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1/19/68 - Terminated - 721-2027

Cleo P. Snipes

3009 Huntsville - Kenner -

Painter - 1 yr - 25 W. Johnson

conn - 4/10/63

Cleo Snipes - same address - 721-6928 -

888-7744 - Walton C. Hall Jr.

5911 Caroline Hwy - Apt 58

conn 5/18/66

Texas Automatic Sprinkler Co -

887-0105 - 8 yrs -

pipe fitter -

888-0404 - Richard Rod

1604 David Dr - met.

conn - 2/25/58

billed to Mr Joan L. Rod

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0465 - Alma Stewart
1207 Belleville

comm - 10/26/61 -

Stewart Barber shop -
over - bus

3374 - Lucille Leno
1801 Opelousas - apt B

Clairborne Tower - 525 - 9721

comm 9/9/65

4360 - J.A. Lyons ✓ 100-14489-1
6011 A Martin Ct - Delton

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Foreman - 3 yrs -

comm 10/16/60

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Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Remyairtel, 5/2/68.

Enclosed with reairtel was a list of approximately 300 calls made, 12/15-17/67, Houston Division to Louisiana. These numbers were obtained through equipment programmed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Set forth in this airtel are an additional 75 phone calls, 12/15-17/67, Houston to Louisiana which were obtained by a physical review of telephone records by agents of the Houston Division.

New Orleans should have each call checked out.

DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8358	504-282-6540	New Orleans
12/16/67	835-9094 Beaumont	504-8999-4323	New Orleans
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9725	318-439-8584	Lake Charles

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/15/67	Houston 682-9208	318-433-9279	Lake Charles
12/17/67	Houston 682-9102	318-433-8125	"
12/15/67	Orange 886-9907	318-477-9568	Lake Charles
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8194	318-433-2857	"
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8194	318-436-1275	"
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8098	318-477-0207	"
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8140	318-433-8445	"
"	"	"	"
12/16/67	Vidor 679-9103	318-436-6693	Lake Charles
12/16/67	Vidor 769-9103	318-477-4226	"
12/16/67	Vidor 769-9104	318-439-9328	"
12/16/67	Houston 673-9557	318-433-2620	"
12/16/67	Houston 673-9557	318-433-3273	"
12/16/67	Houston 673-9557	318-433-2620	"
12/17/67	468-9039 Houston	318-477-0616	Lake Charles
12/16/67	Orange 886-9708	318-436-2505	"

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8334	318-433-3724	Lake Charles
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8351	318-436-0494	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9369	318-433-5103	"
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9292	318-882-1916	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9243	318-433-8445	"
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9040	318-439-9031	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9094	318-477-4586	"
12/16/67	Houston 468-9857	318-235-3161	LaFayette, Louisiana
12/17/67	673-9008 Houston	318-235-0908	"
12/15/67	Houston 468-9032	318-232-7113	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8347	318-235-8325	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9243	318-942-6835	Opelousas
12/17/67	Houston 673-9112	318-948-8857	"
12/16/67	Houston 673-9557	318-948-8153	"

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8264	318-948-1613	Opelousas
12/16/67	Orange 886-9954	318-589-6207	Vinton
12/15/67	Orange 886-9900	318-589-7748	Vinton
12/15/67	886-9844 Orange	318-589-7682	Vinton
12/16/67	Orange 886-9844	318-589-7682	"
12/16/67	886-9714 Orange	318-589-7592	Vinton
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9700	504-388-3298	Baton Rouge
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9631	504-355-0013	"
12/16/67 (Four calls same date)	Beaumont 892-9920	504-921-2744	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8111	318-335-9050	Oakdale
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9208	318-335-9056	"
12/15/67	Vidor 769-9103	318-239-6602	Leesville
12/16/67	886-9750 Orange	318-578-2315	Leesville
12/17/67	Orange 886-9989	318-527-3477	Sulphur
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8275	318-625-3723	Sulphur
12/15/67	Vidor 769-9103	318-457-9175	Eunice

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/15/67	Houston 468-9156	318-457-5869	Eunice
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8347	318-824-2443	Jennings
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9319	318-824-1445	Jennings
12/15/67	Houston 673-9979	318-635-5974	Shreveport
12/17/67	Houston 468-9009	318-686-6338	"
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9522	318-872-4056	Mansfield
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9658	318-363-3598	Ville Platt
12/17/67	Houston 673-9050	318-247-8851	<u>Grmnsimbo</u>
12/15/67	Houston 468-9182	504-386-3576	Ponchatola
12/17/67	Houston 683-9332	318-292-6387	Marion
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8051	318-256-5372	Many
12/17/67	886-9873 Orange	318-256-3767	Many
12/17/67	Houston 682-9059	318-922-3731	Plaucheville
12/15/67	Orange 886-9777	318-743-5370	Starks
12/17/67	Houston 673-9076	318-783-5208	Crowley

