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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), SAC JACKSON (157-9586) AND
SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN - 157-2621

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. SIX, LAST, AND MEMPHIS
TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. SIX, LAST.

MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA LOCATED HOLLYWOOD, FLA., AND INTER-
VIEWED TODAY. AT OUTSET OF INTERVIEW, CAPOMACCHIA WAS
PLEASANT, COOPERATIVE AND FRIENDLY, HOWEVER, WHEN QUESTIONED
RE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SHE REFUSED TO
DISCUSS THE MATTER, SAYING SHE WANTED TO HEAR NOTHING
CONCERNING KING OR WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM. ALSO DECLINED TO
FURNISH HER WHEREABOUTS OF NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, LAST. SHE
DENIED KNOWING ANYONE BY THE NAME OF ALBERT TARRANTS, AS WELL
AS INDIVIDUALS BY THE NAMES OF HAWKINS, DUNN, HARPER AND
WILSON.

STATED SHE HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERABLE STRESS AND STRAIN
AND HAS CONSTANT HEADACHES SINCE DEATH OF HER DAUGHTER. IN

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DISCUSSING ACTIVITIES OF HER DAUGHTER, KATHY, SHE STATED SHE WAS UNAWARE AS TO THE EXTENT KATHY WAS INVOLVED WITH INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN BOMBING MATTERS. SHE DESCRIBED HER DAUGHTER AS THE BEST FIFTH GRADE SCHOOL TEACHER IN THE UNITED STATES.

PRIOR INTERVIEWS WITH CAPOMACCHIA'S SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW INDICATE THAT CAPOMACCHIA HAS A MENTAL PROBLEM, BUT NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT SHE HAS BEEN IN A MENTAL INSTITUTION.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY CAPOMACCHIA WHEN CONTACTING INFORMANT, HAVE EXTENSIVE HATE TYPE BACKGROUNDS AND CAPABLE OF SERIOUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

MIAMI HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY INFORMANT, AS HE OBTAINED IT FROM CAPOMACCHIA. ALTHOUGH INFORMANT IS NOT BEING UTILIZED BY MIAMI, NO INFORMATION HAS EVER BEEN RECEIVED FROM HIM WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT HE IS FURNISHING FALSE INFORMATION.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BEING LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN, WHETHER THE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ALBERT TARRANTS WARRANTS ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BY THE MEMPHIS AND JACKSON OFFICES.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED ATLANTA, CHARLOTTE AND MOBILE.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC, JACKSON, AND SAC, MEMPHIS
(44-1987)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. TWO LAST, AND MEMPHIS
TEL TO MIAMI, AUG. FIVE, LAST.

WILLIAM SOMERSETT, FORMER SYMBOL INFORMANT OF THE
MIAMI OFFICE, ADVISED TODAY AS FOLLOWS:

MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA, MOTHER OF KATHLEEN AINSWORTH,
CONTACTED HIM AND RELATED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING
THOMAS TARRANTS, III. STATED THAT AFTER ASSASSINATION OF
KING, TARRANTS PROCEEDED TO ATLANTA, GA., AND THEN TO THE
RESIDENCE OF MR. HENDERSON, WHO RESIDES NEAR TOPTON, N. C.
HENDERSON DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY,
DARK HAIR, FIVE FT. TEN IN., ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE LBS.,
OCCUPATION SALESMAN. TARRANTS REPORTEDLY STAYED WITH
HENDERSON FOR ONE WEEK, WHEN HENDERSON FELT TARRANTS WAS
GETTING TOO HOT AND TOLD HIM HE HAD TO LEAVE. TARRANTS

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REPORTEDLY DROVE TO ATLANTA, GA., AND THEN PROCEEDED TO MOBILE, ALA., WHERE HE REMAINED AT THE RESIDENCE OF SIDNEY BARNES FOR A PERIOD OF TEN DAYS, PRIOR TO RETURNING TO JACKSON, MISS.

MIAMI WILL INTERVIEW MRS. CAPOMACCHIA AS SOON AS SHE CAN BE LOCATED. IT IS NOTED THAT SOURCE HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT CAPOMACCHIA AT HER RESIDENCE AND WHEN SHE CONTACTS SOURCE, IT IS ALWAYS UNANNOUNCED AT SOURCE'S RESIDENCE. IN ADDITION, MRS. CAPOMACCHIA'S SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, WHO RESIDE IN MIAMI, HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT HER.

MEMPHIS AND JACKSON CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION RE POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT BY TARRANTS.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MOBILE AND CHARLOTTE.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Date 8-2-68

Name and F.P.C.	FBI No.	A.O.	I.O.	W.F.	CC	Cancellation
George William Tyree, Jr. 20 L 1 U OIO 16 S 1 U OOO	4, 714, 268	3337	3780			Federal process dismissed. (8-2-68)
Don Ferris McCall, Jr. 21 M 1 U 15 L 3 Wr	327, 089 B	3338	4092			Located Northridge, Calif., 7-17-68. (8-2-68)
James Earl Ray 16 M 9 U OOO 12 M 4 W IOI	405, 942 G	3339	4182	442 442A		Extradited London, England to Memphis, Tenn., 7-19-68.
John Michael Walton 17 I 30 W OMI I 32 W IOI	356, 640 E	3340	4200			Located Lowndes Co., Alabama, 8-2-68. (8-2-68)
Robert Vance Walton 14 M 13 U OOM 12 Ref: 13 I 25 U OOO 26	361, 075 E	3341	4201			Located Lowndes Co., Alabama, 8-2-68. (8-2-68)
James Joseph Scully 2 M 21 W 19 Ref: 21 I 17 Ra 19	1, 170, 115	3342	4202			Located Arcadia, Calif., 7-23-68. (8-2-68)
Jimmie Johnson 20 L 1 Ut 6 Ref: U M 1 U T	11, 215 F	3343	4203			Located St. Louis, Missouri, 7-15-68. (8-2-68)

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9/4/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓
(OO: ME)

On 8/30/68, JIM LOCKHART, a W/M, 3307 - 15th Ave., Little Shawmut, Ala., stated he was furnishing the following information with the understanding his name would be protected, that he would not have to testify and his name would not be divulged outside the Bureau. LOCKHART has not been in trouble in the past three years and is supporting his family at this time.

LOCKHART said that approximately five years ago during the spring of 1963 he was incarcerated at the Birmingham County Jail, Birmingham, Ala., where he was serving time on a worthless check charge. At this time Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was in the Birmingham area.

