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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

FROM : SA EARL COX

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/3/68

Re Bureau teletype to New Orleans, 4/26/68.

~~WILLIAM R. DAVID, DALE TAYLOR, G. E. JOHNSON,~~
~~DICKIE MC INTOSH, and KENT HALE, in referenced teletype,~~
were all interviewed on 5/2/68, and they advised that they had no information whatever relative to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. They stated that their letter written, but not mailed, in May, 1965, and found shortly thereafter, was merely a prank of high school students and it was never intended as a threat against the President or against MARTIN LUTHER KING. They were all interviewed in the Summer, 1965, by representatives of the U.S. Secret Service. All still reside in Calhoun, La., or in that area, and their whereabouts in the period around 4/4/68, is accounted for.

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REPORTING OFFICE JACKSON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/2/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/10 - 4/24/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE IO # 4182, WF # 442-A, TOP TEN FUGITIVE; Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (DECEASED) - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER	TYPED BY clm
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCE:

Memphis report of SA JOE C. HESTER, 4/30/68.

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AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will continue efforts to locate JAMES EARL RAY. All leads being handled immediately upon receipt.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Jackson Division, at the outset of this matter, conducted investigation concerning the names ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD in Federal agencies, state and local agencies, with negative results.

All credit and arrest agencies in the 82 counties in Mississippi were contacted. All city directories and telephone directories were checked. Selective Service System, State Office, as well as each local board, county voter registration records, county Departments of Public Welfare, county Tax Assessor Offices, county Clerks of Court, each county, marriage and divorce records, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Board of Health, Workmen's Compensation and Employment Security Commissions, all utility companies, electricity, gas and telephone, financial institutions, registrar's office in major universities, Port Director, Gulfport, Mississippi, all shrimp boat operators in the Gulf Coast area, all barge and towing companies at river ports at Greenville, Vicksburg and Natchez, Mississippi, were checked. One million, two hundred thousand drivers licenses checked through IBM computer concerning the birth date , all of the above with negative results.

All airports, motel and parking garage facilities in Mississippi were checked in an attempt to locate a 1966 white Mustang with negative results.

All dancing schools or academies were checked. Civilian personnel records, Keesler AFB, Biloxi, checked with negative results.

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Ingalls Shipyard at Pascagoula, Mississippi, checked with negative results.

All criminal and racial informants contacted with negative results.

Whereabouts of each major bombing suspect in the State of Mississippi checked and verified to eliminate as possible suspects.

In addition to the above, numerous lookalikes reported to the Jackson Office were located, interviewed and eliminated as possible suspects.

All of the above information has been reviewed, indexed, and filed in the Jackson Office.

For the sake of brevity, negative type information is not being set out in this report.

No copies of this report are being disseminated outside the Bureau; however, sufficient copies of report being furnished to the OO in the event of future dissemination.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER
Date: May 2, 1968

Office: JACKSON

Field Office File #: JN 157-9586

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(DECEASED) - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: Motels and Standard service stations on major highways in North Central and Northeastern section of State of Miss. contacted in attempt to identify individual depicted in artist conception of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as Harry Lowmeyer, John Willard. Color photo received from Memphis FBI Office of a bedspread and bath towel exhibited to personnel at motels in attempt to identify as being property of the particular motel with negative results. Investigation at Southaven Minnow Shop, Highway 51, Southaven, Miss., just south of the Tenn. State Line, disclosed this shop is the only establishment located which handled Schlitz 12-ounce beer in pop-top cans, as well as Homestead Stubby No. 20, brown paper bags. One empty Schlitz beer can and one brown paper bag obtained from Southaven Minnow Shop and forwarded to FBI Lab., Washington, D. C., for examination purposes. Results of FBI Lab. examination discloses brown paper bag similar in all observable characteristics to paper bag previously submitted. Personnel at minnow shop unable to identify artist conception and unable to identify photo of JAMES EARL RAY as depicted on Wanted Flyer No. 442-A. IN VIEW OF THE CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT BEING SOUGHT, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES W. SAMMON:

On the dates indicated, motels and Standard Service Stations on the below listed major highways in north central and northeastern portion of the State of Mississippi were contacted in this matter: Personnel at motels were exhibited composite drawings of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as John Willard, Harvey Lowmeyer, received from the Memphis and Birmingham Divisions, along with a color photograph of a bedspread and bath towel received from the Memphis Division. Personnel at these motels failed to identify the composite photographs of GALT, as well as the bedspread or towel as property of their particular motel. The guest registration cards of motels contacted were personally checked by SA JAMES W. SAMMON from the period of March 29 to April 5, 1968, inclusive in an effort to determine if any guest using the name GALT, WILLARD, or LOWMEYER registered at that motel. These checks met with negative results.

Standard Service Stations on the indicated highways were also contacted and personnel at those service stations were also exhibited artist's conceptions of GALT, along with the colored photographs of the Standard Oil map of the United States and the Standard Oil map of Georgia - Alabama. Personnel at these service stations were questioned regarding a 1966 white Mustang with an Alabama tag. Contacts at these service stations also met with negative results.

