

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 25, 1969

Sergeant RAYMOND H. CURRY, Base Photo Laboratory, Columbus Air Force Base, Columbus, Mississippi, advised that he had in his possession a one dollar bill which had inscribed on it:

JAMES EARL RAY
322-3561

Sergeant CURRY said he could not immediately recall how or when he came in possession of this one dollar bill. He said he felt he should report this to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On 2/25/69 at Columbus, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-644
by SA LAWRENCE W. GORMAN LWG/bb Date dictated 2/25/69

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

F B I

Date: 12/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: ALL SAC's

FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA
(OO: MEMPHIS)
BUFILE 44-38861

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68, and
Memphis airtel to All SAC's, dated 7/16/68.

Discontinue the monthly submission to the Memphis
Division of the cost data requested in referenced airtels,
since the Bureau has agreed this submission can be discon-
tinued.

2-All SAC's
2-Memphis
HEG:mas
(116)

157-9586-643

SEARCHED <i>in</i>	INDEXED
SERIALIZED <i>in</i>	FILED <i>in</i>
DEC 27 1968	
FBI - JACKSON	
<i>Pudhota</i>	

Approved: *Reisen* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date: 12/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: ALL SAC's
FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA
(OO: MEMPHIS)
BUFILE 44-38861

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68, and
Memphis airtel to All SAC's, dated 7/16/68.

Discontinue the monthly submission to the Memphis
Division of the cost data requested in referenced airtels,
since the Bureau has agreed this submission can be discon-
tinued.

2-All SAC's
2-Memphis
HRG:mas
(116)

157-9586-643
SEARCHED _____ INDEXED _____
SERIALIZED *ph* FILED *ph*
DEC 27 1968
FBI-JACKSON

Approved: *R. Jensen* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date: 12/2/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)
MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Jackson airtel dated 11/1/68.

Cost data from the Jackson Division from 11/1/68 to 11/30/68, is as follows:

- 1. A. Special Agents:
 - Regular Man Hours 16
 - Overtime 0
- B. Clerical Employees:
 - Regular Man Hours 2
 - Overtime 0
- 2. Total Mileage (estimated) 50
- 3. Unusual or out-of-the-ordinary expenses 0
- 4. Peak number of Special Agents working on case at any time during the month. 3

2-Memphis
2-Jackson
JLP/wgj
(4) *wgj*

157-9586-642
Searched _____
Serialized *ph*
Indexed _____
Filed _____
W. J. ...

Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date: 12/2/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)
MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Jackson airtel dated 11/1/68.

Cost data from the Jackson Division from 11/1/68 to 11/30/68, is as follows:

- 1. A. Special Agents:
 - Regular Man Hours 16
 - Overtime 0
- B. Clerical Employees:
 - Regular Man Hours 2
 - Overtime 0
- 2. Total Mileage (estimated) 50
- 3. Unusual or out-of-the-ordinary expenses 0
- 4. Peak number of Special Agents working on case at any time during the month. 3

2-Memphis
②-Jackson
JLP/wgj
(4)WJ

157-9586-642

Searched _____
Serialized ph
Indexed _____
Filed ph

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. **44-1574**
FBI FILE NO. **44-38861**
LATENT CASE NO. **91075**

November 29, 1968

TO: **SAC, Los Angeles**

RE: **MURKIN
CR**

REFERENCE: **Airtel 11-21-68**
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Los Angeles**
SPECIMENS: **Portion of cardboard box, Q410**

Listed Q specimen is described in the Laboratory report, which is being furnished separately.

No latent impressions of value developed on Q410, which is enclosed.

157-9586-641

SEARCHED <i>ph</i>	INDEXED <i>ph</i>
SERIALIZED <i>ph</i>	FILED <i>ph</i>
DEC 2 1968	
FBI - JACKSON	

Rudchester

Enc.

- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)**
- ① - Jackson**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

THIS REPORT IS FURNISHED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

F B I

Date: 11-27-68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AM _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN

In connection with the articles prepared by WILLIAM BRADFORD KUIE, which have appeared in "Look" magazine, certain investigation has been conducted by offices receiving this Airtel. The Memphis Division, as office of origin, requests that results of investigation conducted by the various offices be furnished in the form of either FD-302 or investigative insert so that all results can be incorporated in a report. This material should be submitted so that it reaches Memphis no later than December 4, 1968.

- 3 BUREAU (AM)
 - 2 BIRMINGHAM (AM)
 - 2 BUFFALO (AM)
 - 2 CHICAGO (AM)
 - 2 DETROIT (AM)
 - ② JACKSON (AM)
 - 2 LOS ANGELES (AM)
 - 2 MOBILE (AM)
 - 2 SAN ANTONIO (AM)
 - 2 SPRINGFIELD (AM)
 - 1 MEMPHIS
- RGJ:BN
(22)

157-9586-640

SEARCHED <u>g</u>	INDEXED
SERIALIZED <u>g</u>	FILED <u>pn</u>
NOV 30 1968	
FBI - JACKSON	

Ruddister
(Rev. & See #4 pl)

Approved: *R. Jensen* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date: 11-27-68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AM _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN

In connection with the articles prepared by WILLIAM BRADFORD KUIE, which have appeared in "Look" magazine, certain investigation has been conducted by offices receiving this Airtel. The Memphis Division, as office of origin, requests that results of investigation conducted by the various offices be furnished in the form of either FD-302 or investigative insert so that all results can be incorporated in a report. This material should be submitted so that it reaches Memphis no later than December 4, 1968.

- 3 BUREAU (AM)
 - 2 BIRMINGHAM (AM)
 - 2 BUFFALO (AM)
 - 2 CHICAGO (AM)
 - 2 DETROIT (AM)
 - ② JACKSON (AM)
 - 2 LOS ANGELES (AM)
 - 2 MOBILE (AM)
 - 2 SAN ANTONIO (AM)
 - 2 SPRINGFIELD (AM)
 - 1 MEMPHIS
- RGJ:BN
(22)

*Checked with Memphis, 12/2/68.
No lead for Jn on this airtel.
Memphis said leads were set out by airtel from Bureau.
We did not get Bn airtel. No leads for Jn.*

157-9586-646

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
NOV 30 1968	
FBI - JACKSON	

Approved: *R Jensen* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date: 11/26/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE DEFERRED _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO BUREAU, NOVEMBER TWENTY ONE, LAST.