LOCKHART said that he (LOCKHART) was treated as a trusty in that he had the privilege of traveling anywhere in the prison including the maximum security section; he also worked in the hospital section. LOCKHART advised that while he was in prison he learned by "the grapevine" that a contract was being put out for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. The individual who accepted the contract would be represented by ROBERT PRATT, a lawyer who would get this individual out of jail, and the individual would receive \$10,000 for assassinating Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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LOCKHART further advised that an individual (LOCKHART would not divulge his identity) had him deliver the details of this contract to an inmate who was being detained in the maximum security section. LOCKHART said he did not know this man's name, but only knew him as "ACE". LOCKHART said he delivered this message concerning the contract on Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING to "ACE" and that he heard "ACE" was contacted at a later date by ROBERT PRATT.

LOCKHART said he had nothing else to do with this matter and could not furnish any other details.

LOCKHART stated he had heard ROBERT PRATT had been arrested by the Birmingham PD in 1963 or early 1964 for concealing stolen goods in an apartment he had leased. LOCKHART said he heard PRATT is or has served time in Kilby Prison for the above violation.

Birmingham, will identify ROBERT PRATT and "ACE", and will evaluate information furnished by LOCKHART.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (66-6353)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (92-272) (P)

CHANGED
ROBERT N. PRATT;
JOHN FERRINGTON;
DONALD G. WILSON, aka
Don Wilson;
ALABAMA BOARD OF PARDONS
AND PAROLES;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Title marked "Changed" to add name of DONALD G. WILSON, aka Don Wilson, as third subject.

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, dated 8/3/68.

On 9/4/68, Mrs. LYNN WARD, 1710-B Woodcrest Road, Skyline Apartments, Birmingham, Alabama, stated that on 9/3/68, she was in the home of THELMA WARD, well-known Birmingham madam, at which time JEANETTE KILPATRICK, mentioned in referenced letter, came to WARD's house with her father-in-law, HUGH KILPATRICK, from Cullman, Alabama. HUGH KILPATRICK had a pistol with him and stated he was going to kill ROBERT PRATT if PRATT did not return the \$500.00 he had given PRATT to have his son, KENNETH KILPATRICK, who is now in Kilby Prison, paroled. JEANETTE KILPATRICK told THELMA WARD that she had called DON WILSON, on the State Probation and Parole Board in Birmingham and stated that WILSON is the man PRATT contacted in Birmingham concerning getting KENNETH KILPATRICK paroled.

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THELMA WARD then told PEARO that WILSON received \$200.00 and PRATT kept \$200.00 of the money MILPATRICK had paid; and when PEARO commented that this left only \$100.00 for the board members in Montgomery, WARD replied that this is why more money was needed.

PEARO stated that HUGH MILPATRICK and JEANETTE MILPATRICK met with ROBERT PRATT in the lobby of the Hedmont Hotel in Birmingham on 9/3/68, but she did not know the outcome of the meeting.

DONALD G. WILSON is the State Probation and Parole Supervisor in Birmingham.

HACB, it is suggested that the Mobile Office disseminate this information to Mr. FLOYD HANN (MA), Director of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama, in connection with the previous information furnished in referenced letter.

Director, FBI (66-6353)

September 3, 1968

SAC, Birmingham (82-272) (P)

ROBERT W. PRATT;
JOHN FRANKLIN;
ALABAMA BOARD OF PAROLES;
AND PAROLES;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On August 29, 1968, Mrs. LINA PHARO, also known as Carolyn Pete, 1710-B Woodcrest Road, Skyline Apartments, Birmingham, Alabama, Telephone Number 251-1330, was contacted concerning her son, LAUREY MATTHEW PHARO, an escaped Federal prisoner, who escaped from Kilby Prison, Montgomery, Alabama, on August 5, 1968. (Mobile file 76-1330 - Birmingham file 73-2441).

PHARO stated that ROBERT W. PRATT, a disbarred Birmingham attorney, had been taking payoffs for several years for the Parole Board. She stated that PRATT had told her on several occasions that he could get her son out of prison. On June 11, 1968, PRATT again called her and she agreed to pay him \$300.00 and GAIL FRANKLIN, LAUREY's girl friend, agreed to pay PRATT \$200.00. Since PHARO has arthritis in her hand, she permitted PRATT to fill out one of her checks on the Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, in the amount of \$300.00, payable to R. W. PRATT. She then signed the check, and FRANKLIN gave PRATT a check for \$200.00.

Subsequently, PRATT informed her that he had been unable to get her son out of Kilby for \$300.00 and said it would take \$2,500.00. She and her husband, GRADY PHARO, told PRATT that they did not have that much money and after some arguing, PRATT returned the money to PHARO and FRANKLIN. Mrs. PHARO stated that she had the canceled check in her possession and it was endorsed "R. W. PRATT, ROBERT PRATT."

PHARO stated that she and her husband appeared before the Parole Board in Montgomery, Alabama, on August 5, 1968, and that she handed the three-man board a long envelope

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which contained a letter from the local Bricklayers Union, which was directed to the board and said they would give LAUREY PHARO a job if he was paroled. When she handed the envelope to the board, she nervously said "This is for you," at which point the members of the board looked at each other and all appeared reluctant to open the envelope. She was of the opinion that the board thought the envelope contained money rather than papers concerning possible employment for her son.

When she handed the envelope to the board man in the middle, who was short and stocky, whom she knew JOHN FEMBERTON and she replied that she did not and asked who he was. The man told her that it did not matter and they would talk with her later.

PHARO stated that on a previous occasion she observed JEANETTE HILPATRICK, wife of HAROLD DOUGLAS HAYBERRY, pay PHATT \$500.00 at the home of THELMA WARD, well known Birmingham madam, so that she, HILPATRICK, could remain out on parole. HILPATRICK was afraid that she would have to return to prison since she had been arrested while on parole. PHARO stated that she had learned from THELMA WARD that there is apparently another middle man besides FEMBERTON in Montgomery but she does not know his name.

PHARO stated that she has told her Birmingham attorney, CHARLES BARNER about paying PHATT in an effort to get her son out of prison.

It is noted Birmingham justices are negative on JOHN FEMBERTON; however, FEMBERTON is Clerk of the Alabama House of Representatives and a strong supporter of former Governor GEORGE WALLACE. Birmingham file 94-103 entitled "Crime Survey, Birmingham Division (Bureau use Birmingham letter to Bureau dated January 13, 1951) reflects that in 1951, EUGENE "BULL" CONNOR, former Birmingham Police Commissioner, advocated a change with the Pardon and Parole Board set up

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to avoid further wholesale releases of dangerous convicts. The file reflects that the "Birmingham Post Herald" carried an article revealing that the board had released over 1500 convicts in the past fifteen months.

