

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-3318)

FROM : SA KEVIN J. HARRIGAN

SUBJECT: LOUIS MONJU

DATE: 4/29/68

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
☐

Dates of Contact 3/25 and 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
JOHN E. SPENCER aka - FUGITIVE		76-3198
MURKIN		157-10673
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
<u>Re 76-3198 (3/25/68)</u>		
PCI advised subject had never applied for work at his employment agency. Records also checked, but with negative results.		
<u>Re 157-10673 (4/23/68)</u>		
PCI advised photo of JAMES EARL RAY unknown to him.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Fugitive Matters, RM

1 - 137-3318
1 - 76-3198 (HARRIGAN)
① - 157-10673 (CALLENDER)
KJH:epk
(3) *epk*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-1949)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA KEVIN J. HARRIGAN

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: JOSEPH F. LABADOT

☐

Dates of Contact 4/11 and 26/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
CURIE STARKS aka - FUGITIVE	88-5992	
MURKIN	157-10673	
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
Re 88-5992 (4/11/68) PCI, who operates Negro bar and pool hall, advised subject's name and photograph unfamiliar to him.		
Re 157-10673 (4/26/68) PCI advised photograph of JAMES EARL RAY unknown to him.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Fugitive Matters, RM

1 - 137-1949
1 - 88-5992 (HARRIGAN)
1 - 157-10673 (CALLENDER)
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TO : SAC (137-2851)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA KEVIN J. HARRIGAN

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: SAMUEL JOSEPH WILLIAMS

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Dates of Contact 4/10 and 26/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <u>Current Negro I.O.'s</u> <u>MURKIN</u> <u>157-10673</u>		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC <u>Re Current Negro I.O.'s(4/10/68)</u> PCI viewed photographs of all current Negro I.O.'s but with negative results. <u>Re MURKIN (4/26/68)</u> PCI viewed photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, but with negative results.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Fugitive matters, RM

1 - 137-2851
① - 157-10673 (CALLENDER)
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TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (137-3112)

FROM : SA DELBERT W. HAHN

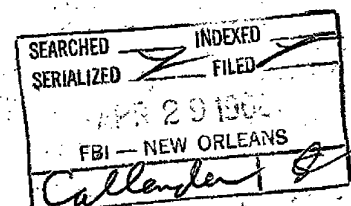
SUBJECT: NO 1552-PC

DATE: 4/26/68

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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Dates of Contact 4/3/68; 4/22/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
CARLOS MARCELLO - AR		92-36
CARLO MONTALBONO - AR		92-
MURKIN		157-10673
Purpose and results of contact		
☐ NEGATIVE ☒ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
92-36		
Informant advised that she has heard numerous times that MARCELLO lends his people money for business investments which he retains a percentage in.		
CARLO MONTALBONO		
Informant stated she heard MONTALBONO borrowed money to open the Blue Angel from one of the MARCELLO's and that he paid the money back within a year or two. MONTALBONO is now finally able to do the same thing himself. She has also heard that MONTALBONO has loaned money, interest free, to several New Orleans Policemen.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD	Coverage 92's
1 - 137-3112 1 - 92-36 1 - 92 - CARLO MONTALBONO ① - 157-10673		

DWH/kmt *kmt*
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NO 137-3112 - kmt

MURKIN

On 4/22/68, informant was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE with negative results.

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (137-3125)

DATE: April 27, 1968

FROM : SAPAUL A. GEOHAGEN

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: MILLARD NEWTON SEALE

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Dates of Contact 4/24/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		NO 157-10673
HOWARD CALLEN JOHNSON, aka - FUGITIVE,		
IO 4039, UFAP - MURDER, TOP TEN FUGITIVE		NO 88-7134
THEFT OF MI CARBINES, ET AL, CAMP		
BEAUREGARD, PINEVILLE, LA., 3/25-26/68,		
TGP - BURGLARY		NO 52-5867
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
PCI advised he had no pertinent information on the matters on which contacted.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD	Coverage TGP, FUDE, TIS, ITSMV.
SAME 157-10673		157-10673-682

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1-88-7134 (GEOHAGEN)

1-52-5867 (PFEIFER)

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
ATTN: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA PATRICK J. DENTE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re your memo dated 4/25/68.

On 4/26/68 Mrs. JANICE BORDELON, Cosmetic Control Division, Department of Health, Louisiana State Office Building, New Orleans, Louisiana advised that a complete and up to date listing of all barber shops in the State of Louisiana can be obtained from the State Barbers Board, Old State Capitol Building at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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*SA Petersen
Advised 4/29/68
will handle
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : ASAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JOSEPH SCHMIDT, Special Agent in Charge of Security Division, SOUTHERN BELL T&T, at 4:10 p.m. advised that the Public Relations man in New Orleans had received a call from the Times-Picayune - States-Item newspaper, advising that LOUIS LOMAX had told these newspapers that he had endeavored to get the telephone records on SAM RECILE but that someone had told LOMAX that the FBI had already requested these records.

Mr. SCHMIDT advised that he knew we had not requested any such records and he was telling the Public Relations man that no such request had been received from the FBI.

Mr. SCHMIDT stated he was furnishing above information so we would be aware of the statement of LOMAX.]

Mr. JAMES BLAND of the Bureau was telephonically advised of above and Unit Chief C. L. McGOWAN.

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Date: April 29, 1968

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

~~RE:~~RE: LOUIS LOMAX - *Charles Stern*

co. JOSEPH SCHMIDT, SECURITY DIVISION, SOUTHERN BELL TEL. CO., NEW ORLEANS ADVISED *4/29/68* TODAY THAT HIS COMPANIES PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW ORLEANS HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY THE NEW ORLEANS TIMES DASH PICAYNE AND STATES ITEM NEWSPAPERS ADVISING THAT LOUIS LOMAX HAD TOLD THESE NEWSPAPERS THAT HE (LOMAX) HAD ENDEAVORED TO GET THE TELEPHONE RECORDS ON SAM RECILE BUT THAT SOMEONE HAD TOLD LOMAX THAT THE FBI HAD ALREADY REQUESTED THESE RECORDS.

SCHMIDT ADVISED THAT HE KNEW THE FBI HAD NOT REQUESTED ANY SUCH RECORDS AND *Schmidt* ~~HE~~ WAS TELLING THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE THAT NO SUCH REQUEST HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FBI. SCHMIDT STATED HE WAS FURNISHING THE ABOVE INFO SO WE WOULD BE AWARE OF THE STATEMENT OF LOMAX.