RE LOS ANGELES AIRTEL SET OUT THAT MRS. W. PITMAN, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ON NOVEMBER TWELVE, LAST, OBSERVED CARD BOARD BOX IN THE REAR PARKING AREA OF THE BANK WHERE SHE WAS EMPLOYED. THIS BOX BORE PENCILED HANDWRITING AS FOLLOWS "JAMES EARL RAY, ONE ONE TWO TUCKER STREET, LELAND, MISSISSIPPI, JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR., JOHN WESLEY TUCKER. THE HANDWRITING APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY THE SAME PERSON. ON THE BOX WERE NAMES JOHN AND JONOUR.

JACKSON INDICES CONTAIN NO RECORD OF RAFORD AND TUCKER OR SIMILARITIES THEREOF OF JONOUR.

CHIEF OF POLICE E. J. DEAN, LELAND, MISS., ADVISED

157-9586-639

1 - Jackson
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (AM)

Searched _____
Serialized _____
Indexed _____
Filed _____

JWN/pap (2)

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

WA - 4:13 PM
ME 4:18 PM

ak

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

PAGE TWO

INSTANT DATE THAT MRS. MARGARET BERRY, NEGRO, LIVES AT ONE ONE TWO TUCKER STREET, LELAND. ADVISED HE HAS NO ARREST RECORD FOR HER. CHIEF DEAN ADVISED THAT NAMES OF JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR., JOHN WESLEY TUCKER AND JONOUR ARE UNKNOW TO HIM. HE KNOWS OF NO ONE IN LELAND BY THE NAME OF JAMES EARL RAY AND OF NO ONE IN CALIFORNIA WHO MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LELAND ADDRESS ON THE BOX.

MRS. MARGARET BERRY, ONE ONE TWO TUCKER STREET, LELAND, MISS., ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT SHE HAS LIVED AT THIS ADDRESS SINCE JANUARY, FIFTY FOUR, WHEN SHE PURCHASED THE HOUSE. SHE LIVES AT THIS RESIDENCE WITH TWO YOUNG NIECES. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE HAS NO IDEA WHY A BOX SHOULD BE LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA WITH HER ADDRESS ON IT. THE NAMES JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR., JOHN WESLEY TUCKER AND JONOUR ARE UNKNOWN TO HER. SHE ADVISED SHE HAS A NEPHEW EDDIE JONES AND A NIECE RUBY JONES AS OF FORTY SEVEN, IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. SHE HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM THEM SINCE THAT TIME. SHE HAS NO RELATIVES OR FRIENDS IN CALIFORNIA.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via _____
(Priority)

PAGE THREE

SHE KNOWS OF TWO BOYS FROM LELAND WHO ARE IN CALIFORNIA,
CITIES UNKNOWN, BY THE NAMES OF FIRST NAME UNKNOWN WARREN
AND JAMES LOVEY. THESE BOYS, WHILE IN LELAND, LIVED ON
THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN AND WERE NOT CLOSELY ASSOCIATED
WITH HER.

LOS ANGELES BEING ADVISED BY AIRMAIL. END.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FBI WASH DC.

FBI JKSN MISS

4:13 PM DEFERRED 11-26-68 WLB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO BUREAU, NOVEMBER TWENTY ONE, LAST.

RE LOS ANGELES AIRTEL SET OUT THAT MRS. W. PITMAN, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ON NOVEMBER TWELVE, LAST, OBSERVED CARD BOARD BOX IN THE REAR PARKING AREA OF THE BANK WHERE SHE WAS EMPLOYED. THIS BOX BORE PENCILED HANDWRITING AS FOLLOWS "JAMES EARL RAY, ONE ONE TWO TUCKER STREET, LELAND, MISSISSIPPI, JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR., JOHN WESLEY TUCKER. THE HANDWRITING APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY THE SAME PERSON. ON THE BOX WERE NAMES JOHN AND JONOUR.

JACKSON INDICES CONTAIN NO RECORD OF RAFORD AND TUCKER OR SIMILARITIES THEREOF OF JONOUR.

CHIEF OF POLICE E. J. DEAN, LELAND, MISS., ADVISED
END PAGE ONE

157-9586-639

Searched	_____
Serialized	_____
Indexed	_____
Filed	_____

Pudister

PAGE TWO

INSTANT DATE THAT MRS. MARGARET BERRY, NEGRO, LIVES AT ONE ONE TWO TUCKER STREET,LELAND. ADVISED HE HAS NO ARREST ARECORD FOR HER. CHIEF DEAN ADVISED THAT NAMES OF JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR., JOHN WESLEY TUCKER AND JONOUR ARE UNKNOWN TO HIM. HE KNOWS OF NO ONE IN LELAND BY THE NAME OF JAMES EARL RAY AND OF NO ONE IN CALIFORNIA WHO MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LELAND ADDRESS ON THE BOX.

MRS. MARGARET BERRY, ONE ONE TWO TUCKER STREET, LELAND, MISS., ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT SHE HAS LIVED AT THIS ADDRESS SINCE JANUARY, FIFTY FOUR , WHEN SHE PURCHASED THE HOUSE. SHE LIVES AT THIS RESIDENCE WITH TWO YOUNG NIECES. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE HAS NO IDEA WHY A BOX SHOULD BE LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA WITH HER ADDRESS ON IT. THE NAMES JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR., JOHN WESLEY TUCKER AND JONOUR ARE UNKNOWN TO HER. SHE ADVISED SHE HAS A NEPHEW EDDIE JONES AND A NIECE RUBY JONES AS OF FORTY SEVEN, IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. SHE HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM THEM SINCE THAT TIME. SHE HAS NO RELATIVES OR FRIENDS IN CALIFORNIA.

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

SHE KNOWS OF TWO BOYS FROM LELAND WHO ARE IN CALIFORNIA,
CITIES UNKNOWN, BY THE NAMES OF FIRST NAME UNKNOWN WARREN
AND JAMES LOVEY. THESE BOYS, WHILE IN LELAND, LIVED ON
THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN AND WERE NOT CLOSELY ASSOCIATED
WITH HER.

LOS ANGELES BEING ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

CORRECTION THIRD LINE FROM END, WORD FIVE SHOULD
BE TOWN NOT TOWN.

END

MKA

FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI JKSN MISS

4:18 RJT

FBI MEMPHIS

11/21/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓

Mr. W. PITMAN, 191 Carlton Avenue, Pasadena, California, advised that his wife is employed at the Crocker-Citizens National Bank, Lake and Green Streets, Pasadena. On 11/12/68 Mrs. PITMAN observed a cardboard box in the rear parking area of the bank. This box bore penciled handwriting as follows:

"JAMES EARL RAY
112 Tucker Street
Leland, Mississippi"

"JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR."

