 4/5/68 and Jackson letter dated 4/8/68.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE, MEMPHIS
FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN.

JEFF RICHARDSON ADVISED THIS DATE THAT APPROXIMATELY TWENTY TO TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO FIRST NAME UNKNOWN GAULT, REPEAT GAULT, TRAVELED IN THE RIPLEY, TIPPAAH COUNTY, MISS., AREA, PROCLAIMING HIMSELF A "BLACK SHIRT" AND EXTOLLING VIRTUES OF ADOLPH HITLER AND THE NAZI PARTY. FNU GAULT NOT BELIEVED TO HAVE HAD CHILDREN WHEN IN MISS.

FNU GAULT IS BROTHER OF EZRA GAULT, WHITE MALE, AGE FIFTY FIVE, WHO CURRENTLY RESIDES HIGHWAY NINETY, LAWTEY, FLORIDA, BUSINESS WHERE ENGAGED IN PULPWOOD AND SAWMILL ^{or Lawton} WITH TOMMY TATUM, WHITE MALE, AGE FIFTY FIVE. RICHARDSON, ABOVE, IS BROTHER-IN-LAW OF TATUM.

TATUM AND EZRA GAULT FORMERLY RESIDED TIPPAAH COUNTY, MISS., MOVED TWENTY TO TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO TO BEAR CREEK, ALA., WHERE RESIDED SEVERAL YEARS, THEN MOVED TO LAWTEY, FLA. ^{or Lawton}

EZRA GAULT HAD ONE DAUGHTER, NO SONS

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Special Agent in Charge

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SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.**

**JACKSONVILLE, AT LAWTEY, FLORIDA, CONTACT EZRA GAULT AND
TOMMY TATUM RE FNU GAULT ^{in attempt to develop info re suspect} AND ~~SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.~~**

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TO JACKSON

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO: ME.

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INTERVIEW ALL INDIVIDUALS LISTED RE ANY INFO THEY MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING ASSASSINATION.

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Numerous attempts were made to contact Mrs. SUE MALEY of 1125 Poplar Boulevard, Jackson, Mississippi, form 4/8/68 to date.

Mrs. MALEY contacted 4/12/68 and stated her son was in Florida, and she did not desire to talk to anyone as she had been under the care of a doctor.

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Mr. CREEKMORE stated that CHARLES E. MALEY, III, has had numerous traffic tickets with the Jackson PD and has been under the care of a psychiatrist and is a very nervous person. Mr. CREEKMORE stated that CHARLES MALEY was still in Florida to the best of his knowledge.

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