

5/1/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2040) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel dated 4/23/68 re threats against KING.

ReBureau airtel referred to matter captioned "ALLEGED OFFER OF \$100,000 BY WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, TO ANYONE WHO KILLS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM, RACIAL MATTER". Initial information in that case was received from CONRAD JAMES NISSEN, who at the time he reported the information, was incarcerated in the Grayson County Jail, Sherman, Texas. NISSEN was released on \$1,000 bond on 6/19/67 and was believed to have returned to Atlanta, Georgia.

On 4/30/68, investigation at Sherman, Texas, revealed that the last known address of NISSEN, as of 6/19/67, was to be care of HAROLD B. FINEGARD, SENECA INTERNATIONAL PARK, 3020 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, MAY LEO CROCKETT, Secretary to the County Attorney, Sheriff GEORGE V. BLANFORD, and Court Appointed Attorney JOHN HILL, all of Grayson County, Sherman, Texas, advised they have heard nothing from NISSEN since his release on bond. The charge against him is still pending but the county has no intention of proceeding with prosecution.

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Jackson was designated office of origin in this matter and Dallas has had no investigative interest since submitting RUC letter to Bureau and interested offices dated 7/14/67.

Jackson should refer to their file captioned as set forth in paragraph one and conduct logical investigation to determine if HISSON and persons referred to by him are implicated in KING's death.

Atlanta see urfile 100-5335. Locate HISSON through above address and interview for any information he may have obtained re alleged offer to kill KING since HISSON's release from jail on 6/13/67.

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Date: MAY 22, 1968

Transmit the following in Plaintext
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Teletype URGENT
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC *Memphis*:

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

RE: MURKIN

RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TELSMAY SEVENTEEN
LAST CONCERNING LA TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED WHICH INDICATES INDIVIDUAL
KNOWN TO LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, EMPLOYEE OF WESTERN UNION,
LOS ANGELES, AS BOB BRICKLEY (ALLEGED TO BE BROTHER OF
FRANK BRICKLEY) IS IN REALITY LESTER EDWARD PACKETT FBI
NUMBER EIGHT TWO SEVEN ONE SEVEN ZERO A, SUBJECT OF BUFILE
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EIGHTY SEVEN DASH TWO EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT; ME FILE EIGHTY
SEVEN DASH FOUR NINE ZERO ZERO; MM FILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH
ONE ZERO FOUR NINE NINE. ALSO SUBJECT OF KX FILE TWENTY SIX
DASH ONE THREE FOUR FOUR EIGHT, LA FILES EIGHT SEVEN DASH

AIR MAIL COPIES TO FOLLOWING OFFICES:

2 - ALBANY (Encl. 1 photo)	1 - DETROIT
1 - ATLANTA	1 - MOBILE
1 - BIRMINGHAM	1 - KNOXVILLE
1 - KANSAS CITY	1 - CHARLOTTE
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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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NINE FOUR ZERO ZERO, AND TWENTY SIX DASH THREE THREE NINE SIX ZERO.

PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT EXHIBITED TO LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE WHO IDENTIFIED IT AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS BOB BRICKLEY. NANCY BURGDOFF, APT. MANAGER, EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, L.A., IDENTIFIED SAME PHOTO AS FORMER RESIDENT THAT APT. WITH ODELA A. PACKETT WHO IS IDENT WITH FBI NUMBER THREE NINE ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN A; AND SHE IS CURRENTLY SERVING THIRTY DAYS FOR PROSTITUTION IN L.A. PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT WAS TAKEN BY KNOXVILLE PD DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

POLAROID COPY OF PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO AL FOR EXHIBITION TO RAY ANDREW YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y., TO DETERMINE IF THIS WAS INDIVIDUAL WHO APPROACHED HIM WHILE HE WAS STAYING AT CLARK HOTEL APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

JERRY COHEN, LA TIMES NEWSPAPER, ADVISES PAPER PROMISED THEIR INFORMANT "BOB" LNU, THEY WOULD NOT REVEAL HIS IDENTITY OR HOW TO LOCATE. COHEN DID HOWEVER TELL THIS OFFICE HE WOULD ADVISE IF ANY PHOTOS EXHIBITED WERE NOT IDENTICAL WITH INFORMANT. COHEN STATED PHOTO OF FRANK BRICKLEY NOT IDENT, BUT QUOTE DECLINED TO COMMENT END QUOTE, WHEN PHOTO LESTER PACKETT EXHIBITED TO HIM.

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WIFE, ODELA PACKETT, INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH IN LA COUNTY JAIL. STATES FILED FOR DIVORCE FROM PACKETT TWO MONTHS AGO THROUGH ATTORNEY PHIL CLOUGH ON GROUNDS OF DESERTION, CRUELTY, AND NONSUPPORT. LEGAL FEES PAYED BY HER RELATIVES. SAID SHE WAS SO MAD AT PACKETT AT TIME OF FILING FOR DIVORCE THAT SHE TORE UP ALL PHOTOS SHE HAD OF HIM. DESCRIBED HIM AS SHIFTLESS DRIPTER, WHO NEVER HELD JOB DURING THEIR FIVE YEAR MARRIAGE. SHE DOES NOT KNOW HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

REVIEW OF LA FILES RE LESTER PACKETT AND INTERVIEW WITH ODELA PACKETT INDICATES HE HAS SPENT TIME IN BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA; RENO, NEVADA; VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN TENNESSEE; CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY. LEAMONT WHITE BELIEVES HE IS INDIVIDUAL WHO TOOK HIS TWO GUNS, AND IS ONLY INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE OF FRANK BRICKLEY AND PERSON HE KNEW AS BRICKLEY'S COUSIN (WHOSE NAME HE CAN NOT RECALL) THAT WOULD HAVE KNOWN HE EVEN OWNED THE GUNS.

IT WOULD APPEAR PACKETT BILKED LA TIMES OUT OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. OTHER THAN SHOWING HIS PHOTO TO RAY

ANDREW YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y., TO WRAP UP THIS ASPECT OF CASE, *IT is not*

that NO FURTHER INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT BEING CONDUCTED IN ~~LA~~ *make* RE "BOB"

LNU.

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AIRMAIL COPIES BEING SENT FOLLOWING OFFICES; WITH PHOTO
ENCLOSED FOR ALBANY TO DISPLAY AS INDICATED ABOVE:

ALBANY, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS,
DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE, CHARLOTTE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING LA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

JW
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

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