FOR INFO OF BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES. SAM RECILE IS A NEW ORLEANS REAL ESTATE MANIPULATOR ~~WHOM~~ WHOSE BUSINESS ENTERPRISES ARE CURRENTLY IN LITIGATION.

Approved: *Rw*
Special Agent in Charge

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731 PM - LA
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ABOVE FOR INFO PURPOSES.

RE: TELEPHONE CALL FROM YUMA,
ARIZ., TO SHREVEPORT, LA.,
TEL. NO. SEVEN FOUR SIX -
NINETY TWO HUNDRED, DEC.
FIFTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN

THE ABOVE TELEPHONE IS LISTED TO THE CURTIS PARK BAR,
TWO ONE FIVE TWO EAST TEXAS, SHREVEPORT, LA. THIS TELEPHONE
IS A PAY PHONE INSIDE THE BAR. OWNER, EMPLOYEES OF BAR
INTERVIEWED AND STATE THEY RECALL NO SUCH PHONE CALL FROM
YUMA, ARIZ. A PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY WAS EXHIBITED TO
THESE INDIVIDUALS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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

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Date: 4/29/68

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LITTLE ROCK

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS, APRIL TWENTYSIX,
SIXTYEIGHT, TWO PM.

REFERENCED TELETYPE STATES JAMES PAFFORD OF SPRINGHILL,
LOUISIANA, ALLEGEDLY MADE A THREAT AGAINST KING ON
JANUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYFIVE. THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF
SPRINGHILL DID NOT GIVE ANY CREDENCE TO THE REPORT.
PAFFORD WAS REPORTEDLY A GUN COLLECTOR OF GOOD REPUTATION
RESIDING IN CULLEN, LOUISIANA.

RECENT INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE REVEALS PAFFORD
NOW RESIDES AT MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS, AND HAS LIVED THERE
FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. LITTLE ROCK HAS CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION
TO ELIMINATE PAFFORD AS THE SUBJECT OF THIS CASE BY
ASCERTAINING HIS WHEREABOUTS ON PERTINENT DATES.

1 - Memphis (AIRMAIL COPY)
① - New Orleans
JAW - smd
(2) *smd*

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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12:34 PM

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REFERENCED TELETYPE STATES THAT, ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT IN THIS CASE, INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF PAFFORD MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

LITTLE ROCK AT MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF PAFFORD MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/24/68, the following individuals were contacted by SA JACK EVANS MEHL regarding their respective departments recovering any automobiles from the state of Georgia. All persons contacted advised that they have not recovered any cars from Georgia for the past several months:

Lieutenant GLENN ALFORD,
Troop L, Louisiana State Police
Mandeville, Louisiana

Captain WALLACE LAIRD,
St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office
Covington, Louisiana

Chief of Police EDWARD SCHILLECI,
Slidell, Louisiana Police Department

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is to advise that on 4/27/68, JOHN MC MILLAN, Reporter, States Item Newspaper, home telephone 835-7491, advised he was furnishing the following for our information:

He said his paper carries articles written by LOUIS LOMAX, and that LOMAX is currently traveling from Los Angeles with CHARLES STEIN, who has furnished information regarding his association with JAMES EARL RAY. LOMAX and STEIN were in Houston, Tex., on Friday and they were suppose to go to San Antonio on Saturday. STEIN is allegedly pointing out to LOMAX pay telephone booths from which RAY made calls during their trip in 12/67. MC MILLAN said the rumor among newspapermen is that CHARLES STEIN has told LOMAX that the reason RAY made the trips to New Orleans was because RAY was dating a relative, not further identified, of STEIN's. MC MILLAN said that it is evident that some of the information in LOMAX's articles is erroneous. He cited a claim by LOMAX of a mysterious blond who had disappeared from a hotel in Milwaukee. MC MILLAN stated he contacted the Milwaukee Journal and was told by a reporter that the paper and the FBI had found this mysterious blond of LOMAX's and she was "just a broken down broad." MC MILLAN said in the event LOMAX comes to New Orleans he would provide any information he might receive regarding LOMAX's activities.

On 4/29/68, an individual identifying himself as Colonel GEORGE D. REHKOPF, telephonically advised he is a member of the USAF and is assigned to an Air Force base in Oklahoma. He said that he is the uncle of Delta Airline Stewardess RITA REHKOPF, and that his niece is in a highly nervous state. He was inquiring for any information in regards to her being contacted in regards to this case in order that he could get the straight information as his niece has told so many conflicting stories. Colonel REHKOPF was informed that his niece was only one of many people in the transportation business whom the FBI has shown photographs of an individual we were seeking. These individuals included persons in the airline business, shipping industry, and so forth, to determine if these persons might have seen the subject or anyone similar in their employment.

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: SUSPECT JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE

Inquiry at Music Box Bar, now closed, reveals former owner, "CHUCK" METHVIN may have information relative to captioned suspect, or another individual who played at the Music Box Bar in July of 1967 who resembles JAMES EARL RAY.

LEAD

It is suggested that efforts be made to contact CHARLES B. METHVIN, a current PCI of the New Orleans Division, NO file 137-3167, bearing in mind that WILLIAM MILLER states he is possibly at his farm in Ponchatoula, Louisiana, on Route 60.

The above 137 is assigned to Agent NEIL PRICE.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA RONALD W. BEINNER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Lt. Col. CHARLES CALLAHAN, District Commander, OSI, Barksdale AFB, advised SA BEINNER that his New Orleans Office had been in contact with ASAC SYLVESTER regarding the following matter and that same had been resolved to his satisfaction and that he was furnishing the following information for the completion of the FBI file:

Col. CALLAHAN advised that Major BERNARD REHKOPF, presently stationed in Thailand, contacted OSI Thailand and expressed concern over the following matter concerning his daughter, RITA E. REHKOPF, 6805 Veterans Highway, Metairie, La., who is employed as a stewardess with Delta Airlines.

OSI Thailand advised that she called her father twice, once 4/24/68 and again on 4/26/68 (Thailand time). She alleged that she was queried by the FBI as to the identity of particular passengers and she conveyed that this interest had to do with the MARTIN LUTHER KING matter (how this conclusion was reached is unknown).

