

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

APRIL 16, 1968

SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Memphis Division are six report inserts, fifteen copies of each, total 75 enclosures, concerning investigation in the Jackson Division to locate a 1966 Mustang, white in color, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993.

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2 - Memphis (Enc 75) (RM)  
1 - Jackson  
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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN WILLIAM NEELLEY:

Vehicle registration records for Washington County were reviewed on April 5, 1968, and April 6, 1968, concerning all Ford Mustangs license in Washington County. On April 6, 1968, Chief of Police WILLIAM C. BURNLEY, Captain ROY LONG, Captain HARVEY TACKETT, and several other older members of the Greenville Police Department as well as one reportedly highly reliable source of the Greenville, Mississippi, Police Department, reviewed names of all persons owning Mustang automobiles in Washington County, in an effort to locate individuals with white Mustangs and other persons who have shown in any way a propensity for violence or strong opposition to the civil rights movement.

Chief of Police HAROLD SHAW, Hollandale, Mississippi, reviewed names of individuals in the Hollandale, Mississippi, area having Mustang automobiles on April 6, 1968, with no suspects being developed. No Klansmen in the Hollandale area have white Mustangs.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN S. CASTLES on April 11, 1968.

A physical check was made of the following  
airports in effort to determine if a white Mustang  
was located at the airport or had been abandoned at  
the airport. No white Mustang was located.

Tupelo Municipal Airport, Tupelo,  
Mississippi.

Pontotoc County Airport, Pontotoc,  
Mississippi.

Baldwyn-Booneville Airport, Prentiss  
County, Mississippi.

On April 11, 1968 a physical check was made  
of the airport in Alcorn County near Corinth, Mississippi,  
by SA DONALD H. GREENE. No white Mustang was located.

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The following investigation was conducted  
by SA WILLIAM BLACKKETER and SA ANTHONY E. DANIELS:

On April 11, 1968, the parking lots of the  
following motels were checked in an attempt to locate  
a 1966 white Mustang automobile bearing 1968 Alabama  
license 1-38993, with negative results: ~~AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI~~

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
On Highway 80 East:

Airways Inn  
Chathams Motel  
Lakeview Motel  
Madden's Motel  
Mid-South Motel  
Russum Motel

On Highway 80 West:

Alamo Plaza Motel  
Bill Will Motel  
Drake Motel  
Flamingo Motel  
Holiday Inn Motel  
Hyatt Lodge  
Holiday Terrace  
Ideal Motel  
Ramada Inn  
Stonewall Jackson Motel

Miscellaneous locations

Downtowner Motor Inn  
225 East Capitol

Holiday Sands Motel  
Highway 49 South

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Jackson Travelodge  
500 West Capitol

Redwood Court  
1434 Terry Road

Sun-N-Sand  
401 North Lamar

Tarrymore Motel  
1951 Terry Road

Travel Inn Motel  
Highway 55 South

The following parking facilities were checked  
with negative results:

First National Bank Parking Garage  
200 block East Amite

Allright Auto Park  
corner Amite and Lamar

Allright Auto Park  
100 block West Capitol

McRae's Parking  
100 block North Farrish

Henry's Standard Service, basement of  
Milner Building, corner of Pearl and Lamar

Heidelberg Hotel Parking Lot  
Pearl Street

Pearl Auto Park  
200 block West Pearl Street

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On April 11, 1968, SA FLOYD B. HANNON, III, visually checked the following locations for the suspect white 1966 Mustang bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993, with negative results:

Thompson Municipal Airport,  
Jackson, Mississippi,

Hawkins Airfield,  
Jackson, Mississippi,

North Jackson Air Service,  
Madison, Mississippi,

Admiral Benbow Inn Motel,  
903 North State,  
Jackson, Mississippi,

Holiday Inn Motel,  
Highway 51 North,  
Jackson, Mississippi,

Jacksonian Motel,  
Highway 51 North,  
Jackson, Mississippi,

Sheraton Motor Inn,  
Highway 51 North,  
Jackson, Mississippi

Zebra Motel,  
Highway 51 North,  
Ridgeland, Mississippi

Ridgeland Terrace Motel,  
Highway 51,  
Ridgeland, Mississippi,

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Avalon Motel,  
4806 Delta Drive,  
Jackson, Mississippi,