April 10, 1968 - Highway 55 Interstate and Highway 51, north from Batesville, Mississippi, to the Tennessee State Line. Highway 78 southeast from the Tennessee State Line to the City Limits of Holly Springs, Mississippi.

April 11, 1968 - Highways 78, 6, and 45 within the City Limits of Tupelo, Mississippi. Highway 45 north from Tupelo, Mississippi, to Corinth, Mississippi. Highways 45

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and 72 within the City Limits of Corinth, Mississippi.

April 12, 1968 - Highway 78 East from Tupelo, Mississippi, to the Alabama State Line. Highway 45 South from Tupelo, Mississippi, to Columbus, Mississippi. Highway 82 East from Mayhew, Mississippi, to the Alabama State Line. Highways 82 and 45 East within the City Limits of Columbus, Mississippi.

April 13, 1968 - Highway 82 West from Columbus, Mississippi, to Winona, Mississippi. Highway 51 North from Winona, Mississippi, to Grenada, Mississippi. Interstate 55 and Highway 51 North from Grenada, Mississippi, to Batesville, Mississippi.

April 16, 1968 - Highway 72 from the Alabama State Line to the Tennessee State Line. Highway 78 Southeast from Holly Springs, Mississippi, to Tupelo, Mississippi.

April 17, 1968, Highway 45 East from Shannon, Mississippi, to Columbus, Mississippi. Highway 278 East from Highway 45 East from New Wren, Mississippi, to the Alabama State Line. Highway 6 West from Tupelo, Mississippi, to Batesville, Mississippi. The notes from contacts with personnel at motels and Standard Oil Service Stations are being maintained in the Jackson file regarding this matter.

The following motels affiliated with Friendship Inns were contacted on the indicated dates and personnel there were interviewed as set forth above and in addition, the color photograph containing the Friendship Inn Cashmere Bouquet soap wrapper was exhibited with negative results.

MARY MILTON, Registration Clerk, Townhouse Motel, Friendship Inn, Highway 45 South, Tupelo, Mississippi, which motel uses Camay soap with Friendship Inn wrapper, on April 11, 1968.

Mrs. BROOKS PHILLIPS, Southern Motel, Friendship Inn, Corinth, Mississippi, which motel does handle Cashmere Bouquet with Friendship Motel wrapper, on April 11, 1968.

However, Southern Motel was negative on photographs of GALT; negative on bedspread; and negative on bath towel.

Mrs. ANNIE LOUISE HUDSON, Marshall Motel, Friendship Inn, Highway 45 North, West Point, Mississippi, contacted April 12, 1968.

WILLIAM DOWES, Registration Clerk, Columbus Motel, Friendship Inn, Highway 82 East, Columbus, Mississippi, does not use soap wrapped with Friendship paper, contacted April 12, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES W. SAMMON on April 15, 1968, in the Southaven, Mississippi, area, Highway 51, south of the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi.

The following dealer outlets in that area were contacted in an effort to determine if they had any twelve-ounce Schlitz pop-top beer cans with the brewery date of March 15, 1968, which was sold by them in six packs held with a plastic ring. The following beer outlets in that area were contacted on April 15, 1968, with negative results:

SHIRLEY JERET, Stop and Go Store, Highway 51 South.
MARY SNEEL, Cashier, BILL RAGLAND, Manager, and
LESTER ENOCHS, Stock Man, A and P Supermarket, Highway 51 South, Southaven, Mississippi.

BILL BEALE, Seven Eleven Store, Highway 51 South, Southaven, Mississippi.

MARY DRUMMOND, Drummond Drive-Inn, Highway 51 South, Southaven, Mississippi.

The composite photographs of GALT from Memphis and Birmingham were also exhibited to the above individuals at beer outlets in Southaven, Mississippi, with negative results.

In contacting motels on Highway 51 North on April 10, 1968, RAYMOND ROBINSON, owner of the Thrift Courts Motel

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at Senatobia, Mississippi, advised that for the past three or four weeks, a white male, name unknown, 25 to 30 years old, had been staying at that motel. ROBINSON said that this individual is employed in Stray Horn, Mississippi, on Highway 4 where he is employed constructing a water tower. ROBINSON said that this individual drives a white Mustang with an Alabama license.

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DONALD DICKSON was located in Stray Horn, Mississippi, at the sight of the construction of a water tower. DICKSON said that he has been in the Senatobia, Mississippi, area for the past three weeks and that he is employed for R. D. Cole Manufacturing Company of Newnan, Georgia, which company constructs water towers. DICKSON said he has been so employed for the past nine years and is a foreman of that company.

DICKSON said that on April 4, 1968, he was in bed asleep at the Thrift Courts Motel in Senatobia, Mississippi, when one of his employees came into the room advising him that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot and killed in Memphis, Tennessee. DICKSON said that an employee, TOM CANNON, and DOUG IVEY can vouch for his presence at the motel when KING was assassinated. DICKSON said that his 1967 white Mustang automobile was parked at the motel at that time.