Birmingham indices contain numerous references to ROBERT N. PRATT. PRATT was the subject of four (4) cases in 1965 (Bureau file numbers 29-36126, 29-36142, and 29-36133). In these cases, PRATT was acting as agent for four Federal credit unions; however, the United States Attorney declined prosecution regarding possible embezzlement and misapplication of funds in these cases as three (3) cases against PRATT were nolle prossed and the fourth resulted in a not guilty verdict.

Birmingham files reflect an article in the "Birmingham News," dated June 24, 1964, which reflected that Birmingham lawyer, ROBERT N. PRATT, who has been under fire in the courts, is surrendering his license today to the Alabama Bar Association.

"Birmingham News" article dated January 10, 1964, reflects that PRATT surrendered to police after he had been notified that \$15,000 in stolen funds were recovered at one of his residences. Also arrested was ELMER WALKER, a convicted burglar and one of PRATT's clients at the time. PRATT was a part-time City Judge.

PRATT was also mentioned in December of 1963, in Birmingham file captioned "MONTAGNE JACKSON CALDWELL, aka., ET AL.; FVSP." BH file 87-6110, Bureau file 57-54000, in which information was received that PRATT had received the loot taken in the \$10,000 burglary of the Alabama Auction Room, Birmingham.

UACB, it is suggested that the Mobile Office discreetly disseminate the above information to Mr. RLOYD BANN (RA) Director of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama, for information purposes and for whatever investigative action he might deem appropriate.

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

9/24/68

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN
OO:ME

ReMoairtel to Memphis, 9/4/68, regarding information furnished by one JIM LOCKHART concerning ROBERT PRATT, Birmingham attorney, who was reported in 1963 to have agreed to represent anyone who might be apprehended in executing a "contract" to assassinate Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Birmingham file styled "ROBERT N. PRATT; ET AL; INFORMATION CONCERNING", Bufile 66-6353, BH file 92-272, contains considerable derogatory information concerning the character of PRATT, a disbarred attorney of Birmingham. Two copies each of BH airtels to the Bureau dated 9/3 and 9/5/68 containing background information on PRATT are being furnished the Memphis office, and for ready reference of the Bureau, one copy of each airtel is attached. Mobile is also being furnished one copy each.

Contact with warden's office, Jefferson County Jail, Birmingham, revealed it would be practically impossible to determine the identity of an inmate by nickname only during the year 1963 since there are confined daily an average of 250 inmates.

UACB, Birmingham considers that any contact with PRATT would be inadvisable at this time and no action regarding him will be taken.

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URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P
MURKIN. - 157-2627

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, MEMPHIS, HAS ADVISED HIS OFFICE IS INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING IN REGARD TO FORTHCOMING TRIAL:

AT NEW ORLEANS -- SPECIFICALLY, WHO IS APPROPRIATE AND BEST PERSON TO TESTIFY RE INTRODUCTION OF REGISTRATION RECORDS AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL AND REGISTRATION OF SUBJECT THERE?

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA -- SPECIFICALLY, WHO IS APPROPRIATE PERSON TO TESTIFY RE RECORDS PERTAINING TO REGISTRATION OF MUSTANG IN ALABAMA?

AT WINNETKA, ILLINOIS -- SPECIFICALLY, WHO IS BEST AND APPROPRIATE PERSON TO TESTIFY RE EMPLOYMENT AND RECORDS AT RESTAURANT?

CANALE HAS REQUESTED THAT FBI MAKE CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE PERSONS AS LISTED ABOVE AND DETERMINE THEIR AVAILABILITY TO FURNISH TESTIMONY IN INSTANT CASE.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Memphis teletype to Bureau, 10/15/68, air mail copy to Mobile.

Memphis is referred to FD 302 reflecting interview of Mrs. CONNIE REDDOCH, Motor Vehicle Registration, State of Alabama, 4/9/68 as furnished to Memphis by airtel 4/14/68 in which it stated that subpoena duces tecum concerning auto registration could be directed to Mr. HARVEY RABREN, Commissioner of Revenue, Department of Revenue, State of Ala., Montgomery, Alabama.

On 10/17/68, SA DAN O. STEPHENS contacted Mr. HENRY P. DRAUGHON, Director, Motor Vehicle Division, Alabama State Department of Revenue, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104, who advised that subpoena concerning registration of the Mustang in Ala. could be directed to Mr. RABREN as previously reported or to DRAUGHON. He advised that he, DRAUGHON, usually handles such subpoenas by appearing to testify or designating some other individual in that department to produce records, the automobile registrations being under DRAUGHON's control.

DRAUGHON advised that either he or someone will be available for testimony concerning this Mustang.

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9:27AM 10-23-68 DEFERRED SDC
TO MOBILE 157-2627
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

MURKIN: OO: ME.

MOBILE, AT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, MONTGOMERY, ALA.,
ASCERTAIN AND FURNISH MEMPHIS IDENTITY OF PERSON TO BE SUBPOENAED
TO PRODUCE RECORDS RE ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED TO JAMES
EARL RAY UNDER THE NAME ERIC S. GALT AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.,
DRUING FALL OF NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MOBILR (157-2627) (RUC)
RE: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Memphis teletype of 10/23/68.

The proper person to issue a subpoena to provide the driver's license issued to ERIC S. GALT is FLOYD H. MANN, Director, Alabama Department Of Public Safety, Montgomery, Ala.