Baker's Motel,  
4716 Delta Drive,  
Jackson, Mississippi,

Oaklawn Courts,  
Route 2,  
Jackson, Mississippi,

Plaza Motel,  
3225 Delta Drive,  
Jackson, Mississippi.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EDGAR C. FORTENBERRY:

AT HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

On April 11, 1968, a physical check was made of the Hattiesburg Municipal Airport at which time it was determined that no 1966 white Mustang, bearing 1968 Alabama, license 1-38993 had been abandoned at this airport.

A check with Hattiesburg Police Department, Forrest County Sheriff's Office, and Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, determined that no automobile answering the above description has been recovered abandoned at Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
EDGAR L. O'NEILL, JR.:

AT PASCAGOULA AND MOSS POINT, MISSISSIPPI

The following individuals were contacted regarding  
a white Mustang vehicle bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993.  
These contacts were all made on April 11, 1968:

J. D. GIBSON, Chief of Detectives, Pascagoula  
Police Department, advised that their records reflect that  
no Mustang has been found abandoned or ordered towed during  
April, 1968.

ROBERT KEY, Deputy Sheriff, Jackson County Sheriff's  
Office, Pascagoula, Mississippi, advised he had no informa-  
tion relating to a Mustang automobile during April, 1968.

CHARLES BARBER, Chief of Police, Moss Point,  
Mississippi, Police Department, advised that his records  
reflect no information regarding any Mustang vehicle during  
April, 1968.

All of the above were requested to alert all members  
of their respective departments and to notify the FBI at  
Gulfport, Mississippi, Resident Agency concerning any Mustang  
vehicle subsequently abandoned or ordered towed.

Contact with all of the above revealed that only  
four automobile towing services are used by these departments,  
and only George's Auto Service offers any local storage  
facilities indoors. Thereafter, the following persons were  
contacted:

CARL ROBERTSON, Jackson County Wrecker Service,  
Short Cut Road, Moss Point, Mississippi, telephone  
475-5113.

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~~CARL WOODWARD, Spray Craft, Incorporated,  
1070 Old Mobile Highway, Pascagoula,  
Mississippi.~~

~~GEORGE VERSICA, George's Auto Service,  
1114 Telephone Road, Pascagoula, Mississippi~~

~~Mrs. JOHN SMITH, Smith's Autobody and Towing  
Service, U. S. Highway 90, Pascagoula,  
Mississippi~~

Each person affiliated with a towing service as above-listed advised they have not towed a Mustang since March, 1968. None have any Mustangs currently in storage. All stated they would notify the FBI should they develop information about any Mustang vehicle, regardless of color or license.

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Enclosed herewith for the Memphis Office are three FD-302's, fifteen copies of each, total 45 enclosures, concerning investigation in the Jackson Division of JOHN H. WILLARD who has a record of arrest for arson in the files of the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/15/68

Mrs. GLORIA GIBSON, Clerk, Personnel Department, Day-Brite Lighting Company, Incorporated, South Green Street, and Day-Brite Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi, made available the time cards for JOHN H. WILLARD for review. These time cards revealed the following:

<u>Date</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>
Friday, March 29, 1968	6:46	3:32
Saturday, March 30, 1968	6:45	3:31
Sunday, March 31, 1968	No Work	
Monday, April 1, 1968	6:46	3:32
Tuesday, April 2, 1968	6:45	3:31
Wednesday, April 3, 1968	6:45	3:31
Thursday, April 4, 1968	6:46	3:32

Mrs. GIBSON advised that a review of the personnel records at Day-Brite failed to reveal any record of a HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOEFMEYER, or ERIC STARVO GALT, as being a current or past employee of the company.

She also stated that the records did not reveal that there are any other JOHN WILLIARDS employed at the company other than the JOHN H. WILLARD mentioned above.