DICKSON said that he is not responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, nor can he furnish any information in that regard.

The following is a description of DICKSON obtained through observation and interview:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	29
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Fayetteville, Georgia
Residence:	Route 1, Fayetteville, Georgia
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	160
Eyes:	Brown

On 4/10/68 at Stray Horn, Mississippi File# Jackson 157-9586

by SA JAMES W. SAMMON/bls Date dictated 4/15/68

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Hair:	Light brown, short, curly, and parted
Complexion:	Ruddy
Build:	Slender
Education:	10th grade
Marital Status:	Single
Military Service:	U.S. Army, [REDACTED] from 1961 to 1963 - honorable
Employment:	Foreman for R.D. Cole Manufacturing Company, Newman, Georgia, for past nine years
Automobile:	1967 white Mustang, 1968 Georgia license 112-D-484
Previous Arrests:	No admits

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DONALD SEWELL, employee, 7-11 Store, Number 34, 6099 Millbranch, Southaven, Mississippi, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the investigation, furnished the following information:

He stated that the 7-11 Store purchases its beer from the Service Beverage Company at Clarksdale, Mississippi.

He stated that the Schlitz delivery man appears at that store every Wednesday.

He advised after examining his stock of Schlitz 12 ounce pop top cans that he had two six packs in his refrigerator with the date March 15, 1968. He stated that this 7-11 Store uses Toreador paper sacks. He advised they do not utilize a number or size 20 paper sack.

He was displayed artist's conception drawings from Birmingham and Memphis, Tennessee.

SEWELL recalled that in the latter part of March, 1968, a white male approximately 5'9" to 5'10" in height, age 27 to 28 years of age, small frame, with a dark crew hair cut, wearing a gray suit with black pin stripes, glasses with black rims, purchased beer at that store.

SEWELL stated that he could not recall what brand of beer this individual bought or how he paid for it.

SEWELL stated that he recalled this incident as the authorities in Memphis, Tennessee, had put a curfew on beer and liquor sales and that at the same time this individual was in the checkout line, a highway patrolman came to the store and told him to cut off beer sales.

On 4/15/68 at Southaven, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA KENNETH P. HUGHES/pac Date dictated 4/19/68

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According to SEWELL, the patrolman advised him that the individuals in line could make their purchases but no other individuals would be allowed to purchase beer. SEWELL estimated the time at 3:30 p.m.

He stated that he recalled this incident as after this white male purchased the beer, he, SEWELL, had to request him to leave the store as he was "cursing" due to the fact that the beer sales had been cut off.

SEWELL stated that he had to tell this individual to leave the store.

SEWELL again stated that he believes this incident took place during the latter part of March, 1968, when the City of Memphis first experienced racial problems.

SEWELL stated that he had never seen this individual before and has not seen him since. He stated he did not see which way he turned when he left the store nor did he observe an automobile.

He stated that this individual vaguely resembled the artist's conception drawing from Birmingham.

SEWELL stated that he doubted he could recognize this individual if he saw him again.

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Located at the Southaven Minnow Shop, Highway 51, just south of the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi, were numerous six packs of Schlitz twelve-ounce beer in the pop-top can, held together in the six pack with a plastic ring, which beer was brewed by the date March 15, 1968. A can of this beer was obtained.

Also located in that minnow shop was a brown paper bag stamped "Homestead. Stubby. 20". One of the brown paper bags was obtained.

~~BILL~~ and JANE MC LAUGHLIN and their son WILLIE MC LAUGHLIN, the proprietors of that minnow shop, were all interviewed in this matter, and composite photographs of GALT exhibited to them with negative results. Neither they nor LAWRENCE PARKER, a frequent customer to the minnow shop, could identify GALT by photograph, nor did they recall an individual driving a white Mustang with an Alabama license purchasing a six pack of twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer from their minnow shop.

Mr. MC LAUGHLIN advised that GUS (last name unknown), a salesman for the Service Beverage Company of Clarksdale, Mississippi, delivers their beer to them, and that from his records, on April 1, 1968, he purchased 17 cases of twelve-ounce Schlitz pop-top beer; on April 10, eight cases; on April 11, six cases; and on April 15, 1968, two cases.

It was noted that the Southaven Minnow Shop is one-half mile south on Highway 51 from the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi and exactly three miles south of the Oliver Rexall Drug Store on Highway 51, Whitehaven, Memphis, Tennessee.

On 4/15/68 at Southaven, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

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LEW HOUSTON, Manager of Service Beverage, a Schlitz Beer Distributor, Clarksdale, Mississippi, advised that all their beer is brewed and sent to them from their Schlitz Brewery in Longview, Texas.

HOUSTON said that GUS THOMPSON is their truck salesman to the Southaven, Mississippi, area and does deliver Schlitz beer to the Southaven Minnow Shop in Southaven, Mississippi.

HOUSTON said on March 15, 1968, his company received 2100 cases of the twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer from their Longview, Texas, brewery and all of that beer has been distributed.