"JOHN WESLEY TUCKER"

Index

The above appeared to have been written by the same person.

Also written on this box were the names "JOHN" and "JONOUR", which appeared to have been written by a different person.

Mrs. PITMAN retained the box, which was furnished to SA PHILIP J. REILLY, Pasadena Resident Agency, by her husband. Mr. PITMAN stated that neither he nor his wife has any additional information regarding the box, who placed it in the parking lot,

- 4 - Bureau (Encls. - 4) (AM)
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encls. - 2) (AM)
 - 2 - Jackson (Encls. - 2) (AM)
 - 2 - Los Angeles
- TJA:CM
(10)

SAC Ramm

*Rec'd
5:32
11/21/68*

*John
Search Raford
& Tuelish
Did we have
something months
ago
so*

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
NOV 25 1968	
FBI - JACKSON	

(with attached)

LA 44-1574

when it was placed there or how long it had been there.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office contain no reference to JOHN WESLEY SAMPSON, JR., or JOHN WESLEY FUGGON.

Enclosed for the Laboratory is the original portion of the box, as furnished to SA PHILIP J. BEILLY, for comparative examination with other samples of handwriting submitted in this matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of a photograph of the handwriting. Two photographs of the above-described handwriting are enclosed for Jackson and Memphis.

11/21/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. W. PITMAN, 191 Carlton Avenue, Pasadena, California, advised that his wife is employed at the Grocker-Citizens National Bank, Lake and Green Streets, Pasadena. On 11/12/68 Mrs. PITMAN observed a cardboard box in the rear parking area of the bank. This box bore penciled handwriting as follows:

"JAMES EARL RAY
112 Tucker Street
Leland, Mississippi"

"JOHN WESLEY RAYFORD, JR."

"JOHN WESLEY TUCKER"

The above appeared to have been written by the same person.

Also written on this box were the names "JOHN" and "JONGOUR", which appeared to have been written by a different person.

Mrs. PITMAN retained the box, which was furnished to SA PHILIP J. HILLY, Pasadena Resident Agency, by her husband. Mr. PITMAN stated that neither he nor his wife has any additional information regarding the box, who placed it in the parking lot,

4 - Bureau (Encs. - 4)(AM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(Encs. - 2)(AM)
2 - Jackson (Encs. - 2)(AM)
2 - Los Angeles

TJA:CH
(10)

157-9586-638

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
NOV 25 1968	
FBI - JACKSON	

LA 44-1574

when it was placed there or how long it had been there.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office contain no reference to JOHN WESLEY HAFORD, JR., or JOHN WESLEY TUCKER.

Enclosed for the Laboratory is the original portion of the box, as furnished to SA PHILIP J. REILLY, for comparative examination with other samples of handwriting submitted in this matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of a photograph of the handwriting. Two photographs of the above-described handwriting are enclosed for Jackson and Memphis.

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

11/21/68

SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (RUC)

MURKIN ✓

OO: MEMPHIS

D. J. Deley
On 11/14/68, JOSEPH MEYER, Field Engineer for Recognition Equipment Company, Dallas, temporarily residing at the Lemonwood Inn, 3515 Inwood Road, Dallas, Texas, advised he is attending a computer school sponsored by Recognition Equipment Company, after which he does not know where he will be stationed. He said that he formerly resided at 300 North Haugh Avenue, Picayune, Mississippi. He related an incident which occurred while he was residing in Picayune. The details of that incident are set out in enclosed FD-302.

A copy of the FD-302 of interview of MEYER is enclosed for Jackson in the event Memphis requests investigation of this matter by Jackson at Picayune.

Any additional investigation is left to the descretion of the Office of Origin.

2 - Memphis (Enc. 8)
② - Jackson (Enc. 1) *cc*
1 - Dallas
WBH/pd
(5)

157-9586-637
SEARCHED INDEXED
SERIALIZED FILED
NOV 22 1968
FBI - JACKSON
1. Puddister
2. Ed O'Neil
(copy) *ESD*

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

11/21/68

SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (RUC)

MURKIN

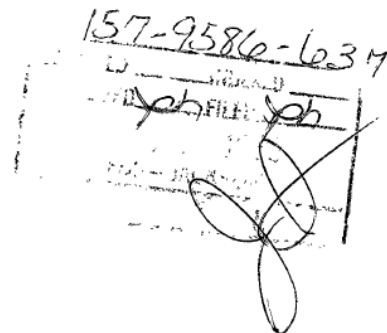
OO: MEMPHIS

On 11/14/68, JOSEPH C. MEYER, Field Engineer for Recognition Equipment Company, Dallas, temporarily residing at the Lemonwood Inn, 3515 Inwood Road, Dallas, Texas, advised he is attending a computer school sponsored by Recognition Equipment Company, after which he does not know where he will be stationed. He said that he formerly resided at 300 North Haugh Avenue, Picayune, Mississippi. He related an incident which occurred while he was residing in Picayune. The details of that incident are set out in enclosed FD-302.

A copy of the FD-302 of interview of MEYER is enclosed for Jackson in the event Memphis requests investigation of this matter by Jackson at Picayune.

Any additional investigation is left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

2 - Memphis (Enc. 3)
② - Jackson (Enc. 1)
1 - Dallas
WBH/pd
(5)



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 11/19/68

JOSEPH C. MEYER, Laneswood Inn, 3515 Inwood Road, employed as a field engineer for Recognition Equipment Company, Dallas, advised he is attending a computer school in Dallas sponsored by the Recognition Equipment Company. He formerly resided at 300 North Hugh Avenue, Picayune, Mississippi. While residing in Picayune, an incident occurred about two weeks prior to the murder of **MARTIN LUTHER KING** in Memphis. The details of that incident are as follows:

He and his son went fishing near Picayune on a Sunday morning between about 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM. They were approaching a small fishing lake on Ridge Road when they noticed a man laying behind a light colored Ford Mustang shooting a rifle into a target on a tree about 40 yards away. He and his son parked their car at the small lake nearby and began fishing. The man with the rifle, which he observed to be a lever action and either new or very well taken care of, came up to them and started talking to him. The man said he was here sighting the rifle, but he wished his brother was there because he was more experienced at this. They talked of fishing, hunting and general topics. The man did not talk with an accent and gave the impression of not being from that area.