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/17/67	Houston 673-9501	318-377-0160	Minden
12/17/67	Orange 886-9727	318-684-2435	Church Point
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8111	318-634-7297	Elizabeth
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8027	318-786-3231	DeQuincy
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8127	318-786-4131	"
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8104	318-725-3277	Ragley
12/17/67	Orange 886-9754	318-334-5524	Rayne
12/16/67	Orange 886-9900	318-442-3547	Alexandria
12/15/67	452-9133 Houston	318-893-2363	Abbeville
12/17/67	Houston 468-9898	318-325-1726	Monroe
12/16/67	Houston 673-9407	318-777-3588	Dubach
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8070	504-257-3148	White Castle
12/16/67	Vidor 769-9136	318- 697-4840	Logansport

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReWFOairtel 5/2/68.

On 5/6/68, IRMA MOTE, J. Ray McDermott and Co., Inc., Houston Club Building, advised as follows:

The McDermott Co., office and operation, Houston, is part of the oil division and is a domestic operation.

The International Division of McDermott is at New Orleans.

New Orleans handle lead, re airtel.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- ② - New Orleans (157-10673)
- 1 - Albuquerque (Info)
- 1 - WFO (Info)
- 1 - Houston

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA RICHARD A. SMALLWOOD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/8/68

Re memo of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 5/3/68.

On 5/7/68, Lt. HUEY P. KIRSCH of the Lafayette PD advised that the department had no cases in which latents were obtained and unidentified.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (170-187)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA William E. Dent, Jr.

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☒ R

SUBJECT: NO 1384-R

Dates of Contact 4/17 & 4/24/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
105-687	UKAOL: RM	
157-10673	MURKIN	
Purpose and results of contact		
☐ NEGATIVE ☒ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
See FD-306's in 170-187-A.		
Re 157-10673, RI advised on 4/24/68 that he had no knowledge of the murder of King and did not know or recognize the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage RM
No personal weaknesses noted.		

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673) DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

For the information of all Agents, information has been received that allegedly JAMES EARL RAY is now driving a white Chevrolet Camaro and has in his possession a submachine gun.

RAY has also allegedly, subsequent to the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., been in contact with an ex-convict with whom RAY served time in the Missouri State Prison. This ex-convict resides in St. Louis and alleges that on one occasion since the shooting he was telephonically contacted by RAY from North Carolina and also New Orleans, at which time RAY indicated he had plenty of money.

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② - 157-10673
1 - Each Agent
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/8/68

C. L. McGOWAN of the Bureau at 6:00 p.m., 5/7/68, telephonically advised we should give immediate preferential treatment to all telephone numbers that were called from Texas to New Orleans.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-1181)

DATE: 4-22-68

FROM : SA L. M. SHEARER, JR.

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: NO 1188-C

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4-19-68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		173-10673
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating excellent	Coverage burglars-fugitives

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① - 173-10673

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9:45PM URGENT 5-8-68 NLB

TO NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY THREE, LAST; NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY FOUR, LAST; AND NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES MAY SEVEN LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT ONE FIVE ZERO EAST ONE ONE PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., TO LOCATE ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR. DISCLOSED THIS NON-EXISTENT ADDRESS.

INVESTIGATION THIS DATE AT ONE FIVE ZERO EAST ONE ONE ONE PLACE, LOS ANGELES, DISCLOSED THIS ADDRESS OF JOHNNIE HAMM WHO HAS RESIDED THERE FOR PAST THREE YEARS.

NEW ORLEANS SHOULD RE-CONTACT ARNOLD AND ISABELLE THOMAS, THREE FIVE TWO THREE HAMBURG ST., NEW ORLEANS, TO ASCERTAIN CORRECT ADDRESS FOR ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR.

AIR MAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, PHOENIX AND EL PASO.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana
May 8, 1968

James Earl Ray;
Dr. Martin Luther King - Victim

Investigation in this matter has determined that James Earl Ray registered under the name Eric S. Galt in room 126 at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 17, 1967, and checked out of the motel on December 19, 1967. At this time Ray was driving a white Mustang automobile bearing Alabama license 1-38993 and, according to the motel registration card, listed his home address as 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

According to the motel registration cards, an individual by the name of Marcia Josefa Moya DeGiro registered in room 103 at the Provincial Motel on December 19, 1967, and indicated there were two in her party. The registration card lists this person's address as Calle 5f AN; 48-31, Medellin, Colombia.