HOUSTON said that on March 20, 1968, his company was shipped 924 cases of that beer from Longview, Texas, and that he has 35 cases of that particular beer left, which was brewed at Longview on March 15, 1968, which date is recorded on the cans. HOUSTON said that this particular shipment was sent on March 15, 1968, from Longview to him.

HOUSTON said that therefore all Schlitz beer brewed at Longview, Texas, on March 15, 1968, was received by him on March 20, 1968, and that of the 924 cases received, he has 35 cases remaining. HOUSTON said that from his records, the Southaven Minnow Shop on March 21, 1968, received four cases of the twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer; on March 28, 1968, five cases; and on March 30, 1968, twelve cases. HOUSTON said that that beer received at the Southaven Minnow Shop would have been a portion of the beer brewed in Longview, Texas, on March 15, 1968, and received by him in Clarksdale on March 20, 1968.

On 4/17/68 at Clarksdale, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

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Mr. V. P. WAIT, Manager, Senatobia Tobacco Company, was interviewed concerning the distribution of a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" written on it, at which time WAIT furnished the following information:

WAIT advised that Senatobia Tobacco Company is a branch of Pettis Cigar Company and that they (Senatobia Tobacco) do handle a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" on it.

WAIT advised that the Southaven Minnow Shop, located on Route 51, adjacent to the Mississippi - Tennessee State Line, is the only store that is presently purchasing this bag. WAIT stated that the Southaven Minnow Shop has presently been purchasing about 250 of these bags every two weeks.

WAIT further advised that the Southaven Minnow Shop is the only store that is presently buying that particular bag in that area. WAIT stated that the "Market Place", located on Route 51, across from the Southaven Minnow Shop, had purchased this particular bag around Christmas of 1967, but this had only been a one time order.

WAIT advised that the closest store to the Southaven Minnow Shop that is presently using this particular bag is Treadways Grocery, which is in Cockrum, Mississippi, in the southern part of DeSoto County.

On 4/18/68 at SENATOBIA, MISSISSIPPI File # Jackson 157-9586
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Date 4/27/68

GROVER KINNY, Stock Manager, Pettis Company, Oxford, Mississippi, was contacted concerning the distribution of a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" written on it, at which time KINNY furnished the following information:

KINNY advised that Pettis Cigar Company buys a Number 20 brown paper bag bearing the name "Homestead Stubby" from the Graham Paper Company in Memphis.

KINNY advised that distribution to stores in the extreme northern part of Mississippi is handled by Senatobia Tobacco Company, in Senatobia, Mississippi, which is a branch of Pettis Cigar Company, and that specific information concerning the sale of this bag would have to be obtained from Senatobia Tobacco.

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Date April 29, 1968

The wanted flier on JAMES EARL RAY, Wanted Flier Number 442-A, was exhibited to BILL MC LAUGHLIN; his wife, Mrs. BILL MC LAUGHLIN; and his seventeen-year-old son, [REDACTED]

All advised that RAY is totally unknown to them and that they do not recall that individual purchasing a six-pack of twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer, while driving a white Mustang automobile with an Alabama license.

On 4/24/68 at Southaven, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JAMES W. SAMMON /blw Date dictated 4/27/68

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By communication dated April 17, 1968, the following items were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., by the Jackson FBI Office:

One empty Schlitz beer can, 12-ounce size, from Southaven Minnow Shop, Southaven, Mississippi;

One brown paper bag from Southaven Minnow Shop, Southaven, Mississippi.

By communication dated April 24, 1968, the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., furnished the following information:

Specimens received 4/19/68

K169 Empty Schlitz beer can, 12-ounce size, from Southaven
Minnow Shop

K170 Brown paper bag from Southaven Minnow Shop

Results of examination:

Marks appearing in the number impressions on the bottoms of K169 and the previously submitted Q53 can of beer were identified as having been made by the same number dies. The marks on the Q52 can of beer were not identified with K169 or Q53, possibly because the marks were not so deeply or completely impressed in Q52.

The K170 paper bag was found to be similar in all observable characteristics to the Q55 paper bag which was previously submitted.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673) (P)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/3/68

This is to advise that Identification Orders and Wanted Flyers regarding JAMES EARL RAY have been sent to the following Divisions of the New Orleans PD.

The 1st through 8th Districts,

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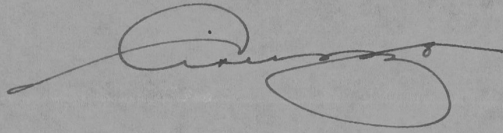
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Rogers Terminal & Shipping Corporation, Office 601, 535 Gravier Street (70130)
Ryan Stevedoring Company, Inc., P.O. Box 30220 (70130)
T. Smith & Son, Inc., P.O. Box 2690 (70116)
Smith & Johnson, Inc., 905 National Bank of Commerce Building (70112)
Southern Shipping Company, Inc., 1108 Carondelet Building (70130)
Southern Stevedoring Company, Inc., 2344 International Trade Mart (70130)
Standard Fruit & Steamship Company, P.O. Box 50830 (70150)
States Marine Lines, Inc., Room 810, 225 Baronne Street (70112)
Strachan Shipping Company, Inc., 1600 American Bank Building (70130)
Texas Transport & Terminal Co., Inc., 22nd Floor International Trade Mart (70130)
Texla Stevedores, Inc., 1220 Whitney Bank Building (70130)
Tipton Shipping Company, 712 Cotton Exchange Building (70130)
Jan C. Ulterwyk Company, Inc., 1300 International Trade Mart (70130)
United Fruit Company, P.O. Box 61150 (70160)
United States Stevedore Corporation, 611 Piety Street (70117)
Van Oosten & Company, Inc., 420 Gravier Building (70130)
Waterman Steamship Corporation, 708 Richards Building (70112)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/3/68