The man was dressed in canvas field hunting clothes. He was about 5'10" to 11" tall, 175 pounds, dark wavy hair, well groomed. MEYER has observed photographs of **JAMES EARL RAY** and he stated that some of the photographs definitely do not look like the man he saw, but one of the photographs he recently saw in Look Magazine, ~~the one~~ without glasses, in some ways resembles the man he saw firing the rifle. He said he does not believe he would be able to identify the man he saw even if he saw him again.

MEYER thought nothing of the incident until he heard of the shooting of **MARTIN LUTHER KING**. Then he thought there might possibly be some connection, but he did not report the matter to the local police because he was afraid they would only laugh at him. ~~He did not~~ ~~return~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~area~~ ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~man~~ ~~was~~ ~~firing~~ ~~and~~ ~~was~~ ~~unable~~ ~~to~~ ~~find~~ ~~any~~ ~~cartridges~~. He looked at the tree that had been

157-9586-636

SEARCHED INDEXED

SERIALIZED FILED

NOV 20 1968

FBI - DALLAS

J. Edgar Hoover

Ed O'Neill

On 11/14/68 at Dallas, TexasFile# Dallas 44-2019by SA WILLIAM B. WOLLMAN/edDate dictated 11/18/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

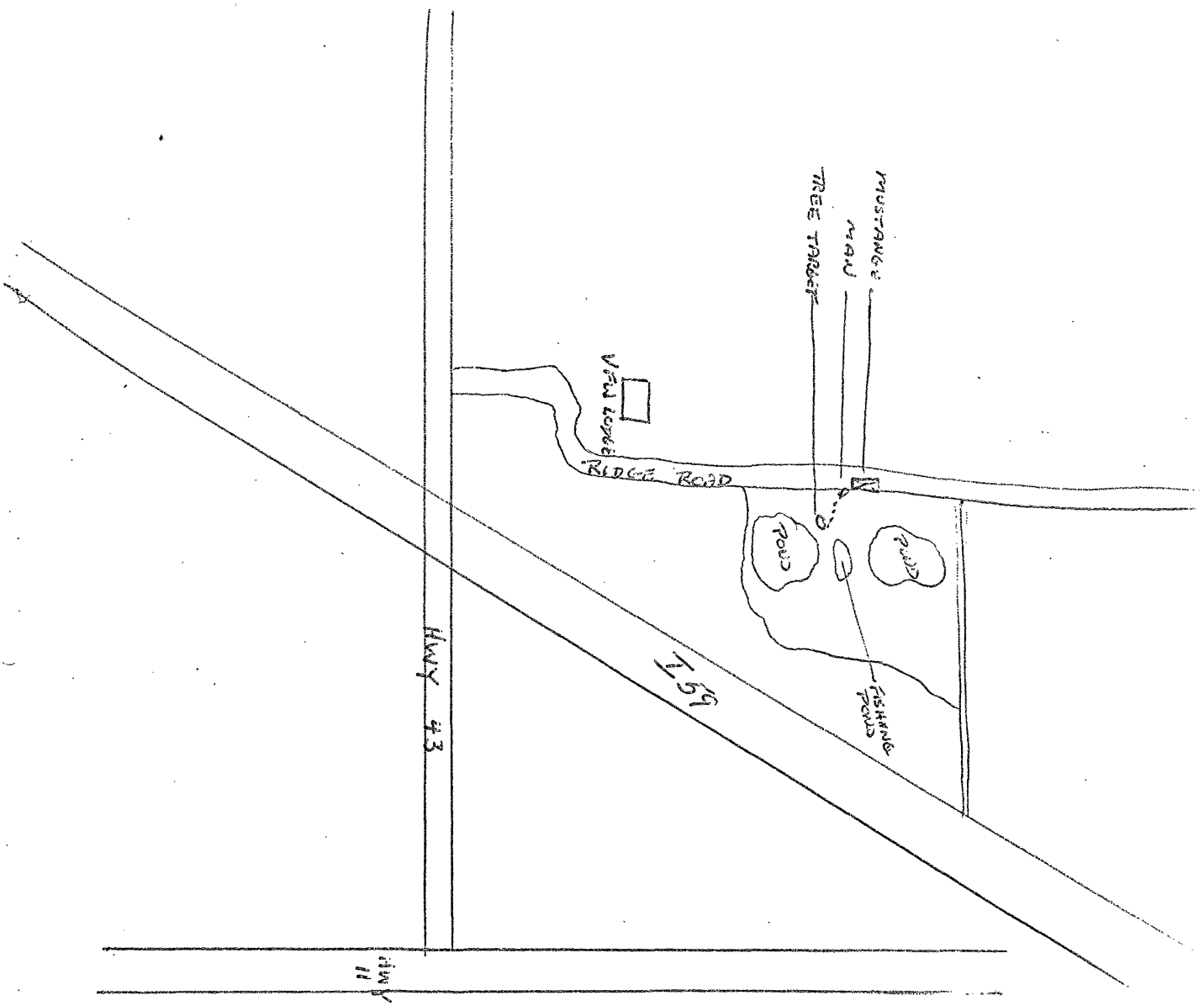
DL 44-2849

3

shot at and noted that the places where the bullets hit indicated that a high powered cartridge was used because large chunks of the tree bark were torn away.

MEYER furnished a sketch of the area where the man was firing the rifle and it is attached hereto.

NOT TO SCALE



F B I

Date: 11/1/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)
MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Jackson airtel dated 10/1/68.

Cost data from the Jackson Division from 10/1/68 to 10/31/68, is as follows:

- 1. A. Special Agents:
 - Regular Man Hours 4
 - Overtime 0
- B. Clerical Employees:
 - Regular Man Hours 0
 - Overtime 0
- 2. Total Mileage (estimated) 0
- 3. Unusual or out-of-the-ordinary expenses 0
- 4. Peak number of Special Agents working on case at any time during the month 2

157-9586-635

Searched _____
 Serialized CLB
 Indexed _____
 Filed ph

2 - Memphis
 ① - Jackson
 JLP/jsk
 (3)

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date: 10/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, MIAMI (157-987)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-424) (P)
SUBJECT: ACQUISITION OF WEAPONS BY
RACIAL EXTREMIST GROUPS
RM
OO: JACKSON

Re Jackson airtel to Charlotte dated 8/12/68, and Indianapolis airtel to Dallas dated 8/28/68.

Indianapolis requested Dallas to interview GORDON STEPHEN BUTTORFF, 9725 Plano Road, Dallas, for any information concerning HORACE BYRON GAAR, JR.