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Via teletype URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN: (OO:MEMPHIS)

RE BUTELCALL ~~FROM SUPERVISOR DECK LONG DIVISION NO. SIX~~ Today

MRS. BESSIE BARRETT, OWNER AND OPERATOR OF FLAMINGO MOTEL
HIGHWAY EIGHTY EAST, SELMA, ALA., ADVISED THAT SHE RECALLS
LOCATING A REGISTRATION CARD FOR ONE ERIC S. GALT DATED MARCH
TWENTYFOUR SIXTYEIGHT, . BARRETT ADVISED REASON SHE RECALLS
ABOVE, SHE WAS CONTACTED BY ARTHUR HAYNES, ^{an attorney} WHO ASKED HER IF SHE
RECALLED AN INDIVIDUAL BY THE NAME OF GALT, WHO HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED
AS KING'S MURDERER, ~~EVER~~ STAYING AT THIS MOTEL. SHE ADVISED
THAT SHE TOLD HAYNES THAT SHE WOULD NEVER, KNOWINGLY PERMIT THIS
INDIVIDUAL TO STAY ^{AT} HER MOTEL AND ADVISED THAT SHE COULD NOT
RECALL THIS INDIVIDUAL EVER STAYING AT THE FLAMINGO. HAYNES THEN
REQUESTED HER TO CHECK HER REGISTRATIONS CARDS FROM MARCH ONE
~~XXXXXX~~ THRU TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT AND UPON CHECK OF MOTEL
RECORDS REVEILL ABOVE REGISTRATION CARD FOR GALT, WHICK HAYNES
REQUESTED AND THE REGISTRATION CARD WAS FURNISHED. MRS. BARRETT

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ADVISED THAT A SHEET RECORD OF THIS MOTEL
REGISTRATION CARD WAS AVAILABE, BUT CURRENTLY IN THE POSSESSION

Approved: Mr. Connors *June*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent ME 5:55P
WA 6:02 PM

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SF MOTEL BOOKKEEPER, MRS. THELMA GARDNER, SERVICES UNLIMITED,
ONE THREE FIVE THREE MADISON AVENUE, MONTGOMERY, ALA.

MRS. BARRETT ADVISED THAT THE MOTEL WOULD NOT HAVE ANY
RECORDS OF ANY PREPAID CALLS MADE BY GALT FROM THE MOTEL OR
RECEIVED AT THE MOTEL. HOWEVER SHE ADVISED THAT ANY CALLS
LOCAL OR OTHERWISE MADE BY GALT OR RECEIVED BY GALT AT THE MOTEL
SHOULD BE REFLECTED ON THE SHEET RECORD AND ON THE BILLING CARD
IN THE POSSESSION OF THE BOOKKEEPER.

RECORDS OF SERVICES UNLIMITED ~~XXX~~ AS REVIEWED BY MR. U.K.
GARDNER REVEAL ONE ITEM FROM FLAMINGO MOTEL RECORDS UNDER THE
NAME OF ERIC GALT DATED MARCH TWENTYTWO SIXTYEIGHT FOR ROOM
NUMBER THREE FOR ONE DAY DURATION .FOR A TOTAL CHARGE OF EIGHT
DOLLARS. NO OUTGOING OR INCOMING TELEPHONE CHARGES REFLECTED
ON THIS ACCOUNT OR BILL .

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

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To: SACs, Birmingham
New Orleans
Memphis
Mobile
San Antonio

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

William Bradford Huie, author, has written a second article for "Look" magazine concerning the travels of James Earl Ray since Ray's escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967. The second article appears in November 26, 1968, issue of "Look" (circulated November 12, 1968) and alleges the involvement of an individual by the name of "Raoul" in the King assassination. According to the article, Ray contacted "Raoul" in New Orleans, Louisiana; Selma, Alabama; Birmingham, Alabama, and in a motel across the border in Mexico.

The following is a listing of those motels and a hotel in the respective areas in which Ray was alleged to have registered as a guest using the name Eric S. Galt or John L. Raynes.

New Provincial Motel
New Orleans, Louisiana
December 17, 18, 1967
(New Orleans Division)

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Airtel to SACs, Birmingham
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RE: MURKIN

Granada Hotel
Birmingham, Alabama
August 25, 1967
(Birmingham Division)

Flamingo Motel
Selma, Alabama
March 24, 1968
(Mobile Division)

Each division will obtain a list of the guests registered at the respective motels and hotel for a period of three days before, during, and three days after the listed period. This list should include, but not be restricted to, name, address, and identification of any vehicle used by the guests. The possibility exists that a common denominator will appear at the above in order that the identity of "Raoul" will be established.

In addition, the article sets forth that Ray stayed at an unnamed motel in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, 10-7-67. Since it is not known how many motels are located in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, the San Antonio Office should conduct the desired investigation only if feasible. Advise the Bureau and Memphis accordingly.

The Memphis Division, upon receipt of this information from the other listed divisions, will completely evaluate this information for possible identification of "Raoul." The name "Raoul" is Spanish for Ralph and it should be considered that this could be either a given name or a surname.

This is to be handled immediately and results furnished to the Bureau promptly.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

FROM : SA JENE W. OWENS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 11/18/68

DICK LONG, from Division #6, called at 3:50 PM, on 11/10/68, and requested a check at the Flamingo Motel at Selma, Ala. to determine if ERIC S. GAULT or JOHN L. RAYNS were at the motel on 3/21, 22, or 23/68, and if a call was made by those individuals to, or received from, an individual by the name of RAOUL, from Montreal, Canada.

LONG stated, according to an article in the current issue of "LOOK" Magazine by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, RAY had indicated he had been at above motel in Selma, Ala. on above dates, and he was supposedly in touch with RAOUL by telephone from the motel.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/12/68

Mr. U. K. GARDNER of the Services Unlimited Company, 1353 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, advised that his company was in possession of the records of the Flamingo Motel of Selma, Alabama. Mr. GARDNER advised that as a result of a review of these records on November 9, 1968 for the period of March 1 through 31, 1968 that one ERIC GALT registered at the Flamingo Motel of Selma, Alabama, on March 22, 1968. He was assigned Room Number 3 and was charged \$8 for a one day stay at this motel. According to Mr. GARDNER, ERIC GALT had no charges against his account for any outgoing telephone calls or any incoming collect telephone calls. GARDNER advised that the account records for the Flamingo Motel for the period of March 1 through 31, 1968 contained no additional reference to ERIC GALT.

On 11/9/68 at Montgomery, Alabama File # MO 157-2627-612
by SA CARMELO GRAFFAGNINI /ljr Date dictated 11/11/68

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TO BUREAU (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND ST. LOUIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU AIRTEL NOVEMBER FOURTEEN LAST REQUESTING REGISTRATION RECORDS BE CHECKED AT GRANADA HOTEL FOR DATE AUGUST TWENTYFIVE SIXTYSEVEN AND NEARBY DATES RE SUBJECT RAY'S REGISTRATION AS ERIC S. GALT OR JOHN L. RAYNS IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY "RAOUL" CONCERNING WHOM ARTICLE IN "LOOK" MAGAZINE NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX LAST ISSUE ALLEGES INVOLVEMENT WITH RAY.

REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER NINE ZERO TWO TWO, LOCATED GRANADA HOTEL TODAY FOR JOHN L. RAYNS, ONE EIGHT TWO FIVE LA FAYETTE STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI WHO ARRIVED AT NINE ZERO FIVE AM SATURDAY, AUGUST TWENTYSIX SIXTYSEVEN, HAD LUGGAGE, AND WAS ASSIGNED ROOM TWO ONE ZERO AT RATE FOUR DOLLARS FIFTY CENTS WITH ONE IN PARTY WITH NO TELEPHONE CHARGES AND METHOD OF ARRIVAL UNKNOWN. BY REFERENCE TO PAGE SIXTYSIX OF REPORT SA HENRY A. SNOW, BIRMINGHAM, APRIL SEVEN-

① - Mobile (AM)
1 - New Orleans (AM)
1 - San Antonio (AM)
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TEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, DATE OF ARRIVAL AT HOTEL WAS SAME DATE RAY, USING ALIAS GALT, RENTED ROOM FROM PETER CHERPES ON HIGHLAND AVENUE IN BIRMINGHAM.

REVIEW OF HOTEL RECORDS CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY "RAOUL" AND REGISTRATION CARD OF RAYNS WILL BE FORWARDED FBI LABORATORY.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE, IDENTIFY ADDRESS ONE EIGHT TWO FIVE LA FAYETTE STREET WITH ANY KNOWN ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO NEW ORLEANS, MOBILE, AND SAN ANTONIO.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC MOBILE (170-349)

DATE: 11/15/68

FROM : SA DANIEL W. McALLEN III

CI SI R (Prob)

PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON
RACIAL ^{Lead} SOURCE

Dates of Contact	
10/16/68	11/14/68
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
General Racial Montgomery	44-439
Murkin	157-2627

Purpose and results of contact

NEGATIVE
 POSITIVE
 STATISTIC

Source stated that he is not aware of any areas of potential racial discord in the Montgomery area. He did not view the results of the election as having any dramatic affect of the racial situation and felt that most people were adopting a wait and see attitude for the present. He knows of no plans for racial demonstrations presently being formulated and knows of no reasons to provoke racial unrest. He is somewhat disappointed in the apparent lack of interest in the JAMES EARL RAY trial among his contacts.

<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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REGISTRATION CARD

GUESTS WITHOUT BAGGAGE PLEASE PAY IN ADVANCE

Money, jewels and valuables must be deposited in the office safe,
otherwise the proprietor will not be responsible for any loss.

Name John J. Payne
Street 1825 Lafayette St.
City St. Louis State Mo.

Representing _____

Room <u>210</u> 215	Rate <u>4.50</u>	Arrive <u>9:05</u> A. M. P. M.	Folio
Date <u>8-26-67</u>	No. in Party <u>1</u>	Clerk <u>AK</u>	<u>Suitcase</u>

Remarks _____

Form 34A JOHN WILLY, INC., EVANSTON, ILL.

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ROOM 210 210	John L. ^{Wains} Rayms			9022
ARRIVE	DEPART	RATE	Suite rate	
8-26-67		4.50		
DATE	26			
FORWARD				
ROOMS	4.50			
CAFE				
TAX	.23			
BEVERAGE				
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LAUNDRY				
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CR. ALLOW.				
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - 157-2627

DATE: 11/22/68

Re Bureau airtel 11/14/68, and Birmingham teletype 11/20/68.

Enclosed please find the original of a registration card believed for subject RAY under alias JOHN L. RAYNS. This reflects his registration at 9:05 a.m. on Saturday, 8/26/67, at the Grenada Hotel, Birmingham, a third rate institution, giving residence address of 1825 Lafayette St., St. Louis, Missouri.

It is requested that the handwriting appearing on the three lines of the registration card be compared with known handwriting of subject RAY. A Xerox copy of the registration card is also enclosed for the Bureau and each office receiving this communication. Mr. ADRIAN KOONCE, Clerk, has no independent recollection of RAYNS.

A review of all registration cards during the period 8/22-28/67 has been completed without noting any significant card which might be indicative of the presence of "RAOUL" during the period. A list of the names will be furnished Memphis.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 22, 1968

Mr. CHARLIE TRONCALE, owner-manager, Granada Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, made available the guest registration cards for his hotel during the period August 22 - 28, 1967, inclusive. A review of these cards resulted in the location of guest registration No. 9022 for one JOHN L. RAYNS, residence 1825 Lafayette St., St. Louis, Mo., who checked in at 9:05 a.m. on Saturday, August 26, 1967, and was assigned to Room 210 by Desk Clerk ADRIAN M. KOONCE at a rate of \$4.50. No record was maintained as to the time of checkout or method of travel. The card reflected the guest had luggage. The original of this card has been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory at Washington, D. C., for appropriate handwriting comparison.

A record was obtained of the names and addresses (where recorded) of the approximately 150 guests, other than permanent residents, during the period for which the cards were reviewed and two copies of the list are being transmitted to the Memphis FBI Office. No guest card was observed for any "RAOUL" or similar name during the period involved.

Upon observing the guest registration card of RAYNS, Mr. ADRIAN M. KOONCE identified his initials as having roomed RAYNS, but stated that due to the elapsed time he had no independent recollection of him. He stated he had previously been exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and was unable to identify that individual.

No further information was obtainable from Mr. KOONCE or other personnel of the Granada Hotel.

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On 11/20-21/68 at Birmingham, Alabama

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ME 44-1987by SA HENRY A. SNOW:mfl

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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ReBuairtel, 11/14/68, and Birmingham teletype
11/20/68.

Attached for information of the Bureau are four copies of FD-302 reflecting location of guest registration card for JOHN L. RAYNS at Granada Hotel, Birmingham, on date 8/26/67. Five copies of this FD-302 are forwarded to Memphis, and one each to interested offices.

Two copies of an insert are attached for the Bureau and five copies for Memphis regarding a previous search of the records at the Granada Hotel for the period 10/23-31/67, inclusive, which resulted negatively and was based upon Bureau telephone call, 11/9/68.

Two copies of legible handwritten list of registration cards at the Granada Hotel are being furnished Memphis in response to reBuairtel, 11/14/68, in order that the names thereon may be compared with lists submitted by the Mobile, New Orleans and, possibly, San Antonio Divisions.

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IN MAGAZINE ARTICLE

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

RAY TELLS OF PLOT IN KING SLAYING

NEW YORK--James Earl Ray, the man accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said that he probably became involved in a plot to murder King as he agreed, as a start, to haul packages of narcotics across the Canadian border.