Re Memo of SA REED W. JENSEN 4/23/68 (serial 478), which relates to securing a mailing list covering Maritime industries in New Orleans.

On 4/30/68 Mr. MYLE, who is in charge of the Mailing Room for the New Orleans Port Authority, advised that his mailing list includes all steamship companies, freight forwarders, union members, barge lines, etc.

He would estimate that there would be possibly as many as three to four thousand persons on this mailing list. He stated there would be no cost in supplying to this Office the tabs containing the names and addresses of the individuals and companies.

Mr. RALPH HAY, of the Mailers and Printers, Inc., which places the tabs containing the names and addresses on the material, was contacted and related that the cost of putting these tabs on our IO's would be no more than \$10 per thousand. He could not give an exact cost on this.

On 4/30/68 Mr. S. GIALLANZA, of the New Orleans Steamship Association advises that he has a mailing list of approximately 40 steamship companies belonging to his association. He said he would make available this list to this Office for our use.

On 5/1/68 this list was received by SA CALLENDER and is attached to this memo.

On 4/30/68 inquiry was made at the Food and Drug Division of the State of Louisiana, Department of Health, Room 825, 325 Loyola Avenue. Mr. RONALD HINGLE, who is a food and drug officer, stated that his agency only has addressograph plates for about 40 per cent of all the bakeries and confectionary



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outlets in the State of Louisiana. He stated the list of agencies maintained are only those who, in the operation of their business, in some way are engaged in the wholesale end of the business.

He said his agency does not maintain a list of those bakeries who are engaged in strictly sales, but that such a list of retail bakeries could be located in the Health Department for each parish in Louisiana. He stated that as far as he knew his agency would cooperate if need be in addressing any identification orders on the addressograph plates and that if this was to be the case, we should contact Mr. LEO W. SPATH, who is director of the Food and Drug Division of the Louisiana State Department of Health.

As a result of the above, and because we do have a list of addresses for barber shops in Louisiana, the request has been submitted to the Bureau to furnish us with an additional 8,000 IO;s along with Bureau permission to circularize barber shops, bakeries and individuals and companies engaged in business through the Port of New Orleans.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/8/68

Mr. GENE STEWART, Security Officer, Delta Airlines, telephonically advised that RITA REHKOPF, a stewardess, appeared to have an emotional problem. He understood she had been in touch with this office and wanted to let us know,

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM PHOENIX (44-371) IP

MURKIN.

RE EL PASO TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY ONE LAST.

RE TELEPHONE BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO
NEW ORLEANS.

copy
ON MAY THREE INSTANT, RECORDS MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE CO.
PHOENIX, ARIZONA, REFLECT THE ONLY NEW ORLEANS CALL FROM PHONE
BOOTH IN REFERENCED EL PASO TEL FOR DEC. FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, AND
SEVENTEEN, WAS CALL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN MADE FROM
SEVEN SEVEN TWO ZERO SIX FOUR SIX IN EL PASO TO TWO EIGHT TWO
SEVEN FIVE NINE ONE, NEW ORLEANS. CALL LASTED TWO MINUTES.

NEW ORLEANS WILL DETERMINE LISTING OF PHONE ^{2 8 2} TWO EIGHT TWO
BEVEN AIRMINE ONE AND DETERMINE ANY CONNECTIONS WITH SUBJECT

L COPU TO MEMPHIS.

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Date: 5/4/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)(P)

MURKIN - *RE TELCALL FROM EL PASO NUMBER 28 7720646 TO NEW ORLEANS NUMBER 282-7591*
RE PHOENIX TEL TO DIRECTOR FIVE THREE LAST.
RE TELEPHONE BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES DECEMBER 16, 1967
TO NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS PHONE NO. TWO EIGHT TWO DASH SEVEN FIVE NINE ONE A NON-PUBLISHED NUMBER LISTED TO ARNOLD THOMAS, THREE FIVE TWO THREE, HAMBURG ST., NEW ORLEANS.

ON FIVE FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT ARNOLD AND ISABELLE THOMAS INTERVIEWED AND COULD NOT RECALL PHONE CALL FROM EL PASO, TEX., ON DEC, SIXTEEN, SIXTY-SEVEN. THOMAS AND WIFE BOTH NEGROES AND STATED THEIR SON HAD DIED IN LOS ANGELES ON DEC, ELEVEN, SIXTY-SEVEN, AND HIS BODY HAD BEEN CARRIED BY HIS BROTHER FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS ARRIVING NEW ORLEANS DEC. SEVENTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN. THOMAS STATED THIS CALL UNDOUBTEDLY FROM BROTHER TRANSPORTING BODY OF DECEASED SON.