On 10/22/68, Operator Eight, Credit Bureau Services, Dallas, advised SARAH BUTTORFF employed Continental Fire Insurance Company, Dallas, resided at 9725 Plano Road, Dallas, and had been in file since June, 1968.

Mrs. PEGGY HELSUMS, Assistant Manager, Kingsley Place Apartments, advised 10/22/68, that GORDON STEPHEN BUTTORFF resided in Apartment 122, 9725 Plano Road, Dallas. The records of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office and Dallas Police Department, checked 10/22/68, contain no record for BUTTORFF.

- 2 - Miami (RM)
- 1 - Charlotte (Info) (RM)
- ② - Jackson (RM)
 - (2 - 157-922)
 - ① - 157-9586
 - (1 - 174-161)
 - (1 - 157-22)
 - (1 - 157-2302)
- 1 - Indianapolis (157-1003) (RM) (Info)
- 4 - Dallas (2 - 157-678) (BUTORFF)
 - (1 - 157-424)
 - (1 - 157-602) (GAAR)

FMH:clm
(14)

157-9586-624

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED <i>ph</i>	FILED <i>ph</i>
OCT 25 1968	
FBI - JACKSON	

Ruddister

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

DL 157-424

Dallas file 157-678, captioned GORDON STEPHEN BUTTORFF, indicates BUTTORFF is severely disturbed mentally and has received correspondence from the Minutemen in the past but does not indicate his connection with GAAR or the acquisition of weapons.

Dallas file 157-602, captioned "HORACE BYRON GAAR, JR., RM," indicates that Jackson closed their case October, 1965, inasmuch as GAAR was not advocating racial violence.

Dallas not in possession of Miami teletype to Bureau, Charlotte, Jackson and Memphis dated 8/10/68.

LEAD

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA. Furnish Dallas copy of Miami teletype to Bureau, 8/10/68, background of investigation and desirability of interviewing BUTTORFF.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

**Greenville
Man Is Shot
In Memphis**

MEMPHIS (AP) — A Time-Life magazine reporter, identified by police as William Sartor of Greenville, Miss., was shot in Memphis Saturday night during an apparent robbery attempt.

Chief Insp. Joe Gagliano said the shooting took place in the downtown area and quoted Sartor as saying a man he could only identify as a Negro shot him after robbing him.

He filed dispatches from Memphis during the riots that followed the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4 and has been covering subsequent developments in the King case.

Sartor is also credited with being the man who spurred community leaders with an article in Time that returned to Memphis as a "backwater Mississippi backwater town."

Sartor was hospitalized at St. Joseph Hospital, the same hospital in which King died.

Gagliano said an early report from doctors indicated Sartor was not in serious condition.

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

Page 16
The Clarion Ledger
Jackson, Miss.

Date: Oct. 6, 1968
Edition: Home
Author:
Editor: T. M. Hederman
Title: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Character:
or
Classification: 157-9586
Submitting Office: Jackson
 Being Investigated

157-9586-633

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED <i>ph</i>	FILED <i>ph</i>
OCT 7 1968	
FBI — JACKSON	
#5 <i>to</i>	

F B I

Date: 10/1/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)
MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Jackson airtel dated 9/3/68.

Cost data from the Jackson Division from 9/1/68 to 9/30/68, is as follows:

- 1. A. Special Agents:
 - Regular Man Hours 12 4
 - Overtime 0 0
- B. Clerical Employees:
 - Regular Man Hours 2 0
 - Overtime 0 0
- 2. Total mileage (estimated) 35 0
- 3. Unusual or out-of-the-ordinary expenses 0 0
- 4. Peak number of Special Agents working on case at any time during the month

2 - Memphis
1 - Jackson

JLH:ces

(3) *JCS*

2 2
157-9586-632
Searched _____
Serialized _____
Indexed _____
Filed _____
ph
R. H. [unclear]

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date: 10/1/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

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

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis and Jackson, dated 9/26/68, with attached interview of Mr. BILL SARTOR.

Indices check at Jackson disclosed the following:

A review of Jackson file 157-7945 captioned "JAN SARTOR, Aka, Jan Scudder, Johnna Lou Scudder - RM" disclosed that on 5/3/67, one JAN SARTOR contacted the Greenville, Mississippi, Resident Agent of the FBI where she provided the following information:

She is (at that time) the Greenville reporter for the Memphis "Commercial Appeal" (a daily newspaper from Memphis, Tennessee) and also writes free lance for other papers and magazines. She has written articles under the name of JAN SCUDDER for Sepia, a Negro magazine produced at Fort Worth, Texas. Her husband, WILLIAM SARTOR, writes free lance for Time and Life Magazines.

In August, 1966, she attended a conference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in

3-Bureau (RM)
 2-Memphis
 3-Jackson
 ② 157-9586
 1-157-7945

JLP/wgj.
 (8) wgo

157-9586-631
 Searched
 Serialized
 Indexed
 Filed

Approved _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M

Per _____

Jackson, Mississippi, and later wrote an article for Sepia Magazine concerning this conference. During the period she covered this conference, she was not accompanied by her husband and registered at the King Edward Hotel in Jackson as JAN SCUDDER.

Shortly after her return to Greenville from Jackson, she received a telephone call from an individual who said he was calling long distance from a pay telephone which she assumed was in Jackson, Mississippi. This individual furnished his name as either ED or JAMES FLEMING. He said he had attended the SCLC Conference at Jackson and had seen a man taking a photograph of her standing in front of the King Edward Hotel with two Negro males. He stated he was trying to determine the identity of the photographer, as his picture had also been taken at that time. This individual asked her several times why she was there and asked her whether or not she was a member of SCLC.

A few days later she received another long distance telephone call and the operator said the unidentified caller was trying to reach ED HAMLETT. Mrs. SARTOR said she was not aware of it at that time but later learned that ED HAMLET is a Negro who is a member of the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC), which is a branch of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Mrs. SARTOR alleged that the man's voice in the background sounded similar to the same man who had called her previously.

She received no further telephone calls until last week (5-10-67) when she received another telephone call wherein the operator asked for BILL SARTOR. During this incident the operator said she was trying to reach ED HAMLETT through Mr. SARTOR. She heard the same man's

JN 157-9586

voice giving the number to the telephone operator. This was also a long distance telephone call, city not known.

Prior to 5/17/67, the telephone operator called and told her they were trying to locate Mrs. SARTOR's mother and the operator requested the name of her mother, and where she could be reached. During this call the same man came on the telephone and said he was calling from Nashville, Tennessee. He indicated his name was JAMES MASON and that he was calling for JAMES FLEMING. He stated he thought they might be related and he was trying to locate relatives.