On the call made on 4/26/68, she advised her father she was calling from her home and that an FBI Agent was present and that she was presently in the protective custody of the FBI.

She advised she was going to fly to Florida soon (purpose not stated) and said that when her parents were going to return to the U. S. in June, she would be unable to meet them as originally planned, until after the trial. (no elaboration on trial).

Major REHKOPF requested OSI to check on the validity of this matter without contacting his daughter.

Col. CALLAHAN advised that he had been in contact with his Washington office and advised them according to the remarks previously made to OSI by ASAC SYLVESTER.



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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM T. BROOKS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER, 4/25/68.

There are no "hippie" rooming houses in St. Charles, St. John the Baptist and St. James Parishes.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
RE: MURKIN

Re New Orleans tel 4/26/68; mytel 4/26/68 and
telephone call to New Orleans today.

Telephone company records, Houston, list exact
time of phone call 12/17/67 to phone number 318 477-0616,
Lake Charles, Louisiana, 7:49 PM.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Memphis (info)
- ① - New Orleans (info)
- 1 - Los Angeles (info)
- 1 - Atlanta (info)
- 1 - Birmingham (info)
- 1 - Houston

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TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA PHILIP L. PETLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ON 4/24/68 the below listed PCI's were contacted and shown a photo of subject RAY. No positive information was developed, as each stated he had not seen subject, nor did he know subject. Each was instructed to remain alert for any information concerning RAY, and to immediately contact the writer should they develop any information.

137 - 3288	CLEVELAND PEEPE
137 - 3289	ROBERT LUTHER NORWOOD
137 - 3290	ALBERT LEWIS
137 - 3297	LAURENCE MATTHEWS
137 - 3369	FRANK P. ELLY SR.

PLP
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, New Orleans

DATE: April 29, 1968

JRM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 100.

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.

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11:00 AM URGENT 4-30-68 BLT

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) (44-38861) AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

REX P. ARMISTEAD (NA), CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, MISS.
HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL, JACKSON, ADVISED TODAY THAT AFTER
VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY THESE PHOTOGRAPHS
CLOSELY RESEMBLE AN INDIVIDUAL HE OBSERVED IN WANDA'S
SEVEN SEAS RESTAURANT, LOP LEBERVILLE 623-8591, NEW ORLEANS, IN DECEMBER, SIXTY
SEVEN. ARMISTEAD RECALLED THAT ON THAT PARTICULAR DAY,
SEVERAL ARRESTS WERE MADE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT SEVEN
SEAS AS A RESULT OF AN INCIDENT INVOLVING A DOG BROUGHT
IN BY ONE OF THE CUSTOMERS. A MINOR BRAWL RESULTED AND
SEVEN OR EIGHT CUSTOMERS WERE ARRESTED. ARMISTEAD COULD
NOT RECALL WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING RAY WAS ONE
OF THOSE ARRESTED.

NEW ORLEANS EXHIBIT AVAILABLE PHOTOS OF RAY AT SEVEN
SEAS RESTAURANT AND CONDUCT INQUIRY AT PD TO IDENTIFY
THOSE ARRESTED. AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

END.

MMW

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To: SAC's New Orleans (157-10673) - Enc. (2)
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re New Orleans letter, 4/22/68, submitting an application form, Q283, and a small slip of paper, Q284, for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on the two items, which are enclosed for New Orleans.

Laboratory report separate.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

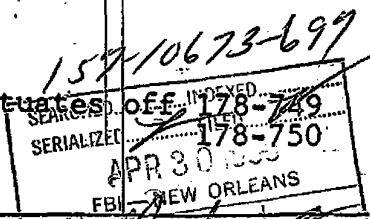
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD New Orleans La	Charles Stein #66122	5-9-53	Ord 1436 no means of support	disch Night Ct 5-10-53
PD New Orleans La	Charles Joseph Stein #L-4362	applicant FP 3-2-55		
PD New Orleans La	Charles Stein #66122	10-26-55	Art 90 gamb ord 16913 conducting a dice game ord 1436 vag by loit	
SO Deadwood SDak	Charles Joseph Stein #5119	6-2-59	vag	
PD Houston Texas	Charles Joseph Stein #103 087	2-11-60	traffic & invest	
PD New Orleans La	Charles Joseph Stein #66122	7-14-61	poss narc; poss stolen prop	
SO Gretna La	Charles Joseph Stein #11429	7-20-61	Vagrancy & Poss Stolen property	no charge filed
PD New Orleans La	Charles Jos Stein #66122	Rec 7-25-61	not given	affidavit refused by ADA
PD New Orleans La	Charles Stein #66122	4-14-62	pondering soliciting for prostitutes criminal conspiracy to ponder	off 174-691 174-683
PD New Orleans La	Charles Stein #66122	2-16-63	poss barbituates	off 178-749 178-750

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All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race: White

Sex: Male

Height: 72"

Weight: 223

Hair: Black

Eyes: Brown

Date and Place of Birth: New Orleans, La.

Scars & Marks: scar left upper arm
tattoos right forearm (Heart & Handshake) left upper arm (CS)

Address: 4101 Steven Girod St. New Orleans La. in 1961

Occupation: Booking Agent

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Civil print from St Bu Sacramento Calif #S 86212 was identified with this record and returned to contributor.10-1-64.			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD New Orleans La	Myrial Tomaso #78368	10-26-55	Ord 16913 gambling by being present where dice game was being conducted Ord 13974 vag by loit	
PD New Orleans La	Myrial Tomaso #78368	12-21-55	107 inv of Narcotics	Affidavit refused by ADA on chg of inv narcs
PD New Orleans La	Myrial Tomaso #78368	1-13-56	Ord 16956	10 R 10 das
PD New Orleans La	Myrial Tomaso #78368	5-24-56	inv narc	Affidavit refused by ADA
PD New Orleans La	Myrial Tomaso #78368	6-17-56	inv narc	Affidavit refused by ADA
PD Port Arthur Texas	Myrial Hayden #A-24 984	11-30-58	drk	F \$1.00
PD New Orleans La	Myrial Hayden #78368	10-15-56	poss of narc	aff 154 990 989
PD New Orleans La	Mimi Tomaso #78368	3-22-60	aslt on ptm	20 R 20 each count
PD New Orleans La	Mimi Hayden #78368	12-1-60	poss of narc	
PD New Orleans La	Mimi Tomaso #78368	6-27-60	vag inv of narc & unlawful assm	
SO Gretna La	Myrial C. Hayden #10559	10-23-60	creat a nuisance & unlawful assm	no chg

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD New Orleans La	Myrial Tomaso #78368	8-29-61	no means sup	disch
PD New Orleans La	Mimi Tomaso	11-5-62	inv of T	affidavit refused by ADA
SO Los Angeles Calif	Marie Martin DeGrasse #C-543626	5-23-67	dist the peace & DC/lewd	

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All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race: White

Sex: Female

Height: 66"

Weight: 116

Hair: Black

Eyes: Brown

Date and Place of Birth: New Orleans, La.