Another motel registration card indicated that an individual by the name of Maria Mercedes Botero registered in room 101 at the motel on December 19, 1967, and indicated there were three in her party. The motel registration card lists this person's address as Carrena 43; 54-53, Medellin, Colombia.

There are attached to this memorandum photographs of James Earl Ray.

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

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2 - Memphis
② - New Orleans (157-10673)
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TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Rerep SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 4/29/68 at
New Orleans.

The Bureau's attention is referred to pages 19 through 24 of rerep, which sets forth the identities of persons registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, La., from 12/17-19/67. Investigation has determined that JAMES EARL RAY stayed at this motel from 12/17-19/67 in room 126 under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

For the information of the Bureau, a previous communication has been sent to all Offices covering areas in which the persons listed on pages 19 through 24 reside, to locate these persons and exhibit photograph of JAMES EARL RAY for any information.

It is noted that on page 21 of rerep and on page 22 of rerep there are individuals who list their address as Colombia.

Inasmuch as the Bureau does not have a Legat covering the country of Colombia, there are enclosed eight copies of a letterhead memorandum to which are attached photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. The Bureau is requested to transmit sufficient

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2 - Memphis (Enc. 2)
2 - New Orleans

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copies of the letterhead memorandum to the State Department with the request that they locate the individuals mentioned in the letterhead memorandum and exhibit photographs of RAY to determine if these individuals recall RAY at the motel or had any contact with RAY or can provide any information about RAY and his activities.

Two copies of the letterhead memorandum are furnished to Memphis.

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Date: May 7, 1968

Transmit the following in _____
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To: All SACs and LEGATs
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

The Bureau has designated Memphis as office of origin in this case.

You were previously advised that leads in this Top Ten Fugitive case must be handled within 24 hours. The Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Springfield Offices are to prepare the results of their investigation to date in report form, not as an insert. At such time as the amount of investigation in these field offices does not appear to warrant individual reports, advise the Bureau and office of origin that inserts being prepared in future in lieu of reports, UACB.

All other offices will record the results in appropriate form and transmit 15 copies of each to the office of origin for inclusion in reports submitted by the Memphis Office. Should investigation increase in any such area warranting submission of individual report, do so and advise the Bureau and Memphis.

LEGATs are to submit results of investigation which can be disseminated in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination. Any administrative data which cannot be disseminated is to be set forth in the administrative section of your transmittal communication. Look-alikes and other leads resolved and reported by cablegram or other communication need not be rereported as copies of these communications are being forwarded office of origin by the Bureau for administrative handling of the case.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (170-233)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA William E. Dent, Jr.

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

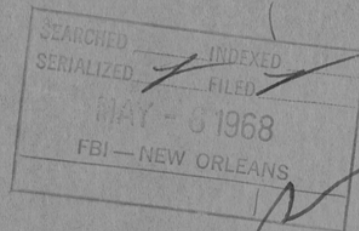
SUBJECT: NO 1462-R(PROB)

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Dates of Contact 4/18 & 4/25/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
157-8142	WKKKKOL; RM	
157-10673	MURKIN	
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE re 157-10673 & 157-8142.		
☐ POSITIVE		
☐ STATISTIC		
Re: 157-8142 - RI advised that he is still in slight contact with WKKKKOL leaders and intends to return to meeting with the group at the appropriate time in the near future. Due to the circumstances of his disagreement with them he feels that it is best to wait a short time longer.		
Re: 157-10673 - RI advises he has no information re the murder of King and does not know or recognize the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as anyone he has ever seen.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating very good	Coverage RM
No personal weaknesses noted.		

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(1) - 157-10673 (MURKIN))



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Date:

Transmit the following in _____
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Via _____
(Priority)

PAGE TWO

THE REVIEW OF THE TELEPHONE CO. RECORDS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED
WITH FULL SECURITY AND THE BUREAU'S INTEREST WILL BE
PROTECTED.

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

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Date: 5/9/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE: LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM
PAY PHONES LOCATED IN HOUSTON DIVISION
TO LOUISIANA

IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER, THE HOUSTON DIVISION HAS FURNISHED A LIST OF LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS MADE FROM PAY PHONES LOCATED ALONG INTERSTATE TEN AND RT. NINETY WITHIN THEIR DIVISION FOR DEC. FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN LAST. THESE ARE LONG DISTANCE CALLS PLACED TO LOUISIANA AND IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT SEVERAL OF THESE CALLS WERE PLACED TO NON-PUBLISHED PHONES IN NEW ORLEANS.