New orls info contain no info ident with arnold thomas or

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Isabelle thomas.
new orleans location

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Approved: *JTS* Special Agent in Charge
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Am copies to me, P.H.E.P.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

FROM : SA P.M.KING

SUBJECT: MURKIN
LOOK ALIKE

DATE: 5/1/68

RE SER. 358.

On 4/20/68 HERMAN HASICH telephonically contacted the office and advised that while in the Chillicothe Reformatory in 1944-1945, he worked with an individual he thought was possibly RAY.

Investigation reflects that RAY never incarcerated at Chillicothe during this period of time. However, HASICH was telephonically contacted on 4/23 and appointment set up the following morning to meet HASICH at his residence, 2436 Music. Later on the evening of 4/23, Hasich's brother telephonically contacted the office and desired captioned Agent to get his brother out of jail. Hasich arrested by NOPD for Drunk and Disorderly. No such action taken. HASICH telephonically contacted the writer again on 4/25 stating that he desired the FBI to furnish him with a new hearing aid. HASICH was firmly but politely advised to the contrary. Further that a check of the records reflected that RAY not in jail with HASICH and that no further contact would be had with him.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (137-3372)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA ALBERT B. MILLER

CI SI R (Prob)

PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: ELIJAH BANNISTER,
PCI

Dates of Contact 4/25/68 (attempt), 4/30/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted
MURKIN 157-10673

Purpose and results of contact

- NEGATIVE
- POSITIVE
- STATISTIC

On 4/30/68, PCI was shown photos of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, with negative results. PCI examined these photos closely and stated he would continue to be on the alert for any information regarding RAY.

PCI commented he realizes the enormity of the crime (assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) and that he has seen suspect RAY's photograph on television.

PCI stated in the event he learns of anything at all which might be of assistance to the FBI, he will immediately advise.

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

Rating **VERY GOOD**

Coverage **General Intelligence & Negro matters**

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TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

At about 10:15 p.m., 5/2/68, Mr. CALVIN PLYLER, Bartow, W. Va., telephonically advised SA GEORGE A. PATTERSON that on 4/22/68 two white males in a 1961 or 1962 white Chevrolet Impala bearing Louisiana license, number unknown, purchased gas and tires in the amount of \$42.28 at PLYLER's Gulf Station in Bartow, using Gulf Credit Card # 13 12 68 15 52 in the name of S. G. STEINER, address not recalled in Louisiana. One of the men who was wearing cowboy hat and cowboy boots signed the purchase slip with the name, JAMES HANNONS. He stated he was from Oklahoma and had just arrived in the area to work with a core drilling outfit. PLYLER discovered that HANNONS left the area immediately after the purchase, and there are no drillers in the area. Also, this credit card had been cancelled about one week prior to 4/22/68.

On 5/2/68, PLYLER read in a newspaper that JAMES EARL RAY had an associate from New Orleans, La., named STEIN and similarities in names, STEIN and STEINER, caused him to conclude that HANNONS may have been RAY. He could not recall descriptions of the man with HANNONS, other than he was a white male with a "fat face." PLYLER said he recorded license number of the Chevrolet on the purchase slip, but no longer has record of the number as the slip has been forwarded to Gulf Oil Company Headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa. PLYLER also advised that information that the card had been cancelled came from Gulf headquarters in Houston, Texas.

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2 - Memphis
1 - Houston (Info)
1 - New Orleans (Info)
2 - Pittsburgh

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HOUSTON and NEW ORLEANS - INFORMATION

Information copies for Houston and New Orleans in the event investigation may be requested of these offices by Philadelphia.

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AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1. Contact Gulf Oil Corporation and ascertain identity of S. G. STEINER and JAMES HAMMONS; address of STEINER; and why Gulf Credit Card No. 13 12 68 15 52 was cancelled.
2. Obtain purchase slip, ascertain license number, and determine to whom license issued.
3. If this investigation does not eliminate possible connection with subject JAMES EARL RAY, investigation should be requested of New Orleans and Houston and purchase slip forwarded to FBI Laboratory for fingerprint examination.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re Memphis tel 9:55 a.m. 4/17/68 requesting investigation of licensed drivers having birth date _____

Inasmuch as this investigation was requested at a time when it was not known that ERIC GALT was merely an alias of JAMES EARL RAY, it was then believed pertinent; however, now that RAY has been identified, this lead is no longer of value and all offices conducting same should discontinue.

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- 2 - Albuquerque
- 2 - Atlanta
- 2 - Butte
- 2 - Denver
- 2 - Jackson
- 2 - Las Vegas
- 2 - Little Rock
- 2 - Milwaukee
- 2 - Minneapolis
- 2 - Mobile
- 2 - New Orleans
- 2 - Oklahoma City
- 2 - Philadelphia
- 2 - Phoenix
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- 2 - Sacramento
- 2 - San Antonio
- 2 - Seattle
- 2 - Memphis

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673) DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel 4/29/68 (serial 659).