Scars & Marks: Cut scar left knee; 1" cut scar left lower leg below knee
burn scar int left forearm

Address: Los Angeles, California
(number not indicated)

Occupation: Barmaid, Book-keeper

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

TO:

Date 4-27-68

Your inquiry ReNotel
4-26-68

SAC, New Orleans (15-10673)

MURKIN

Re: Charles Stein
FBI #881 534 B
Myrial Tomaso
FBI #110 913 C

- ☒ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☐ Attached furnished in compliance with request from
- ☐ Only record available attached.
- ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
- ☐ Records FBI #
- ☐ are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
- ☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
- ☐ Confirming FBI wire of
- ☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
- ☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
- ☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
- ☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
- ☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
- ☐ Your communication is returned.
- ☐

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC JOSEPH T. SYLVESTER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

Investigation at Los Angeles, Calif., has established that JAMES EARL RAY departed Los Angeles on 3/17 or 18/68, presumably alone and via his 1966 white Mustang car bearing Alabama license 1-38993.

Investigation at New Orleans has established that an individual possibly identical with RAY was in New Orleans on the evening of 3/21/68. The exact date of his arrival and departure from New Orleans has not been established.

Investigation at Atlanta, Ga., has established that RAY rented a room in a rooming house in Atlanta on 3/24/68. Investigation has not established the date of RAY's arrival in Atlanta.

It is essential that the details of RAY's movements during the period 3/17-24/68 be determined.

Investigation has established that RAY stayed at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, during the period 12/17-19/67. He registered at this time as ERIC S. GALT.

It is logical to presume that RAY, upon his return to New Orleans in March, 1968, again stayed somewhere in the French Quarter. It is also to be noted that during March, 1968, RAY continued to use the alias ERIC S. GALT.

Set forth below are a list of all hotels and motels located in the French Quarter and, in some instances, hotels or motels located on the fringe of the French Quarter.

You are requested to contact the motels and/or hotels assigned to you and examine the register for reservations in the



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name of JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC S. GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD, during the period 3/17-24/68. You are also requested to exhibit to appropriate employees the photographs of RAY. You should conduct inquiries of appropriate employees concerning RAY's Mustang. If a registration of interest is detected you should, of course, conduct immediate logical investigation at the establishment, including the obtaining of lists of local and long distance calls charged to the room occupied by RAY.

You are reminded that all leads in this case are to be handled within 24 hours upon receipt.

FRENCH QUARTER MOTELS

Bienville House Motor Hotel — WOOD
320 Decatur

Chateau Motor Hotel — McDaniel
1001 Chartres

Downtowner Motor Inn — McLAUGHLIN
541 Bourbon

Felton House (Efficiencies) — McDaniel
1133 Chartres

French Quarter Maisonnettes — McDaniel
1130 Chartres

Lamothe House — WOOD
621 Esplanade

Le Richelieu Apartment Hotel — McDaniel
1234 Chartres

Place D'Armes Motor Hotel — WOOD
625 St. Ann

Place Napoleon — WOOD
300 Decatur

Prince Conti Motor Hotel — WOOD
830 Conti

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Royal Chartres Guest House - Mc Daniels
508 Chartres

Vieux Carre Motor Lodge - Coy
920 North Rampart

FRENCH QUARTER HOTELS

Bourbon Apartments Hotel - McLAUGHLIN
500 Bourbon

Bourbon Orleans Hotel - Coy
717 Orleans Avenue

Chateau Louisianne - DRAPER
205 Royal

Corn Stalk Hotel - DRAPER
915 Royal

Hotel Maison de Ville - Coy
727 Toulouse

Hotel Monteleone - DRAPER
214 Royal

Kentucky Hotel - Coy
235 Dauphine

Lafitte Guest Houst - McLAUGHLIN
1003 Bourbon

Maison de L Apartments - Coy
929 Dumaine

Nine-O-Five Royal Hotel - DRAPER
905 Royal

Ritz Hotel - McLAUGHLIN
619 Canal

Royal Orleans Hotel - DRAPER
621 St. Louis

NO 157-10673

St. Louis Hotel - DRAPER
509 St. Louis

Savoy Hotel - DRAPER
114 Royal

Silver Dollar Hotel - COY
609 Iberville

AGENTS HANDLING These
LEADS WILL See The ASAC, SA
CALLENDER OR SA CARNEY Prior
To Covering The LEADS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673, entitled, "Murkin")

DATE: April 30, 1968

FROM : Jean B. Hearn, Clerk

SUBJECT: SAMUEL J. RECILE, aka., Sam J. Recile, Sam Recile,
Sam Riceli, Sam Roselli; G. B. C. CORPORATION; GULF SOUTH REALTY
COMPANY; PLAZA TOWERS, INC.; SOUTHERN LAND TITLE CORPORATION
(Information concerning)

White male

Born and raised in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

Age 36 in 1968 or approximately that age.

RECILE has been engaged in the oil leasing business and real estate speculation and development businesses for the past 14 years. SAM RECILE is a defunct New Orleans Real Estate Promoter and developer. According to highly confidential source, SAM RECILE is a close friend of JOSEPH and CARLOS MARCELLO. (CARLOS MARCELLO is a prominent Jefferson Parish racketeer. His legitimate holdings consist of motels and large real estate holdings. He is suspected of having an interest in the closed gambling casinos and other forms of gambling in Jefferson Parish.)

Re. serials 157-10673-536 and 157-10673-550 pg #2 and 157-10673-685
file entitled, "MURKIN".

The following is a summary of the pertinent details found in the New Orleans Office files under subject name and aliases. All references listed under the above names containing data identical or possibly identical with above described subject have been included herein.