Ray's own admission of possible implication in a murder plot was revealed in an article published in the current issue of Look magazine. The article, by author William Bradford Huie, details Ray's actions and movements after he left Canada.

While a fugitive in Canada, said Huie, Ray had met a man who called himself Raoul. After 8 meetings with Ray, Raoul offered the accused assassin living expenses, a good car, suitable identification, eventual travel papers and \$12,000 if Ray would return to the United States, establish himself in Birmingham, Ala., and make himself "available".

Part of the mysterious offer was that Ray would bring some packages into the U. S. via automobile across the Windsor-Detroit border before proceeding to Birmingham. The trip was carried out by Ray on August 21, 1967.

Of that trip for Raoul, Ray wrote:

"I suppose I became involved, in some sort of plot to kill King when I first took those packages into the U. S. from Canada. I would think it had all been decided before the car (the white 1966 Ford Mustang) was bought in Birmingham, as no one would have given me \$3000 in Birmingham

just to haul narcotics across the border. But nobody told me anything about any planned murder of King or of anyone else.

In the article, Huie said that he has reached the conclusion that Ray is telling the truth, that although the plot to murder King existed as early as August 15, '67, Ray knew nothing of the planned murder right up to less than two weeks before the assassination actually took place. King was slain on April 4, 1968.

Huie said that the "outline" of the plot to murder King became "visible to me" after analyzing months of investigating research. Some of the features of the plot, as stated by Huie:

#Dr. King was to be murdered for effect by calculating men who wanted to use his murder to trigger violent conflict between white and Negro citizens.

#He was to be murdered during the election year of 1968.

#There was no need, after the assassination of King, for the plotters to murder the actual killer or killers in order to silence them forever. If he or they were caught, a trail could yield extra dividends of hatred and violence.

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

Page 1, "MOBILE BEACON-ALABAMA CITIZEN" Mobile, Alabama.

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Edition: Weekly
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Editor:
Title: MURKIN

Character: RM
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Classification: 157-2627
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/20/68

Mrs. BESSIE BARRETT, owner and operator of the Flamingo Motel, Highway 30 East, Selma, Alabama, telephonically furnished the following information:

She recalls locating a registration card for one ERIC S. GALT, which she believed was dated March 24, 1968. She stated that she recalls locating this card because she was contacted by an ARTHUR HANES, who is an attorney from Birmingham, Alabama. She advised that Mr. HANES came to the motel and asked her if she recalled an individual by the name of GALT staying at her motel. She stated that HANES had indicated to her that this individual, by the name of GALT, had been identified as the killer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. She told HANES that she would never knowingly permit any individual such as this to stay at her motel and she could not recall any individual that looked like the photographs of this person, which appeared in the paper, as staying at the motel.

HANES requested that she review registration cards for the dates of March 1, 1968, through March 25, 1968, and after reviewing these cards she found a registration card for an ERIC S. GALT. HANES requested that she allow him to take this card with him. Mrs. BARRETT said she relinquished possession of the card to Mr. HANES and she believes it is in his possession at the present time.

Mrs. BARRETT stated that the bookkeeper for the motel is a Mrs. THELMA GARDNER, Services Unlimited, 1353 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, and Mrs. GARDNER would have a "sheet record" of the motel occupants which would show the date, name of person, room he occupied, and charges; however, would not contain any information concerning make, model or license number of the individual's automobile or the address he listed as being his home.

She stated that the motel would have no records of

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by SA ROBERT L. FRYE : mrc Date dictated 11/20/68

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any prepaid calls received by GALT or calls made by GALT unless he received a collect phone call at the motel or made calls from the motel room, which calls would be placed on his bill and he would be charged for same. She stated that any calls made by GALT from the motel room should be shown on the "sheet record" or on a billing card in possession of the bookkeeper.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/26/68

Mrs. BESSIE BARRETT, owner and operator of the Flamingo Motel, advised as follows:

She and her husband maintain some handwritten notes relative to telephone billings of various individuals who stay at the motel and who might make a local or long distance call from his or her motel room. She reviewed these notes for March 22, 1968, when an individual named ERIC S. GALT occupied Room Number 3 at the motel for a one day period. She could find no record of this individual making any calls for which he was billed. She stated that she could not review the original registration card as it is still in the hands of ARTHUR HANES, an attorney in Birmingham, but a copy of this card appeared in a Look magazine article of recent date. She pointed out the copy in the magazine article and commented that on the edge of the card is marked only "Pd". She stated that if any additional charges were to be added to the room charges, the word "over" is usually placed on the edge of the card.

Mrs. BARRETT furnished the registration cards from the motel for the month of March, 1968. A review of all of these cards for March, 1968, failed to locate any name such as "RAOUL" or JOHN L. RAYNS.

The following list of occupants at the motel was obtained through a review of the Flamingo Motel records which list covers the period of March 19 through 25, 1968:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Room Number</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Period of Occupancy</u>	<u>Vehicle Description</u>
March 19, 1968	16	THOMAS K. KLINE 1201 Saint Clair Indianapolis, Indiana	one night	not listed

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 by SA ROBERT L. FRYE : mrc Date dictated 11/26/68

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Room Number</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Period of Occupancy</u>	<u>Vehicle Description</u>
March 19, 1968	14	CHARLES REESE Route 3, Box 248 Saraland, Alabama	3 nights	Mercury, 1968 Alabama License 2A-10464
"	7	RAY WATSON (Motor Convoy) Atlanta, Georgia	1 night	Not listed
"	13	JAMES D. GWIN Mobile, Alabama	1 night	Not listed
"	7	OTIS B. CASANOVA 505 North First Street Rolling Ford, Mississippi	1 night	Not listed
"	9	LEM GRIFFITH 5522 North Davis Highway Pensacola, Florida	1 night	Ford pickup 1968 Florida License 9G/K3090
"	29	KEVIN R. BONNER Post Office Box 1157 Craig Air Force Base Selma, Alabama	1 night	1960 Dodge 1968 Alabama License 27-7190
"	27	Mr. & Mrs. HERBERT R. HORTON Box 1351 Jamestown, North Dakota	1 night	Mercedes Benz 1968 North Dakota License 276096
"	8	BILL SNOW 620 Royal Street City and state illegible	1 night	Not listed
"	15	GENE HUDSON (Montgomery Elevator Company) 262 Huntley Drive Montgomery, Alabama	1 night	Barracuda, 1968 Alabama License 3-54700
"	16	CALVIN COOPER Shelby, North Carolina	1 night	Not listed