On 4/12/68 at Tupelo, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586  
 by SA JOHN S. CASTLES  
SA FRANCIS G. HONAN JSC/wgj Date dictated 4/12/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/10/68

Mrs. JOAN EDWARDS, manager, Credit Bureau of Tupelo, Mississippi, stated that she has no file identifiable with JOHN H. WILLARD; however, she stated she knows WILLARD personally through his wife, BARBARA WILLARD, who formerly worked for Mrs. EDWARDS at the Tupelo Credit Bureau and is presently the manager of the Credit Bureau at Oxford, Mississippi.

Mrs. EDWARDS stated that she has personal knowledge that JOHN H. WILLARD is presently employed at the Day Brite Lighting Company, Incorporated, Tupelo, Mississippi. She stated that as far as she knows, JOHN WILLARD is an honest, trustworthy individual, who does not normally get involved in any type of trouble. She stated that to the best of her knowledge WILLARD presently owns a pickup truck and his wife drives a new 1968 white Volkswagen. Mrs. EDWARDS stated that she has never known WILLARD to be a radical individual; nor has she ever known him to carry any firearms.

Mrs. EDWARDS stated that she could not furnish any additional information concerning JOHN H. WILLARD, since she and Mrs. WILLARD are not in daily contact since BARBARA WILLARD is no longer employed at the Tupelo Credit Bureau.

On 4/5/68 at Tupelo, Mississippi File# Jackson 157-9586

by SA DONALD H. GREENE:mif Date dictated 4/8/68

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Date 4/10/68

Mrs. W. J. BAKER, Circuit Clerk, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, advised that the Circuit Court records reveal that one JOHN H. WILLARD of Pontotoc County, Mississippi, was indicted by the Circuit Court Grand Jury during the June term of 1958 for arson. When WILLARD appeared in court he entered a plea of guilty and was placed on probation for three years, which probation terminated May 3, 1961.

Mrs. BAKER advised that she is not personally acquainted with WILLARD but stated that in 1958 Mr. M. C. HEMBREE, who currently resides in the Ecrú community of Pontotoc County, Mississippi, was sheriff.

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On 4/5/68 at Pontotoc, Mississippi File# Jackson 157-9586  
by SA JOHN S. CASTLES:mif Date dictated 4/8/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS  
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New York teletype to Bureau, Birmingham,  
Jackson, Memphis, and Minneapolis.

License 17B-528 is a De Soto County, Miss.,  
license. Jackson handling.

Memphis and Minneapolis disregard leads in  
re teletype.

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Enclosed herewith for the Memphis Office is an insert and an FD-302, fifteen copies of each, total 30 enclosures, concerning investigation related to Friendship Inns in Mississippi.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/68

~~FLORENCE MARSHALL~~, Marshall Motel, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. She made available the registration records of the Marshall Motel, a Friendship Inn.

The registration records for the Marshall Motel were searched for the names HARVEY LOWMEYER, JOHN WILLARD, WILLIAM DELL LEHMEYER and ERIC STARVOGALT. The records failed to reflect that any of these individuals had stayed at the Marshall Motel from a period of March 20, 1968 through April 3, 1968.

Mrs. MARSHALL stated that since the first of the year their motel has not lost any articles, including towels, bedspreads, et cetera from the motel.

She further stated that their motel uses Cashmere Bouquet soap and this soap is wrapped in Cashmere Bouquet wrapping. She stated the motel has not exhausted its supply of this soap, but when it does, they will use soap bearing a Friendship Inn label.

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On 4/11/68 at WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI File # Jackson 157-9586  
by SA BRENT W. WARBERG /jdh Date dictated 4/12/68

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA THOMAS E. BURG:

W. H. BOYLES, Manager, Dumas Motel, advised SA  
THOMAS E. BURG on April 11, 1968, that he had no records  
of the following persons having stayed at his motel during  
March or April, 1968:

ERIC STARVO GALT  
JOHN WILLARD  
JOHN WILLARD LOWMEYER  
HARVEY LOWMYER  
HARVEY LOWMEYER

He stated that a review of his registration cards  
failed to indicate anyone who stayed there driving a 1966  
Mustang bearing 1968 Alabama license.