Mrs. SARTOR alleged that she did not give this man any information. Later, the same day, she received another telephone call wherein the operator said she was trying to locate Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mrs. SARTOR inquired from the operator the identity of the calling party and she heard a man say that he did not want to give his name. The operator then told her the telephone call was from a public telephone in Memphis, Tennessee.

Since the last incident, her maid, her neighbor, and her employer, the "Commercial Appeal" have all received telephone calls inquiring about her relatives, husband, type of work, and other personal information. She said the telephone call at the "Commercial Appeal" was concerning her association with Sepia Magazine, which she had not told her employer at the "Commercial Appeal" about, and whether or not her husband wrote articles for Ebony Magazine.

During the above interview, Mrs. SARTOR said she was concerned about the harassing nature of the telephone calls and that she was unable to determine the purpose of such calls. She said she felt that someone

may be mistakenly identifying her as a civil rights worker because she attends numerous civil rights functions in an official capacity for her employers. She indicated she does not and never has belonged to any civil rights organizations. She said that one of the editors of the "Commercial Appeal" suggested to her that the originator of these telephone calls could be one EDGAR DOWNING a self-styled investigator and a "nut" known to the Memphis area.

The following description and background data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	Mrs. WILLIAM G. SARTOR
Aliases	Jan Sartor Jan Scudder Johnna Lou Scudder
Sex	Female
Race	White
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	Pilot Point, Texas
Height	5' 11"
Weight	115 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Marital status	Married (WILLIAM G. SARTOR)
Parents	CHARLES and LULA SCUDDER Spur, Texas
Employment	Reporter, "Commercial Appeal" Memphis, Tennessee; free lance writer;
Residence	1255 Loundes Greenville, Mississippi.

The file further reflected that on 5/19/67, EDGAR DOWNING contacted the Jackson FBI Office in person seeking information concerning JAN SARTOR. DOWNING indicated

JN 157-9586

he has been making an investigation concerning the activities of this woman. No information was furnished to Mr. EDGAR DOWNING.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS

Will conduct indices check concerning EDGAR DOWNING. It should be noted that referenced Bureau airtel instructs that no interview of SARTOR should be conducted until the Bureau advises to do so.

F B I

Date: 10/1/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

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

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis and Jackson, dated 9/26/68, with attached interview of Mr. BILL SARTOR.

Indices check at Jackson disclosed the following:

A review of Jackson file 157-7945 captioned "JAN SARTOR, Aka, Jan Scudder, Johnna Lou Scudder - RM" disclosed that on 5/3/67, one JAN SARTOR contacted the Greenville, Mississippi, Resident Agent of the FBI where she provided the following information:

She is (at that time) the Greenville reporter for the Memphis "Commercial Appeal" (a daily newspaper from Memphis, Tennessee) and also writes free lance for other papers and magazines. She has written articles under the name of JAN SCUDDER for Sepia, a Negro magazine produced at Fort Worth, Texas. Her husband, WILLIAM SARTOR, writes free lance for Time and Life Magazines.

In August, 1966, she attended a conference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in

3-Bureau (RM)
2-Memphis
3-Jackson
②-157-9586
1-157-7945

JLP/wgj
(8) *wgj*

157-9586-631

Searched _____
Serialized *RL* _____
Indexed *ph* _____
Filed *ph* _____

Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

Jackson, Mississippi, and later wrote an article for Sepia Magazine concerning this conference. During the period she covered this conference, she was not accompanied by her husband and registered at the King Edward Hotel in Jackson as JAN SCUDDER.

Shortly after her return to Greenville from Jackson, she received a telephone call from an individual who said he was calling long distance from a pay telephone which she assumed was in Jackson, Mississippi. This individual furnished his name as either ED or JAMES FLEMING. He said he had attended the SCLC Conference at Jackson and had seen a man taking a photograph of her standing in front of the King Edward Hotel with two Negro males. He stated he was trying to determine the identity of the photographer, as his picture had also been taken at that time. This individual asked her several times why she was there and asked her whether or not she was a member of SCLC.

A few days later she received another long distance telephone call and the operator said the unidentified caller was trying to reach ED HAMLETT. Mrs. SARTOR said she was not aware of it at that time but later learned that ED HAMLET is a Negro who is a member of the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC), which is a branch of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Mrs. SARTOR alleged that the man's voice in the background sounded similar to the same man who had called her previously.

She received no further telephone calls until last week (5-10-67) when she received another telephone call wherein the operator asked for BILL SARTOR. During this incident the operator said she was trying to reach ED HAMLETT through Mr. SARTOR. She heard the same man's

voice giving the number to the telephone operator. This was also a long distance telephone call, city not known.

Prior to 5/17/67, the telephone operator called and told her they were trying to locate Mrs. SARTOR's mother and the operator requested the name of her mother, and where she could be reached. During this call the same man came on the telephone and said he was calling from Nashville, Tennessee. He indicated his name was JAMES MASON and that he was calling for JAMES FLEMING. He stated he thought they might be related and he was trying to locate relatives.

Mrs. SARTOR alleged that she did not give this man any information. Later, the same day, she received another telephone call wherein the operator said she was trying to locate Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mrs. SARTOR inquired from the operator the identity of the calling party and she heard a man say that he did not want to give his name. The operator then told her the telephone call was from a public telephone in Memphis, Tennessee.

Since the last incident, her maid, her neighbor, and her employer, the "Commercial Appeal" have all received telephone calls inquiring about her relatives, husband, type of work, and other personal information. She said the telephone call at the "Commercial Appeal" was concerning her association with Sepia Magazine, which she had not told her employer at the "Commercial Appeal" about, and whether or not her husband wrote articles for Ebony Magazine.

During the above interview, Mrs. SARTOR said she was concerned about the harassing nature of the telephone calls and that she was unable to determine the purpose of such calls. She said she felt that someone

may be mistakenly identifying her as a civil rights worker because she attends numerous civil rights functions in an official capacity for her employers. She indicated she does not and never has belonged to any civil rights organizations. She said that one of the editors of the "Commercial Appeal" suggested to her that the originator of these telephone calls could be one EDGAR DOWNING a self-styled investigator and a "nut" known to the Memphis area.