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Room Number</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Period of Occupancy</u>	<u>Vehicle Description</u>
March 20, 1968	26	M. L. MURPHY (Western Electric) 2141 McKinley Montgomery, Alabama	3 nights	Rambler, Alabama tag not listed
"	2	GEORGE J. WILLIAMS 1654 Second Street Northwest Birmingham, Alabama	1 night	Ford truck, Alabama License 8P-26217
"	3	GLEN R. SCHAEFFER TERRY W. JOHNSTONE Post Office Box 86 Marion, Mississippi (U.S. Government)	1 night	International Government License C19392
"	13	A. F. BETTENTON 410 Clinton Vidalia, Louisiana	1 night	Not listed
"	27	GEORGE CONTON and family, 828 Greenwood Avenue Trenton, New Jersey	1 night	New Jersey License 15K887
"	8	R. F. McCLELLAN 203 Dalraida Montgomery, Alabama	1 night	Make of car not listed, 1968 Alabama License 3-6583
"	29	FLOYD B. ELSMIRE 1308 East Wendover Greensboro, North Carolina	1 night	Pontiac, North Carolina License AA8695
"	19	ELSIE VAN ENGEL MARY OAKLEY 1018 East Anderson Street Orlando, Florida	1 night	Buick, 1968 Florida license 7-45645

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Room Number</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Period of Occupancy</u>	<u>Vehicle Description</u>
March 20, 1968	15	JACK WILSON 1308 Allamont Way Birmingham, Alabama	1 night	Pontiac 1968 Alabama License 1-42424
"	16	EDWARD STAFFIRE 411 Putnam Drive Tallahassee, Florida	1 night	Volkswagen, 1968 Florida License 1D-28189
"	1	HAROLD GREER Route Number 2 Kodak, Tennessee	1 night	Not listed
March 21, 1968	29	LARRY D. BROWN Fort Gordon, Georgia	1 night	1967 Chevrolet Impala, state not listed, license number MDX745
"	15	Sp. & Mrs. WALTER C. STURGE 449 Main Street Phoenix, Arizona	1 night	Not listed
"	1	D. G. SMOUSE Box 11 Gantt, Alabama	1 night	Not listed
"	25	ROBERT C. MULLER Box 8, F43615 Sauron Craig Air Force Base Selma, Alabama	1 night	Not listed
"	17	STEPHEN L. SMITH 1030 North Third Street Apartment 33 Phoenix, Arizona	1 night	1967 Mustang, 1968 Arizona License JCN537
"	9	B. W. DURHAM (Precision Point Corporation) 82 Shoreline Drive Gulf Breeze, Florida	1 night	Ford, 1968 Florida License 33W5521

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March 21, 1968	7	LAWRENCE T. BAILEY (Rushton Equipment Corporation) 3220 Ridgley Drive Birmingham, Alabama	1 night	Oldsmobile, 1968 Alabama License 1-21046
"	3	S. E. MILLER and wife 1420 33rd Street San Diego, California	1 night	1964 Oldsmobile, California License OKV-041
"	5	JOHN P. CRISP Knoxville, Tennessee	1 night	Pontiac, 1968 Tennessee License CH8746
March 22, 1968	6	CHARLES BOYER 88 Marvin Road Ormond Beach, Florida	1 night	Lincoln, 1968 Florida License 8WW3038
"	28	BILL BIVENS and RON RABON Route 5, Box 397 Highpoint, South Carolina	1 night	GMC, state not listed, number 399
"	2	Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD MURRAY 4128 Summitt Ridge Dallas, Texas	1 night	Ford, 1968 Texas License KRB232
"	9	Mr. and Mrs. W. O. STUD address not listed	1 night	Make and model of vehicle or state not listed, number 2291
"	26	Lieutenant C. R. MUDRIE Craig Air Force Base Selma, Alabama	1 night	Make and model of vehicle not listed, New Jersey license NAX-620

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March 22, 1968	8	WILLIS W. OVERSTREET (Security) Randolph Air Force Base San Antonio, Texas	1 night	Not listed
"	17	RALPH CLAYTON (Turner Motor Company) 2060 Zula Mafill, Alabama	1 night	1968 Plymouth 1968 Alabama License 2A-9696
"	12	WILLIAM EUGENE BATSON (General Battery and Ceramic Corporation) 1121 Wood Drive Greer, South Carolina	1 night	Not listed
March 23, 1968	5	JAMES LESTER Deluth, Minnesota	1 night	Not listed
"	9	ARTHUR L. SHARPE (Transit Homes, Incorporated) Greenville, South Carolina	1 night	Chevrolet, North Carolina License 135F
"	10	JAMES BRANTON (General Battery and Ceramic Corporation) 313 Pine Street Greer, South Carolina	1 night	Volkswagen, South Carolina License A37673
"	7	CHARLIE REESE and wife Address not listed	1 night	Not listed
"	15	GILBERT GORDON Montgomery, Alabama	1 night	1964 Ford, 1968 Alabama License 367442
"	14	ROBERT R. LAWRENCE 614 Campbell Avenue West Haven, Connecticut	1 night	White truck, state not listed, License Number G8484

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March 23, 1968	20.	VERNON TURNER Lugoff, South Carolina	1 night	1968 Chevy II, South Carolina License D1-59511
"	11	JIM A. BROWN 903 Pope Columbia (state not listed)	1 night	Ford, License Number B-130
"	6	RUDOLF DEVERLING 301 Mangels Avenue San Francisco, California	1 night	Chevrolet, California License CVL803
"	17	TALMADGE KEYNEEDS Louisville, Mississippi	1 night	Ford, Mississippi License 80B725
March 24, 1968	14	RICHARD LAMAR PARRISH Box 134 Lanett, Alabama	1 night	Not listed
"	25	Mr. and Mrs. H.P. BARGANEIR Greenville, Alabama	1 night	Not listed
"	5	JANET KIRBY Apartment 840 Fairbanks Street Anchorage, Alaska	1 night	1964 Cadillac License DBZ355
"	20	G. LAWRENCE HANN 422 West Minnesota Deland, Florida	1 night	Vehicle not listed, Florida License 8-3399
"	8	Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE W. SMYTH Route 4 Saffard, Alabama	1 night	Pontiac, 1968 Alabama License 27-1620