BOYLES advised that he has not as yet used any  
Friendship Inns Soap at his motel, although he presently  
has several boxes of this soap which he plans for future  
use.

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Date: 4/16/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

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

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau is one typed letter and envelope addressed to "POLICE CHIEF OF MERIDIAN, MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI" postmarked 4/12/68, and fingerprint card containing fingerprints of Chief of Police C. L. GUNN, Meridian, Mississippi.

On 4/15/68, Chief of Police C. L. GUNN, Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department, made available a carbon copy of a typed letter dated 4/12/68, and signed "COON AMEN". He stated that he received this letter at the Meridian PD on this date and is the only person who handled it. He added that he has no idea who sent this letter, that he knows no one in New York City, and was making it available for whatever assistance it might be in this investigation. He added that the letter and the envelope is all the information he has concerning this matter.

The following is the contents of the letter furnished by Chief GUNN:

3-Bureau (Enc. 3)  
2-Memphis  
1-New York (Info)  
②-Jackson  
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"An exact copy of my letter  
to 7 various officers as of yesterday,  
Good Thursday, 11-th of April, 1968

Coon Amen,  
Harlem, New York.

Good Friday 12-th of  
April, 1968

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

"Please pass on to all the authorities wherever possible - to discontinue the search of a white man, as the killer of Martin Lucifer King, because the smart killer is right now in his own family. He is one of his own Civil Rights Urinators and a negro, not a white. I was among them myself in 1965, there were many young nuts, such as was I, and also many whites. However, God opened my eyes in Alabama, when I witnessed the behavior of our marchers under King's leadership. He was a devil's minister, taking all the money he could from the jews, and was doing his work under their leadership and demand. Those were communist jews.

"While marching in Alabama in 1965-it was in spring-we were instructed by King's advisers-red-rat-jews to do the following:

"A group of our negroes forced their way into a nice restaurant; on a given signal, all the negroes grabbed the sugar bawls off the tables, stood up and urinated into them, amid laughter, replaced the bals on the tables-MLK laughed approvingly.

"This is the reason why I, and many others, turned against him, and it was God's will that he was shot by one of his own disciples, a negro, not a white. Please stop all your sham broadcastings and grateful homage for that killed Martin Lucifer King - he was against our best President LBJ - for the nut hippie Bobby Kennedy, who hates the President because he was not appointed as Vice Pres. when his brother JFK was murdered the same way as was MLK. Senate should prohibit all marches at least for the duration of this war, and specially in our Capital. Now the white people are to be more against us for the crazy revolts, murders and damages.

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Amen!

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'Into Your Hands I command my soul!'

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"Sincerely,

"Coon Amen, 23 years old"

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PM URGENT 4-16-68 SAB  
TO NEW ORLEANS AND JACKSON  
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: ME.

ERIC S. GALT HAS REFERRED TO WORKING ABOARD MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOATS AND BARGES AS COOK. USCG, MEMPHIS, STATE NO USCG PAPERS NECESSARY FOR THIS CAPACITY IN INLAND WATERS SO LONG AS REQUIRED DECK AND ENGINE PERSONNEL ARE DOCUMENTED ABOARD EACH VESSEL. LISTED ARE MAJOR SOURCES OF EMPLOYMENT AT NEW ORLEANS AND GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, FOR RIVERBOAT AND BARGEMEN.

JACKSON AT GREENVILLE, CONTACT GREENVILLE, BRENT, VALLEY AND DELTA TOWING COMPANIES, AND GREENVILLE FUEL SERVICE TO DETERMINE IF GALT WAS PAST EMPLOYEE OR IF NEW EMPLOYEE FITTING GALT'S DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN HIRED SINCE APRIL NINE, LAST.