/jhh. *[Signature]*

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(SAMUEL J. RECILE, aka. (continued).

Recile Firms Are Sued for \$3 Million

Sam J. Recile's Southern Land Title Corp. and the Bourbon Kings Hotel Corp. are being sued for almost \$3 million in an action filed in Civil District Court Monday.

The plaintiff is the Meadow Brook National Bank. Recile is president of Southern Land and owner of the hotel at Bourbon and Orleans.

The bank alleges that French Quarter property mortgages totaling \$2,851,868.78 have not been paid on since June 1.

Southern Land, the bank alleged, owes it \$163,539.12, with property in the square of Chartres, Barracks, Gov. Nicholls and Decatur as security; \$145,102.34 on property at 1015 Burgundy, and \$1,295,596.74 secured by 807 Bourbon, 1219 Decatur, 1233 Decatur, 1225 Chartres, 601-03 Barracks and 1301 Chartres and 828 Toulouse.

The bank alleges that the hotel corporation owes it \$1,247,720.58 secured by property at Chartres and Barracks.

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

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Date: 8-30-66

Edition: Final

Author:

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RECILE, OTHERS NAMED IN SUITS

**\$972,889 Total Sought
by New York Bank**

Two suits were filed Monday in federal district court against Sam J. Recile and others seeking a total of \$972,889.64 which is allegedly due on promissory notes endorsed by the defendants.

Both suits were filed by the Meadow Brook National Bank of New York.

One action is against Recile and Frank Spalitta charging that \$400,592.04 is due on a note executed Aug. 25, 1964, for \$420,000 by Southern Land Title Corporation which is now seeking corporate reorganization under federal law.

It is charged that the installment due on Oct. 25, 1966 was not paid and that none has been paid since.

The other suit is against John B. Massengill, Mario M. Bonfanti, Julien E. Batard, James H. Pfister, Charles L. Mammelli, Spalitta and Recile.

It claims \$572,297.60 is due on a \$600,000 note executed by the West Jefferson Professional Medical Plaza, Inc., and endorsed by the defendants. This suit also alleges that the Oct. 25, 1966 installment was not paid and no payments have been made since.

In both instances it is claimed that the acts of mortgage provide that if any installment is not paid at the due date it constitutes a default and the entire amount due becomes due at the option of the bank.

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SECTION 1

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TIMES PICAYUNE

NEW ORLEANS, LA

Date: 2-28-67

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title: SAMUEL J. RECILE

Character: AR

or

Classification: 92-346-281

Submitting Office:

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Memorandum

SAMUEL J. RECILE, aka. (continued).

TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (137-2843)

DATE:

FROM : SA JOHN HENRY LOVE, JR.

SUBJECT: JOSEPH L. GARAFOLA
PCI☐ CI☐ SI☒ PCI☐ PSI☐

Dates of Contact

8/19/66

Titles and File #s on which contacted

92-365-Sub B

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE

PCI JOSEPH L. GARAFOLA advised he did not know of any current illegal group operating in Louisiana under the title La Cosa Nostra, Mafia, Black Hand, the Family, or Stoppagherra. He advised it is rumored that there is an organized Italian group in New Orleans, headed by CARLOS MARCELLO, but he has no direct knowledge of the group or any of its members.

GARAFOLA advised many years ago it was common knowledge the Mafia, sometimes called the Black Hand, was operating in the Hammond and Independence, Louisiana areas. He stated at that time there were frequent visitors from Chicago, who were supposed to be "waiting until the heat cooled off in Chicago". He advised any knowledge he has is strictly hearsay. GARAFOLA advised it was rumored FRANK GIARDENELLO, a former resident of Independence who has been deceased for 4-5 months, was a former Chicago Mafia member who moved to Independence when he retired.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

Excellent

Coverage

Criminal, gambling

Personal Data

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GARAFOLA advised it is common knowledge to the merchants in the Hammond and Independence areas that they can borrow money from CARLOS MARCELLO of New Orleans, if they are willing to pay a high rate of interest. He advised he heard a rumor that FNU RECILE, brother of SANTO RECILE and owner of the Tangi Bowling Alleys, Hammond, was a good friend of MARCELLO. He stated he also heard LEON POERIER, a Certified Public Accountant who lives in the Hammond area, is a friend of Marcello's.

GARAFOLA advised FNU ARCADO, who claims to be the son of ~~James~~ Chicago hoodlum TONY ARCADO, is a student at Southeastern Louisiana College and frequents Kelly's Bar and Restaurant during the school year.

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Memorandum

SAMUEL J. RECILE, aka. (continued).

TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (137-2753)

DATE: 1/25/67

FROM : SA MAURICE A. KELLIHER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: SYLVIA TOTH

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Date of Contact

1/13/67

Title and File #s on which contacted

Crime Conditions. Henry, et al -

92-365

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

NO 92-265

PCI had previously furnished information, during November 1966, that the Gulf South Realty Co. had taken over her apartment building at 935 Burgundy, having, according to her information, taken these buildings over from the GBC Corporation. As it is known, the GBC Corp. was run by SAM RECILE. PCI stated on 1/13/67, that SAM RECILE had been to her apartment to collect the rent and to discuss the redecoration of the apartment, and it was her definite belief at this time that RECILE still owned the apartment and Gulf South Realty is RECILE's new business front.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

Excellent

Coverage

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SAMUEL J. RECILE, aka. (continued).

92-166 (Bufile #92-3704). Is file entitled as follows.

92-166-99 pg #3. Is report SA ROGER E. MAXWELL, New Orleans, dated 10/1/66 entitled, "JEROME JOSEPH CONFORTO, AR." Reflects that CONFORTO interviewed & advised he continues as owner & manager of the Indian Lake Lounge & that he is living with a woman who has a 17 year old daughter named, LANA. CONFORTO advised that he borrowed money from SAM SAIA before he died in the sum of \$4200. Sources advise CONFORTO and brothers owe allegiance to no one and that on an occasion CONFORTO beat up a close friend of CARLOS MARCELLO without MARCELLO saying anything. CONFORTO's father is known to be a close associate of SYLVESTRO CAROLLO. In view of the fact that CONFORTO has used firearms in the past, he should be considered ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Page #3, is a part of a copy of an FD 302, on 9/12/66 at New Orleans, La., by SA LARRY L. GUGGISBERG and SA ROGER E. MAXWELL, interviewed JEROME JOSEPH CONFORTO. Reflects in part that, "Before the death of SAM SAIA, CONFORTO borrowed \$4200 from him and now owes \$2400. CONFORTO stated that after SAIA died, since it was a verbal agreement to repay the loan, he called SAIA's widow and stated that he wished to pay the loan back even though there was no paper transaction. Mrs. SAIA advised CONFORTO that he was the first person to call and say that he owed SAM a certain amount of money. CONFORTO stated that he does his banking with the American National Bank that is owned by SAM ROSELLI, who is an extremely good person to deal with, according to CONFORTO. CONFORTO stated he has been carried by ROSELLI on several checks that he (CONFORTO) wrote and evidently put enough money in the account to cover the particular checks."