The following description and background data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name.	Mrs. WILLIAM G. SARTOR
Aliases	Jan Sartor Jan Scudder Johnna Lou Scudder
Sex	Female
Race	White
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	Pilot Point, Texas
Height	5' 11"
Weight	115 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Marital status	Married (WILLIAM G. SARTOR)
Parents	CHARLES and LULA SCUDDER Spur, Texas
Employment	Reporter, "Commercial Appeal" Memphis, Tennessee; free lance writer;
Residence	1255 Loundes Greenville, Mississippi.

The file further reflected that on 5/19/67, EDGAR DOWNING contacted the Jackson FBI Office in person seeking information concerning JAN SARTOR. DOWNING indicated

JN 157-9586

he has been making an investigation concerning the activities of this woman. No information was furnished to Mr. EDGAR DOWNING.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS

Will conduct indices check concerning EDGAR DOWNING. It should be noted that referenced Bureau airtel instructs that no interview of SARTOR should be conducted until the Bureau advises to do so.

Date received 9/18, 20/68	Received from (name or symbol number) JN 364	Received by SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB
-------------------------------------	--	--

Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)
 in person by telephone by mail orally recording device written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date Dictated <u>9/20/68</u> to <u>BOBBYE K. HOOKS</u> Transcribed <u>9/20/68</u> Authenticated by Informant _____	Date of Report 9/20/68 Date(s) of activity September, 1968
---	---

Brief description of activity or material
APWR, Hinds Co., met 9/17/68; Official of Minutemen attempts to visit TARRANTS in Meridian jail. Attempts made to raise cash bond for JOE DANIEL HAWKINS; MATTHEWS has strange visitors for second time.

File where original is located if not attached
170-482 61

Remarks:
INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ENCLOSED REPORT, IF USED IN A REPORT BEING PREPARED FOR DISSEMINATION, SHOULD BE SUITABLY PARAPHRASED IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS INFORMANT.

- 1 - 170-482-SF1
- 1 - 157-4096-L. E. MATTHEWS
- 1 - 91-1134-JOE DANIEL HAWKINS
- 1 - 62-2 -MINUTEMEN
- 1 - 174- 161
- 1 - 157-36 - ABWR
- 1 - 157-63 - WKKKKOM
- ① - 157-9586- MURKIN

Block Stamp

157-9586-630

SEARCHED _____	INDEXED _____
SERIALIZED <i>me</i>	FILED <i>me</i>
SEP 23 1968	
FBI - JACKSON	

Ed Miller

JN Form Twos have been directed to the following files:

1 - 157-	ROY CAMPBELL
1 - 157-	Dr. E. A. CAMPBELL
1 - 157-	JOHN VIRGIL "PAT" THOMAS
1 - 157-	SIDNEY BARNES
1 - 157-	GUS BOBBITT
1 - 157-	JOE DENVER HAWKINS

B*
(COVER PAGE)

APWR, HINDS COUNTY
CHAPTER

APWR met as usual on Tuesday night, 9/17/68,
at Byrd's Truck Stop, and the following were in attendance:

ROY and JO CAMPBELL
Dr. and Mrs. E. A. COPELAND
PAT and NELL THOMAS
Mr. and Mrs. SIDNEY BARNES
GUS BOBBITT
JOE DENVER HAWKINS
Mrs. EVELYN MORGAN, Secretary
BILL PICKEL

HARRY KELLEY, JOHNNIE HAWKINS, and L. E. MATTHEWS
were noticeably absent from the meeting, and they were
apparently having some type of private meeting concerning
JOE DANIEL HAWKINS' bond and trial for bank robbery in
Memphis, Tennessee.

Most of the meeting was taken up about funds
for the HAWKINS family.

Mr. BARNES has apparently moved to Jackson from
Mobile, Alabama, and he gave the closing prayer, with
the last few sentences or words being in some language
other than English, which source could not understand.
Source pointed out that Mrs. BARNES usually gives the
closing prayer, and the last few words are in Latin
source believes. He noted that neither Mr. or Mrs.
BARNES put an Amen on the end of the prayer.

Jackson, Mississippi
9/20/68

Source advised that he had conferred with L. E. MATTHEWS on 9/19/68. Apparently there was something on local television about the jury in the Dr. MEYER's abortion case being possibly tampered with and it was being called back in session. MATTHEWS indicated he was quite concerned about this jury being called back and questioned about JOE DANIEL HAWKINS' trial in the Blackwell Bombing and the jury in the possession of explosives trial of J. L. HARPER. He indicated that at least one or two on the HARPER trial were depended upon to render a hung jury, and that one for sure on DANNY's trial knew that he would have to bring about a hung jury, this being the only chance for keeping HAWKINS out of jail.

Jackson, Mississippi
9/20/68

MINUTEMEN

Source advised that he had been in contact with L. E. MATTHEWS on 9/19/68 at which time he indicated that a high official in the Minutemen had been in Meridian, Mississippi, either Saturday or Sunday, and conferred with THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III. MATTHEWS inferred that this official had contacted SAM BOWERS, Mr. SIDNEY BARNES, and L. E. MATTHEWS.

Source asked MATTHEWS a direct question, "Did you see him," whereupon MATTHEWS stated, "I may have."

Source pointed out that MATTHEWS made a trip last Friday, 9/13/68 for the weekend, but source would not know MATTHEWS' travels until his credit card tickets came in. Source further indicated that MATTHEWS, who usually confides in him, has been most secretive about the trip last weekend.

Source continued that this official had assured THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III, that TARRANTS had nothing to worry about in his prosecution at Meridian, as the Minutemen Organization and funds were behind him.

MURKIN

Source stated that he had never heard of the following individuals being mentioned in Klan or APWR circles:

JAMES L. HINES
HERMAN H. GRIFFIN, JR.
BERNIE CRAMPTON

JOE DANIEL HAWKINS
BANK ROBBERY TRIAL

Source reiterated that the main topic of conversation at the APWR meeting was the efforts to free HAWKINS on bond for the two weeks remaining before his trial. Source reported it had come to his attention that L. E. MATTHEWS, the Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM, summoned to his residence on the night of 9/18/68, ELAINE SMITH PEEBLES. For hours he attempted to pressure her into putting up \$25,000 cash toward the bond of HAWKINS. Source stated that ELAINE put up all types of excuses as to why she could not; such as her funds were tied up to prevent this type of thing, secondly that she could not draw from her account at Deposit Guaranty National Bank without the okay of her attorney, and various other excuses.

SMITH pointed out that JOHNNIE and CATHY HAWKINS were dressing in new clothes in exceptionally good taste these days, and further that CATHY is permitted to keep her gross receipts at the Downtown Coiffeurs, and that she can easily make and take home \$70 per day.