NEW ORLEANS CONTACT THE FOLLOWING WITH SAME PURPOSE AS JACKSON DIVISION:

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ACBL TOWING; AIPLE TOWING; BARGE & SHIP SERVICE;  
BARNETT TOWING; BATON ROUGE TOWING CO.; BISSO TOWING AND  
SALVAGE; BOATEL, INC.; BROWN AND ROOT, INC.; CHEVRON OIL;  
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CAPITOL MARINE SUPPLY; CARGILL, INC.; CARGO CARRIERS, INC.;  
CENAC TOWING; CHOTIN, INC.; COLLINS TOWING; COMMERCIAL  
TRANSPORT CORP.; CONTINENTAL BARGES, INC; CRESCENT TOWING  
SALVAGE; DELTA SHIP SERVICE; DIXIE CARRIERS; DONAHUE BROS.;  
EDWARDS TRANSPORTATION; FEDERAL BARGE LINES; FREEPORT SULPHUR  
CO.; GRAY TOWING CO.; GONZALES WELDING AND FABRICATION;  
HALTER MARINE SERVICE; HARVEY TUG AND BARGE; HUMBLE OIL  
REFINING; HUNT SHIPYARD; INDIAN TOWING CO.; INGRAM BARGE CO.;  
JAHNCKE SERVICE, INC.; JONES TOWING; THOMAS JORDAN, INC.;  
KOCH-ELLIS MARINE CONTRACTORS; LONE STAR CEMENT CO.;  
LOCAL TUGS, INC.- VENICE, LA.; JAY RAY MC DERMOTT; MC DONAOUGH  
MARINE SERVICE; MISS. VALLEY BARGE LINE; NATIONAL MARINE SERVICE;  
POINT LANDING, INC.; OIL TRANSPORT CO.; PORT SHIP SERVICE;  
ROBIN BOAT RENTAL SERVICE; RUSSELL WOLFE AND CO.; SABINE  
TOWING CO.; SAUCER MARINE SERVICE; SHELL OIL CO.; SOUTHERN  
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TO NEW ORLEANS AND JACKSON

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

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ERIC S. GALT HAS REFERRED TO WORKING ABOARD MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOATS AND BARGES AS COOK. USCG, MEMPHIS, STATE NO USCG PAPERS NECESSARY FOR THIS CAPACITY IN INLAND WATERS SO LONG AS REQUIRED DECK AND ENGINE PERSONNEL ARE DOCUMENTED ABOARD EACH VESSEL. LISTED ARE MAJOR SOURCES OF EMPLOYMENT AT NEW ORLEANS AND GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, FOR RIVERBOAT AND BARGEMEN.

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NEW ORLEANS CONTACT THE FOLLOWING WITH SAME PURPOSE AS JACKSON DIVISION:

ACBL TOWING; AIPLE TOWING; BARGE & SHIP SERVICE; BARNETT TOWING; BATON ROUGE TOWING CO.; BISSO TOWING AND SALVAGE; BCATEL, INC.; BROWN AND ROOT, INC.; CHEVRON OIL;

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*all Barge & Towing companies contacted on 4-11-68 SA Neely with neg results*

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CAPITOL MARINE SUPPLY; CARGILL, INC.; CARGO CARRIERS, INC.;  
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EDWARDS TRANSPORTATION; FEDERAL BARGE LINES; FREEPORT SULPHUR  
CO.; GRAY TOWING CO.; GONZALES WELDING AND FABRICATION;  
HALTER MARINE SERVICE; HARVEY TUG AND BARGE; HUMBLE OIL  
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LOCAL TUGS, INC.- VENICE, LA.; JAY RAY MC DERMOTT; MC DONAUGH  
MARINE SERVICE; MISS. VALLEY BARGE LINE; NATIONAL MARINE SERVICE;  
POINT LANDING, INC.; OIL TRANSPORT CO.; PORT SHIP SERVICE;  
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**AIR TEL**

**TO SAC, JACKSON**  
**FROM SAC, NEWARK (44-854)**  
**SUBJECT MURKIN**  
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TO ATLANTA

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Approved: *RKM*  
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Date of Report  
**April 12, 1968**