NOTE: It is believed by the writer that above mentioned SAM ROSELLI, should read SAM RECILE, former Associate of LOUIS ROUSSEL. LOUIS ROUSSEL is majority stockholder and former Chairman of the Board of the American National Bank.

92-36 (Bufile #92-2713). Is file entitled as follows.

92-36-1954 pg #27. Is report SA PATRICK J. COLLINS, Jr., dated 1/3/67 entitled, "CARLOS MARCELLO, aka.; AR."

Page #27, under heading, "ASSOCIATES", reflects in part the following info.

"T-1 stated that LOUIS ROUSEL, Chairman of the Board of the National American Bank of New Orleans, is a close friend of CARLOS MARCELLO.

"T-1 further advised that SAM RECILE, a builder in New Orleans, has used money in his construction business which was supplied by CARLOS MARCELLO."

Above T-1 identified as follows.

IDENTITY OF SOURCE

"NO T-1 is NY 5642-PC

CONTACTING AGENT

SA's THOMAS L. COLARELLI &
MARIO SIMEONE, Jr."

172-16. Is file entitled, "SUPERDOME STADIUM, SB."

172-16-7. Is memo ASAC J. T. SYLVESTER, 1/11/67, entitled, "LOUIS KARNATZ." Xerox copy follows.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

SAMUEL J. RECILE, aka. (continued).

TO : SAC (172-16)

DATE: 1/11/67

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: LOUIS KARNATZ

ED GAUDET, Manager, Sheraton-Charles Hotel, advised 1/11/67 that LOUIS KARNATZ is currently in New York and will return to New Orleans on Thursday, 1/12/67, allegedly with the identity of the group backing him who are ready to offer the State of Louisiana fifty million dollars in cash to build the dome stadium.

GAUDET stated that KARNATZ had advised him that when his group became interested in possibly building the stadium, he had been referred to MARSHALL BROWN as a contact to get to Governor McKEITHEN with this offer. BROWN had endeavored to shake him down for \$5,000 on two or three occasions and KARNATZ advised BROWN he would not give him any money but in the event they could get the right to build this stadium, he would be more than willing to furnish Governor McKEITHEN \$100,000 for his next campaign.

GAUDET stated information has it that SAM RECILE and Mayor SCHIRO are trying to work out a land-swap deal with the ICRR for property RECILE owns in Baton Rouge, and RECILE will in turn sell this property to the State for a dome stadium, thereby pulling him out of the hole he is in because of his current financial problems.

GAUDET advised in confidence that the group reportedly headed by KARNATZ, was not considering the ICRR place. He stated there are only three or four people who know the area that is being considered and he did not want this information to become public knowledge. The area they are considering is Lincoln Beach. They hope to build close to the airport. The land is currently owned by the Levee Board and there would be no cost to the city for the land; there is possibility of tying in a marina area; there is plenty of parking space. They are also considering building into this stadium, hotel accommodations. KARNATZ is supposed to be able to swing it to get a professional baseball team in as well.

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GAUDET advised he understands that KARNATZ represents an oil group headed by a Greek named NAIRHOS (indices negative re NAIRHOS). According to information he received from certain banking circles, they can cover anything up to \$200,000,000 (two hundred million dollars).

GAUDET stated he also determined from two separate sources that KARNATZ has himself, in a checking account in a bank in Harrisburg, over a quarter-million dollars. His checking account has two-name signatures but GAUDET does not know the other besides KARNATZ. All of the above information was given in confidence by GAUDET.

SA JENSEN contacted his informant who advised gambling group in New Orleans had no information that KARNATZ was tied in with gamblers.

JOE JAMIESON, Philadelphia, advised an indices check of LOUIS KARNATZ reveals Tampa file 87-3352, Tampa origin, where investigation was requested by Philadelphia on some bum checks dropped at the Sheraton-Charles in Tampa.

KARNATZ gave residence 2119 Green Street, Harrisburg, Pa. He has FBI number 436 561 A (FD-9 submitted to Bureau 1/11/67).

JAMIESON advised Cleveland had an old 88 file under Cleveland number 66-5134 but Philadelphia has no other info concerning him except arrests at Harrisburg in March 1930 and 2/11/31 for illegal possession of alcohol and in May 1933, indicating he may have been tied in to the early prohibition group.

KARNATZ was born [] at Philadelphia, Pa.; is 5' 3", 135 lbs., blue eyes and is married. No further check is being made by Philadelphia. The file indicates he is a con man who might well have some backing if he can turn up this money from possible hoodlum element. No indication of Las Vegas connection.

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SAMUEL J. RECILE, aka. (continued).

92-36-2071 pg #1. Is report SA PATRICK J. COLLINS, Jr., New Orleans, dated 4/4/67, entitled, "CARLOS MARCELLO, aka., AR." Reflects that, "T-1 believes MARCELLO is in the punchboard business in Columbia and Venezuela. NO T-2 believes MARCELLO will give fifty acres of Churchill Farms, Inc. for the erection of the new dome stadium in New Orleans. NO T-3 believes MARCELLO 'owns' District Attorney FRANK LANDRIDGE, Jefferson Parish, La. NO T-4 believes MARCELLO has a twenty per cent interest in the dome stadium. NO T-5 advised that MARCELLO's wife was a patient in Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, week of January 9, 1967, for surgery. NO T-5 advised MARCELLO moved to residence at 3908 Glifford Drive, Metairie, La. NO T-5 advised that he believes SANTO TRAFFICANTE has visited CARLOS MARCELLO in La. several times in the recent past. NO T-2 advised that MARCELLO has one JOHN LA BRUZZO acting as his chauffeur. NO T-5 believes MARCELLO sold land next to Holiday Motel, Jefferson Parish, La. NO T-2 believes SAM RECILE is a friend of CARLOS MARCELLO. NO T-11 believes MARCELLO is a one third owner of the Pelican Tomato Co. NO T-16 believes that several years ago MARCELLO had NEMO NOLTI kill DONALD MELANCON over a \$200,000 debt."