It was pointed out by one of these persons that over \$5,000 had been made, cleared, and turned over to the HAWKINSes from the sale of the GEORGE and LURLINE WALLACE Magazine.

At one point, ELAINE SMITH PEEBLES made a tentative offer to put up \$25,000 of her money on the condition that JOHNNIE HAWKINS would let her hold the \$20,000 plus taken from the Memphis Bank as security for ELAINE's part. MATTHEWS indicated that JOHNNIE HAWKINS might do this and generally inferred that he, MATTHEWS, had been in on the planning of the robbery and there was no doubt but what JOE DANIEL HAWKINS had robbed the bank with the knowledge of JOE DENVER and L. E. MATTHEWS. MATTHEWS concluded by stating that PERCY QUINN was sitting in a motel in Memphis waiting on ELAINE SMITH PEEBLES' decision re the \$25,000.

In connection with the trial, MATTHEWS pointed out that they have six witnesses that will prove that DANNY was in Jackson and that he could not possibly have been in Memphis at the time of the robbery. He called no names of the witnesses nor did he mention any material company or other company whose records might be subpoenaed to show they had done business with money from the robbery.

Source pointed out that MATTHEWS discussed the fact that the witness that JOHNNIE HAWKINS had flown down from the Memphis bank did not go before the Grand Jury to indict DANNY. MATTHEWS made some incoherent statement about the eye witnesses, that is something said about doing something with them or words to that effect. MATTHEWS commented that the APWR is reimbursing JOHNNIE HAWKINS, JOE DENVER HAWKINS, and PERCY QUINN for any money they spend for the defense of JOE DANIEL HAWKINS. MATTHEWS indicated that Attorney PERCY QUINN has several things up his sleeve that may not be quite "kosher." One of these stunts that he plans to pull involves the pistol used by HAWKINS during the robbery. QUINN has had JOE DENVER HAWKINS purchase a pistol like the one HAWKINS used. QUINN indicated that the pistol and evidence would be lying on the table in front of the Judge. QUINN will pick it up and stick it under his coat, where he will have the pistol that JOE DENVER purchased hidden. QUINN will then pull out both pistols and try to confuse the jury as to how the jurymen could identify the pistol used in the robbery. QUINN has indicated that he has several other tricks and said he would be able to pull them before the judge caught on to what he was doing and it would have already made its impression on the jury, although the judge might not allow it as evidence.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

L. E. MATTHEWS, JR.

Source advised that it had come to his attention that on the night of 9/18/68 MATTHEWS had the two same male visitors that had slipped into his back door the previous Wednesday night. Their arrival was announced by the dogs barking. MATTHEWS commented that he had visitors, and told ELAINE SMITH and his young son to stay where they were for a bit. SMITH went to the bedroom of MATTHEWS, and the boy stayed in the living room on the second level of the tri-level. MATTHEWS talked to the two men outside, they talked for awhile under the carport on the first level. Two doors were heard to close which were believed to have been the trunk and a door of MATTHEWS car. SMITH had her car parked in the rear of the house where it could not be seen by her husband or others.

During the conversation of the three men, the names "RED", BREWER, JOHN, PITTMAN, or PITTARD, DAVIS, "The Board", and SAM (BOWERS) were heard, but in what connection not clear at all. The larger of the men would raise his voice occasionally. This man is very broadshouldered. Source stated that these individuals' mode of travel is still unknown. They came up to the back door, as last week, and MATTHEWS walked them out front toward his mothers. No cars were heard to start, no lights were seen. In the period of 30 minutes after they were known to be gone, three or four cars passed on the road which is a couple hundred yards out in front of MATTHEWS' house.

It was not known by source whether or not the trip of last weekend had anything to do with these visitors. MATTHEWS said he saw someone in a wig over the weekend but it was not a woman. Source said the younger of the men possibly could wear a woman's wig and with proper dress could pass for a woman, but added this is merely speculation.

7*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/9/68

J. L. COLLUMS, Route 5, Pontotoc, Mississippi, a teacher at Thaxton School, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, and a near neighbor of JOHN H. WILLARD, advised that on April 4, 1968, he observed WILLARD mowing the lawn at his residence, probably sometime around 6:00 PM, exact time not recalled.

Mr. COLLUMS said that WILLARD has not resided in the neighborhood too long, but he believes him to be a person of good character and reputation.

On 4/5/68 at Pontotoc, Mississippi File# Jackson 157-9586-629
by SA JOHN S. CASTLES:mif Date dictated 4/8/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/9/68

M. C. HEMBREE, Ecru, Mississippi, former sheriff of Pontotoc County, Mississippi, advised that JOHN H. WILLARD was arrested in 1958 in Memphis, Tennessee, as a fugitive from Pontotoc County. He said the warrant was for arson and that when WILLARD was arrested in Memphis he was returned to Pontotoc County, where he pleaded guilty on the arson charge and received three years probation.

He said that part of the time while on probation WILLARD resided in Memphis, Tennessee, and the other part resided in Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

Mr. HEMBREE advised that WILLARD formerly resided in the Ecru community of Pontotoc County but now resides west of Pontotoc, Mississippi, on Highway 6 in a new home. He said WILLARD works in a factory either in Pontotoc or in a surrounding city, but he does not know the name of the factory. He said he considers WILLARD to be a person of good character and reputation and does not know of any criminal offenses for which he might have been charged since 1958.

On 4/5/68 at Pontotoc County, Mississippi File# Jackson 157-9586-628
 by SA JOHN S. CASTLES:mif Date dictated 4/8/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

September 26, 1968

AIRTEL

TO: SACs, Memphis (Enclosures 2)
Jackson (Enclosures 2)

157-7945-1

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum received from the Department relative to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. The attached sets forth interview of Mr. Bill Sartor by Department attorney on June 12, 1968, and August 22, 1968, however, the memorandum was not furnished to us until September 23, 1968.

Memphis should completely evaluate the contents of the Departmental memorandum and submit comments and recommendations to the Bureau including what investigative aspects of the Departmental memorandum completed and indices check of Sartor. This should be handled immediately.

Jackson should immediately furnish Bureau and Memphis results of indices check concerning Sartor. Two copies of the Departmental memorandum furnished to Jackson in the event it becomes necessary for investigation to be conducted in the future.

Based upon available data, no information recorded in Bureau files concerning Bill Sartor. No interview of Sartor should be conducted until Bureau advises.

157-9586-624

(REC RM, 9/30/68)

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
SEP 27 1968	
FBI-JACKSON	
Puddehater	

Ⓚ