Date(s) of activity  
**Current**

Brief description of activity or material

**Klan activities general and JOHN MARLIN and MARLIN**

File where original is located if not attached  
**JN 170-267 SP 57**

Remarks:

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE. FOR DISSEMINATION SHOULD BE SENSITIVELY PARAPHRASED IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

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Tapelo, Mississippi  
April 12, 1968

This informant advised that DALE ODUS WALTON, 804 West Jackson Street, Tapelo, Mississippi, the former Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Green Forest, KKKK is in bad financial shape. He said Walton is being sued by several businesses for back bills and is being sued by an arms company for eight or nine thousand dollars for guns Walton took on consignment and never paid for. He also said Walton is being sued by an attorney for fees involved in the voter suit that Walton entered after the last county election.

Informant said that he believes that Walton has signed over most of his property to his wife to avoid the civil court from attaching his property. He said he has heard that Walton is contemplating bankruptcy. Even with his financial conditions as it is Walton is making a small addition to his store at 804 West Jackson Street, Tapelo, Miss.

Informant related that several weekends ago he was at Walton's store when a man now known to him as L.E. Mathews was at Walton's. He said this individual was wanting Walton to donate or help raise money for the defense of some klanman in south Mississippi. He related that does not believe that Walton is in any position to raise or donate any money at this time.

This informant further stated that he does not believe that there is any klan activity in the Tapelo, Miss. area. He said however JOHN DOWLIN of Sallisio, Miss. still talks about the klan but is not doing anything about it.

Informant said he does not have any information concerning the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and has heard very little conversation concerning the murder. He advised that Dale Walton was viewed by him at his store on Saturday afternoon March 30, 1968.

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

4/17/68

SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

**MURKIN**

Enclosed for Memphis are four FD 302's, 15 copies of each, and three report inserts, 15 copies of each, total enclosures of 105.

These enclosures and/or FD 302's concern the following:

Interview of F. M. VAUGHAN, Hunter Distributing Company, Columbus, Mississippi, - Schlitz beer;

Interview of ROBERT A. MC PHERSON, Hardware Dealer, Columbus, Mississippi, - Re Rompage Hardware;

Interview of TOMMY HARRISON and SONNY SMITH, Employees of G and H Liggett Rexall Drugstore, Columbus, Mississippi;

The insert of HELLIS MC LEMORE concerns the attempt to identify "Homestead" brown paper bags.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

F. M. VAUGHAN, Assistant Manager, Hunter Distributing Company, Highway 82 East, Columbus, Mississippi, furnished the following information:

The Hunter Distributing Company, which distributes Schlitz beer in the Columbus, Mississippi, area, did not receive any shipments of beer from Longview, Texas, dated March 15, 1968. He explained that the code 03/158 meant that the beer was shipped from Longview, Texas, on that date.

He stated that they received three cars of beer with beer dated March 28, 1968, and that they received one car of beer with beer dated March 14, 1968, but none dated March 15, 1968.

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On 4/12/68 at Columbus, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586  
by SA LYNN P. SMITH /blw Date dictated 4/15/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/5/68

~~TOMMY HARROLSON~~, manager and owner, G and H Liggett Rexall Drugstore, furnished the following information:

HARROLSON stated that cash-register receipts for cash purchases made in his drugstore are automatically dated by the cash register. He stated that each cash-register receipt carries the title

G and H  
Rexall Drug  
Columbus, Mississippi

Following this heading is the date of the purchase and below the date of the purchase is the amount of the purchase.

HARROLSON stated that each cash-register receipt has a number; however, these numbers are immaterial to the business of his store. He stated that when the numbers reach a level which he thinks is high, he flips a switch on the cash register and the numbers start over. Therefore, the numbers mean nothing and no information concerning the accounting procedure of the store is filed by these numbers.

HARROLSON continued that the only other tickets handled by his drugstore are charge tickets, which carry the name G and H Liggett Rexall Drugstore, Columbus, Mississippi. He stated that the date has to be written in by a clerk and the numbers on these receipts go only to 50.

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