The Bureau has instructed that all Offices having law enforcement agencies in their territories which maintain unidentified latent fingerprints in connection with matters under their jurisdiction, should immediately contact these agencies and request that the fingerprints of Subject JAMES EARL RAY, as set forth on the IO, be compared with latents obtained since his escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on 4/23/67.

This is for the purpose of possibly establishing RAY's past whereabouts and source of funds.

If not already done, each SRA should determine if there is any appropriate law enforcement agency in their RA territories which would meet the above criteria. If so, these law enforcement agencies should be contacted in line with Bureau instructions.

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1 - SA WARD (Lake Charles)
1 - SA SMALLWOOD (Lafayette)
1 - SA VAN PELT (DeRidder)
1 - SA KELLEY (Shreveport)
1 - SA DENT (Monroe)
1 - SA LITCHFIELD (Baton Rouge)
1 - SA GIST (Covington)
1 - SA LANCASTER (Alexandria)
1 - SA BOMBARDIER (Houma Road Trip)
1 - SA BROOKS (Upriver Road Trip)
1 - SA SHEARER (Plaquemines Road Trip)
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In addition, SA LITCHFIELD will contact the LSP at Baton Rouge.

Results of contacts should be set forth in a memo to the file, even if negative or even if there are no agencies in the RA meeting the above criteria. In reply please use serial 659 as part of the reference.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC *New Orleans (137-3102)* DATE: *5-1-68*

FROM : SA *William P. Brown* CI SI R (Prob)

PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: *No 1623-C*

Dates of Contact <i>4-30-68</i>	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
<i>Murkin</i>	<i>157-10673</i>
<i>Alan Simpson ITSP</i>	<i>87-14934</i>

Purpose and results of contact

NEGATIVE *Informant advised never seen*
 POSITIVE *James Earl Ray before.*
 STATISTIC

He advised that "Perry" Simpson had left his job at Wray Ford and that he did not know his current employment.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>	Coverage <i>Fug - WSTA</i>
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TO : SAC *New Orleans (137-2636)* DATE: *5-1-68*

FROM : SA *William P. Thomas* el SI R (Prob)

SUBJECT: *No 1416-C* PCI PSI R

Dates of Contact <i>4-30-68</i>	
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>Murkin</i> <i>157-10673</i>	
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC <i>Informant advised that photo of James Earl Ray unfamiliar to him.</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>
	Coverage <i>ITAR - AR</i>

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Memorandum

TO : SAC New Orleans (137-2964)

FROM : SA William P. Breaves

SUBJECT: NO 1509-C

DATE: 5-1-68

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- R (Prob)
- PCI
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Titles and File #s on which contacted		
Murtain		157-10673
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
Informant shown photo of James Earl Ray + advised never saw before.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage WSTA - 1TR

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Memorandum

TO : SAC , NEW ORLEANS (137-3127)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA MARTIN L. ONDREJKO

CI SI R (Prob)
 PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: VICTORIA P. FLEMING, aka

Dates of Contact	
4/1/68, 4/16/68, and 4/23/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
ALBERT LOUIS HAIN, JR., aka - FUGITIVE	NO 25-23873
OTTO PAUL SPADE, aka - FUGITIVE	NO 88-5158
CLENN R. MOORE, aka - FUGITIVE	NO 76-3414
EDWARD LANGER, aka - FUGITIVE	NO 76-3228
ROBERT CHARLES COLLINS, aka - FUGITIVE	NO 88-7184
ILLEGAL GAMBLING, FRENCH QUARTER, N.O., LA.	NO 66-2404
MURKIN	NO 157-10673
Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	
RE: 25-23873 88-5158 76-3414 76-3228 <u>88-7184</u>	
Informant was contacted re subjects in the above captioned cases and after viewing photos of these individuals, together with a photo of MARY COLLINS, wife of subject ROBERT CHARLES COLLINS, informant stated she is not familiar with any of these individuals either by name or photo.	
RE: <u>157-10673</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating EXCELLENT
	Coverage GENERAL CRIMINAL

Informant advised she would rather not furnish a photo of herself.

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- 1 - 25-23873 1 - 76-3228 ① - 157-10673
- 1 - 88-5158 1 - 88-7184 MLO:jah

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Quarter area of New Orleans, Louisiana, has been contacted with reference to JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt. Informant, whose bar caters to large numbers of hippies in the French Quarter area, stated that RAY is not known to her either by name or photo. She further advised that she is unfamiliar with the name Eric Starvo Galt and stated that she has heard no positive information from the "hippie circles" as to RAY or Galt being known to any of the individuals who frequent her bar.