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March 24, 1968	25	L. H. SCHWAB 3247 Dorchester Drive Montgomery, Alabama	1 night	Chevrolet station wagon, Alabama License (number not listed)
"	23	C. W. HATHAWAY 428 Kimbrough Fort Worth, Texas	1 night	Chevrolet, Texas license (number not listed)
"	11	JOSEPH FLETCHER 1849 Green Pine Drive Cincinnati, Ohio	1 night	Chevrolet, (state not listed) license number 7536TT
"	21	RONALD WILSON 1229 Marlene Street El Cajon, California (Aero Mayflower Transit)	1 night	Ford truck (state not listed) license number 449-H
"	28	PHILIP MEARS 1536 Schley Augusta, Georgia	1 night	1967 Chevrolet (license not listed)
"	26	RAYMOND BUNCH address not listed	1 night	Vehicle not listed
March 25, 1968	4	Mr. and Mrs. B. F. KILLIAN, and Mrs. D. C. VAUGHAN 407 Durant Avenue North Charleston, South Carolina	1 night	Ford, license not listed
"	7	R. C. VAUGHAN 2129 Georgia Avenue Birmingham, Alabama	1 night	Not listed
"	11	FRED WILLIAMS Route 7, Box 858 Birmingham, Alabama	1 night	Not listed

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March 25, 1968	17	J. B. WILLIAMS 11 South Central Avenue Lindale, Georgia	1 night	½ ton Chevrolet Georgia license, number not listed
"	9	Mrs. LUCILLE CONWAY 450 Earl Place Montgomery, Alabama	1 night	Vehicle not listed, license number 29-11164
"	5	ALEX M. FARKAS 304 South Eighth Street West Helena, Arkansas	1 night	Not listed
"	25	W. M. GRIFFIN Georgiana, Alabama	1 night	Truck, make and model not listed or license not listed
"	22	F. J. WAHRENBERGER 6345 Fourth Avenue Saint Petersburg, Florida	1 night	Dodge, 1968 Florida License 4-64288
"	20	R. C. FISHER 1915 Glenwood Circle Vicksburgh, Mississippi	1 night	Not listed
"	4	Mrs. AMANDA SCHMIDT Freemont, Wisconsin	1 night	Not listed
"	8	RICHARD BITTON Route 1 Pulaski, Tennessee	1 night	Chevrolet, Tennessee License EJ9499
"	23	J. GREENHILL 2716 Lionheart Drive Winter Park, Florida	1 night	Mustang, no number listed.

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AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to Birmingham, New Orleans, Memphis, Mobile, and San Antonio, dated 11/14/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 25 copies each, and for the Bureau one copy each, of FD-302's pertaining to investigation conducted at Selma, and Montgomery, Alabama, relative to captioned case. As noted, investigation conducted on 11/9/68, was conducted as a result of Bureau telephone conversation requesting contact at the Flamingo Motel to determine if ERIC S. GALT or JOHN L. RAYNS were at the motel during the period 3/21,22 or 23/68.

Investigation conducted by SA ROBERT L. FRYE at the Flamingo Motel on 11/25/68, was conducted as a result of referenced Bureau airtel.

The FD-302's are furnished to Memphis for incorporation in their next report and a copy of each is designated for the Bureau so that the Bureau might be apprised of the results of this investigation.

No further investigation being conducted at Mobile at this time and this case being considered RUC to Memphis.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE NOV 27 1968	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/20-21/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA ALBERT B. MILLER	TYPED BY bab
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel, 11/14/68.

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ENCLOSURES:

TO MEMPHIS

Provincial Motel, New Orleans. Louisiana, original data as follows:

1. Complete telephone bills, 3 pages of which have been xeroxed in this report, dated 12/19/67 (7 pages)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		

APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE COPIES MADE: 4 - Bureau (44-38861) 3 - Memphis (44-1987)(Enc-153) (RM) 2 - Mobile 2 - Omaha (Enc-2) 2 - San Diego (Enc-1) 2 - New Orleans (157-10673)	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW <div style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;"> 44-1987-628 JWS JPC rec [unclear] 427 & photos of [unclear] </div>
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and 1/19/68 (11 pages).

2. Nine (9) work sheets. (Xeroxed in this report.)
3. 142 registration cards. (Xeroxed in this report.)

As indicated in instant report this material is to be returned to Mr. BRYAN DUPEPE, owner manager of the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, La., when it has served its purpose. On 11/30/68 SA ALBERT B. MILLER, FBI, New Orleans, La., gave Mr. DUPEPE a receipt to that effect, a copy of which is NO 157-10673-1A68

TO OMAHA

One copy of Buairtel dated 11/14/68 .(NO 157-10673-1198)
One copy of New Orleans airtel, 5/7/68. (NO 157-10673-851)

TO SAN DIEGO

One copy of Buairtel 11/14/68.(NO 157-10673-1198)

LEADS:

MOBILE

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. Will locate and interview H. R. QUINN and JOE LACEY, JR., 1211 Westmoreland, Montgomery, Ala., make of car S.W. (probably station wagon), Alabama license 3-2146, 2 in party.

OMAHA

AT SIOUX CITY, IOWA. Will locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. DONALD C. (illegible) SMITH, 3319 Dodge Ave., Sioux City, Iowa, no car or license indicated, 2 in party.

SAN DIEGO

AT LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA. Will locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON, 5646 Taft Avenue, LaJolla, California, arrived by taxi, 2 in party.

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Will locate and interview Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, 5231 LaJolla Boulevard, LaJolla, California, arrived by taxi, 1 in party.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Bureau and Memphis will recall that New Orleans report of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER, 4/29/68, (NO 157-10673-802) sets forth investigation at the Provincial Motel and information regarding motel records as furnished by owner manager, DUPEPE at that time.

New Orleans airtel 5/7/68 (NO 157-10673-851) to Memphis and other offices, including Mobile and San Diego, set forth leads to have the motel registrants interviewed.

As indicated in instant report Mr. DUPEPE has located additional motel registrants.

In view of the instructions set forth in re Buairtel 11/14/68 (NO 157-10673-1198) New Orleans is not setting forth leads to interview all the registrants not previously interviewed. However, because of the proximity of certain registrants, i.e., the LARSONS, the SMITHS and QUINN and LACEY, New Orleans has set forth leads to interview them. These interviews should be conducted along the lines set forth in New Orleans airtel 5/7/68. To possibly identify some of the long distance calls shown in this report they should be asked whether they made calls or know anyone who did. Also during the interviews they should be questioned for possible identification of "RAOUL".

Mobile, Omaha and San Diego will submit results of investigation by report rather than insert.

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