Above informants identified as follows.

IDENTITY OF SOURCE

"T-1 is THOMAS CANDILIERI, PCI."

"T-2 is NO 1457-C-TE

"T-3 is NO 1433-C

"NO T-4 is JOSEPH CHARLES HEGGEMAN,
FORMER PCI

"NO T-5 is NO 1457-C-TE

"NO T-16 is BOBBY G. GWINN

CONTACTING AGENT

SA MAURICE A. KELLIHER
SA PATRICK J. COLLINS, Jr.
and SA REED W. JENSEN
SA ROGER E. MAXWELL

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SA PATRICK J. COLLINS, Jr.
SA L. M. SHEARER, Jr."

92-784 (Bufile #92-6054) (OO:New York file #92-2300-Sub O). Is file entitled as follows.

92-784-15. Is teletype to the Director from New Orleans, dated 4/7/67, entitled, "LA COSA NOSTRA, LA STELLA RESTAURANT MEETING, NEW YORK CITY, SEPTEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYSIX, AR." (CC filed in N.O. file 49-829).

92-784-22. Is airtel to N.O., from The Director, dated 4/11/67, entitled, "LA COSA NOSTRA LA STELLA RESTAURANT MEETING NEW YORK CITY SEPTEMBER 22, 1966, AR." (CC filed in N. O. file 49-829). Advised that SAMUEL J. RECILE, President, Plaza Towers, Inc., not to be interviewed at that time.

92-365-546 pg #267. Is report SA THOMAS M. DUFFIN, New York, dated 4/18/67 entitled, "LA COSA NOSTRA LA STELLA RESTAURANT MEETING NEW YORK CITY, 9/22/66, AR."

Page #267, under heading REPORTED REASONS FOR LGN MEETING, reflects in part the following information.

"In November, 1966, NY T-9 advised that JAMES CAMPO, whom the informant described as a prominent New Orleans hoodlum, has reportedly commented on

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occasion, 'Look at all the hell that was raised in New York over purchasing of that RACILE's Hotel'. CAMPO, according to the informant, was referring to the arrest of CARLOS MARCELLO and others, on September 22, 1966, in New York City.

"CAMPO, according to NY T-9, has also on occasion been known to say that the reason for the captioned meeting was 'over all the trouble caused by SAM RECILE'.

"This informant has not expressed a willingness to testify, nor is he considered available to testify in regard to the reported reasons for the LCN meeting or matters reportedly discussed at the meeting.

"In January, 1967, NY T-11 advised that SAM RECILE is a close friend of JOSEPH and CARLOS MARCELLO. Informant stated that RECILE, in the past, has borrowed large sums of money from CARLOS MARCELLO and expressed the belief that MARCELLO, also in the past, has arranged finances for RECILE, from somewhere in the Eastern United States.

"This informant has not expressed a willingness to testify, nor is he considered available to testify in regard to the reported reasons for the LCN meeting or matters reportedly discussed at this meeting.

"NY T-10 has advised that he had determined that the recent meeting of leading hoodlums in New York was called because of a loan manipulation in New Orleans involving CARLOS MARCELLO and SANTO TRAFFICANTE. Informant stated that the loan had been granted to one, LOUIS POUPIER, who fronts for CARLOS MARCELLO. MARCELLO bought back into this deal for 60% of the loan plus a vendor's fee of \$84,000.00 to be paid to one WAYNE HAUSER.

"Informant stated that some of this money was to go to TRAFFICANTE and TRAFFICANTE was not paid. Informant believes the meeting in New York was to straighten out these finances. Informant also stated that one SAM RECILE, a real estate dealer in New Orleans, had recently gone bankrupt because MARCELLO had backed out of his operation.

"This informant has not expressed a willingness to testify, not is he considered available to testify in regard to the reported reasons for the LCN meeting or matters reportedly discussed at this meeting.

"The New Orleans Division has advised that RECILE, prominent Louisiana builder and developer, is currently involved in numerous civil suits throughout the country, relative to his finances. RECILE, according to New Orleans, is associated with numerous leading political figures in La.

"Under date of April 7, 1967, the New Orleans Division advised that SAMUEL J. RECILE, President, Plaza Towers, Incorporated, and Southern Land Corporation, both New Orleans, Louisiana, is 35 years of age and was born and raised in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and has been engaged in the oil leasing business and real estate speculation and development businesses for the past 13 years.

"Starting in October, 1966, the New Orleans newspapers began reporting that RECILE is in financial difficulty with Plaza Towers, Incorporated, a 45 story office apartment complex, in New Orleans, which is approximately 80% complete. The Meadowbrook National Bank and Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, both New York, New York, in December, 1966, according to New Orleans, foreclosed on their 21 million dollar loan to RECILE to build

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this structure through his Plaza Towers Corporation. Bankruptcy proceedings reportedly have been instituted by these banks relative to RECILE.

"On April 5, 1967, in Federal District Court, New Orleans, Louisiana, RECILE and Bank Attorneys reportedly agreed that the value of Plaza Towers Incorporated, was 21 million dollars. Appearing with RECILE were Attorneys for the Teamsters Union Pension Fund, Chicago, Illinois, who filed a petition stating that they were willing to invest 16 million dollars in this project. No decision had been taken by the Federal District Court regarding that matter as of April 7, 1967.

"The New Orleans Division also advised that in December, 1966, RECILE's Southern Land Corporation, described as a holding company for numerous realty corporations controlled by RECILE, also filed Bankruptcy proceedings.

"The most valuable piece of property owned by this corporation, reportedly is the Bourbon Orleans Hotel, a newly constructed 500 room hotel in New Orleans. This suit was dismissed by Federal District Judge on February 3, 1967, due to 'essentially lack of good faith in the matter on the part of RECILE'. RECILE has appealed that decision.