RE: 66-2404

ILLEGAL GAMBLING AT BONAPARTE'S RETREAT BAR

Informant was contacted on 4/16/68, and advised that the Bonaparte's Retreat Bar, located on Decatur Street, across from the French Market, has had illegal gambling going on in one of the back rooms. Informant stated that a woman by the name of LENA (LNU) runs the bar and various patrons have been participating in card games involving high stakes. She advised that this has been taking place in one or more of the six rooms located in the rear of the bar and on the second floor of same. The above information was furnished to Lt. FRED SOULE, Vice Squad, New Orleans Police Department, on 4/16/68. SOULE advised he has had other information with reference to illegal gambling involving Bonaparte's Retreat and stated that this information has come to his attention through undercover agent sources working in the French Quarter area of New Orleans. SOULE further advised that a New Orleans Police Department Vice Squad raid is planned for the near future on Bonaparte's Retreat.

ILLEGAL GAMBLING AT THE ANNEX BAR

On 4/29/68, informant advised that illegal gambling is presently taking place at the Annex Bar, located in the 700 block of St. Peter Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. She advised that there is some card playing going on there along with a bookmaking operation. Informant stated that the information she has received indicates that the bookmaking taking place is on the local level. She advised that the

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Annex Bar is owned and operated by an individual known as (FNU) WHITE, who is a school teacher in New Orleans, and runs the Annex Bar to supplement his school teacher's pay. Informant further stated that the talk around the Quarter is that the policeman on that beat is taking a "payoff" to keep his mouth shut about the illegal activities that are taking place.

The above information was furnished to Lt. FRED SOULE, Vice Squad, New Orleans Police Department, on April 29, 1968, and is presently under active undercover investigation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC *New Orleans (137-3140)*

DATE: *5-1-68*

FROM : SA *William P. Greaves*

CI SI R (Prob)

PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: *Mae DeGraffenreid*

Dates of Contact <i>5-1-68</i>	
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>Murkin</i> <i>157-10673</i>	

Purpose and results of contact

NEGATIVE *PCI advised photo of James Earl Ray unfamiliar to her.*
 POSITIVE
 STATISTIC

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>	Coverage <i>ITSP - Full</i>
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PCI has shown no indication of emotional instability, unreliability, or furnishing of false information

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Memorandum

TO : SAC *New Orleans (137-3141)*

DATE: *5-1-68*

FROM : SA *William P. Greaves*

CI SI R (Prob)
 PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: *D. A. Kelly*

Dates of Contact <i>5-1-68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>Martin</i>		<i>157-10673</i>
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	<i>PCI displayed photo of James Earl Ray and stated unfamiliar to him.</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>	Coverage <i>Full</i>

PCI has shown no indication of emotional instability, unreliability, or of furnishing false information.

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Date: MAY 3, 1968

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, (44-38861)
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE: LETTER SIGNED BILLY BOB DAVID AND
~~XXXXXXXX~~
ASSOCIATES TURNED INTO MONROE, LA.
POLICE DEPARTMENT JUNE TWENTY TWO
NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE.

~~WILLIAM R. DAVID, DALE TAYLOR, G.E. JOHNSON, DICKIE
MC INTOSH AND KENT HALE~~ HAVE ALL BEEN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.
THEY ALL STILL RESIDE IN AREA OF CALHOUN, LA. THEY ALL ADVISE
THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION ~~WHATEVER~~ WHATEVER RELATIVE TO THE
MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. THEY STATED THAT THE LETTER
WRITTEN , BUT NOT MAILED, IN NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE WAS MERELY
A PRANK OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WAS NEVER INTENDED AS A
THREAT AGAINST AGAINST THE PRESIDENT OR MARTIN LUTHER KING.
THEY ALL DENIED EVER BEING ASSOCIATED WITH ANY KLAN OR HATE
~~BY~~ TYPE ORGANIZATION. WHEREABOUTS OF ABOVE PERSONS FOR
THE PERIOD OF APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT ACCOUNTED FOR.
THEY ALL ADVISE THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS UNKNOWN TO THEM,

RE: CONTACTS WITH MOTELS LOCATED
ALONG TULANE AVE. NEW ORLEANS

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Date:

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

INASMUCH AS IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT JAMES EARL RAY WAS IN NEW ORLEANS PROBABLY ON THE EVENING OF MARCH TWENTY ONE SIXTY EIGHT, MOTELS LOCATED ALONG TULANE AVE WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF NEW ORLEANS WERE CONTACTED. MOTEL RECORDS CHECKED AND CONTAINED NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME OR KNOWN ALIASES. PERIOD CHECKED WAS FROM MARCH SEVENTEEN THRU TWENTY FOUR SIXTY EIGHT.

RE: CONTACT IN RESIDENTIAL AREA'S
KNOWN TO BE FREQUENTED BY HIPPIES.

CONTACTS IN ABOVE AREAS IN LOUISIANA BEING CONTINUED AND TO DATE CONTACTS REGARDING JAMES ~~REX~~ EARL RAY IN THESE AREAS HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE.

RE: INFORMANT CONTACTS

TO DATE CONTACTS WITH CRIMINAL AND APPROPRIATE SECURITY AND RACIAL INFORMANTS HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE IN REGARDS TO RAY. CONTACTS CONTINUING.

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INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS CONTINUING . ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Subject E. P. Carmichael

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