"On April 4, 1967, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals took under advisement, RECILE's appeal from a dismissal of his petition seeking reorganization under Federal Bankruptcy Law.

"In March, 1967, Civil Sheriff, New Orleans Parish, seized and sold several small parcels of realty owned by RECILE in the French Quarter of New Orleans. This reportedly was done to satisfy State Realty Taxes long overdue.

"New Orleans further advised that in March, 1967, RECILE commenced construction of a 300 thousand dollar home in Covington, Louisiana."

Above informants identified as follows.

"NY T-9
"NY T-11
"NY T-10

Identity
NO 1390-C-TE
NO 1457-C-TE
JOSEPH HEGEMAN
(PCI, New Orleans)."

165-723 (Bufile #165-2136). Is file entitled, "FRANK VINCENT TIMPHONY;
VINCENT TIMPHONY; ITAR-GAMBLING, AIDING
AND ABETTING."

165-723-197. Xerox copy follows.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

SAMUEL J. RECILE, aka. (continued).

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (165-723)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA REED W. JENSEN

SUBJECT: FRANK TIMPHONY, aka;
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On 3/13/68, NO 1232-C-TE reviewed material obtained during the raid of VINCENT TIMPHONY's residence, Belford Street, by the FBI on 2/29/68.

As to the figures appearing in the address book after the words Bank, Doc, Food, 10, St. Jude, and others, it appeared to the informant these were code names or numbers for customers and the figures are probably a day-to-day compilation of bottom figures. He felt that the figure number 10 is the code number for DOUGLAS FONTENOT, Lafayette, La., gambler who informant knows uses the code number of 10 with the TIMPHONY book. He had no observations of pertinence regarding the other material.

Regarding the material seized at the search of the residence of FRANK TIMPHONY on Esplanade Ave., New Orleans, informant stated that the sheet of paper having the figure 3108 at the top left corner is probably a small recap sheet and that the figures on the left are the amount bet into the book and the figure on the right, the amount the book owed at the end of a day or possibly a week.

As to the sheet of paper seized with the name VINCENT at the top and the first name "CUZZ" appearing thereafter, informant felt this "CUZZ" is a known nickname for BILLY BOSWORTH, a local contractor who bets heavily on sporting events and the horses. He stated that the name DILEO is probably a dentist in the City of New Orleans, who is a close friend of SAM RICELI's, the recently bankrupt real estate developer. The name ROGER W., informant felt might be a ROGER WILSON, an oil man who runs several good race horses. Informant had no comments of particular significance regarding the other items of evidence seized.

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The following is a copy of newspaper clipping from STATES ITEM, New Orleans, Louisiana, dated April 25, 1968, entitled, "RAY CAME HERE WITH BROTHER -- GRETNA WOMAN". The name RAY RECILE, does not appear in this newspaper article. However, the writer is including it in this memo in case it should be of assistance in the future, since mention is made of "'a major New Orleans industrialist.'" This could be any number of persons from BILLY BOSWORTH, a local contractor, to/ or SAMUEL J. RECILE, subject of this memo.

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Ray Came Here With Brother-- Gretna Woman

A Gretna woman who saw the man sought in the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on his December, 1967, visit to New Orleans, described the accused slayer today as a shy, slight man and a big spender.

Mrs. Leroy Lee, the former Marie Stein, first saw James Earle Ray the evening of Dec. 17 when he drove in from Los Angeles with her brother, Charles Stein, 38.

He was introduced to her as Eric Starvo Galt, which the FBI says is the alias Ray frequently used.

In other developments today in the investigation of the assassination of the civil rights leader:

—A mysterious Hollywood

blonde-sought for questioning in the case disappeared from her Milwaukee hotel room, the North American Newspaper Alliance reported.

—Mexican authorities questioned a U.S. citizen they said resembles Ray, the object of

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a continent-wide search, but released him without pressing any charges.

Mrs. Lee, who then lived in the French Quarter, said her brother brought Ray into the apartment and said:

"This is Marie. Say hello to Eric."

She said they arrived the evening of the 17th and were supposed to leave the next

day but stayed another day because of what Ray called "business."

RAY STAYED at the Provincial Motel, 1027 Chartres. Charles Stein stayed with Mrs. Lee.

Describing Ray's actions, Mrs. Lee said:

"He kind of hung his head. He just stood there and didn't say anything."

She described him as "skinny, with light hair. I think his eyes were light colored."

SHOWN A PICTURE of Ray, she said the man she knew as Galt "doesn't even look like the guy." However, Charles Stein has reportedly

identified Ray and Galt as the same and the FBI has tied them together through fingerprints.

Mrs. Lee said her brother described Ray as "a godsend. He's a swell guy. He won't let me pay for anything."

Charles Stein told his sister he left California with a \$20 bill and still had it when he reached New Orleans.

MRS. LEE said both her brother and their cousin, Marie Martin, work at the Sultan Room, a Los Angeles bar. She said Ray agreed to drive Charles to New Orleans if he, Marie and another sister, Rita Rosas, would sign a petition to get Alabama ex-Gov. George C. Wallace on the California presidential ballot on the American Independent Party ticket.

They agreed and Ray agreed to bring Stein and his two nieces, (Rita Rosas' daughters) ages 7 and 8, to Los Angeles from New Orleans.

Mrs. Lee said she last saw Galt the morning of the 19th when he drove the Mustang to her Burgundy st. apartment and honked the horn. She looked out and said:

"Charlie, there's that guy."

They loaded the car and Charles and Ray picked up the girls from Mrs. Lee's mother, who also lives in the French Quarter. The four then left for Los Angeles.

Mrs. Lee said the mother, Mrs. Clovina Alonzo, has been questioned several times by the FBI, first on Easter Sunday, then again several days ago. (Personnel at the Provincial motel were also questioned on Easter Sunday.)

But Mrs. Lee, the only member of the family besides Charles to actually see Ray here, has never been questioned.

Mrs. Lee is an attractive brunette, with a dark complexion and brown eyes.

The disappearance of the Hollywood blonde, identified only as "Jerri," was reported by Louis Lomax, a writer for the North American Newspaper Alliance. Yesterday, Lomax identified the woman as a close confidante of Ray. Today, he said she vanished from her Milwaukee hotel room after he placed a long distance telephone call to her. Lomax said the woman moved into the hotel three weeks ago with a man whose description is similar to that of Ray.

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

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Louisiana.

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