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CO., NEW ORLEANS, REQUIRES A SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM BE SERVED ON THEM BEFORE THEY WILL FURNISH THE IDENTITIES OF THE SUBSCRIBERS OF THE NON-PUBLISHED TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

BUREAU AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN THE IDENTITIES OF THE SUBSCRIBERS BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY SUBPOENA.

① - New Orleans

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1575)
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN.

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY THREE, LAST, NEW
ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY FOUR, LAST AND LOS ANGELES
TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS MAY EIGHT, LAST.

~~ARNOLD AND ISABELLE THOMAS~~, THREE FIVE TWO THREE HAMBURG
STREET, NEW ORLEANS, ADVISED THEIR SON, ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR.,
RESIDES ONE FIVE ZERO EAST ONE ONE SIX PLACE, LOS ANGELES,
CALIF., ZIP CODE NINE ZERO ZERO SIX ONE. THOMAS ADVISED HIS
OTHER SON, CHARLES THOMAS, RESIDES FIVE ONE FIVE ZERO SOUTH
GRAMERCY PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., ZIP CODE NINE ZERO ZERO
FOUR SEVEN, TELEPHONE THREE NINE FOUR - NINE NINE NINE ONE.

LOS ANGELES WILL INTERVIEW THOMAS, VERIFY PHONE CALL FROM
EL PASO TO NEW ORLEANS, AND SHOW PICTURES OF SUBJECT RAY TO
DETERMINE IF THOMAS HAS EVER SEEN THIS INDIVIDUAL BEFORE.

AIRMAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, PHOENIX AND EL PASO.

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1 - Memphis
1 - El Paso
1 - Phoenix

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(4) Special Agent in Charge

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—AP WIREPHOTO.
JAMES EARL RAY
Latest photo of slay suspect.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : JOSEPH L. COLEMAN
Complaint Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/9/68

At 9:00 a.m., 5/9/68, GEORGE RICHARD GRACIN, 1127 Saux Lane, Algiers, La., Tel. # 361-0914, personally appeared at the New Orleans FBI Office. He furnished the following:

GRACIN is a Negro male, born [redacted] in New Orleans, La. He is employed with Southern Pacific Railroad as a train porter.

GRACIN saw a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in "The Times-Picayune" newspaper on 5/8/68, which was reported to be the "latest photo of slay suspect."

An unknown man who looks identical to the latest published photo of RAY was a passenger on Southern Pacific Train # 2 en route from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans, which arrived in New Orleans on Saturday during the early part of April, 1968, and which Saturday was on an "even-numbered" date in April. The day on which the train arrived in New Orleans was shortly after the murder of Dr. KING. GRACIN is not sure, but he believes date of arrival of train was 4/6/68.

GRACIN boarded the above train in Lafayette, La., and began work. On the train, GRACIN and the above-mentioned man got into conversation with each other. The man told GRACIN he wanted to go to the Roof Garden Club on Monroe Street, off Bringier Street, Algiers - Gretna, La., near Jefferson Parish and Orleans Parish line. The man asked GRACIN how he could get to the Roof Garden by public transportation since the man had insufficient funds to hire a cab. During the conversation, GRACIN commented he lived in Algiers, and the man asked GRACIN if he would give him a ride to the Roof Garden. After thinking about it, GRACIN told the man he would give him a ride. The man was to wait for GRACIN in the train terminal in New Orleans.

After train arrived in New Orleans and GRACIN had completed his duties, he (GRACIN) went into the terminal to look for the man. GRACIN looked all over the terminal but



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could not see the man. About the time GRACIN decided the man had not waited for him and GRACIN was about to leave, the man came up behind GRACIN and asked GRACIN if he was ready to go. GRACIN does not know where the man could possibly have been in the terminal since he looked all over it for the man.

While going over the Miss. River Bridge, the man began talking about the racial situation in the U. S. and he mentioned the KING murder case. The man commented that he "was sorry Dr. KING was murdered." The man continued and expressed the view that Negroes would never be on the same level as white people and that Negroes had insufficient education and training to reach that level. The man said he believed KING and other leaders of civil rights were fighting a losing battle. During his comments the man used the words, "Let's face it." When the man saw that his comments "angered" GRACIN, the man immediately changed the subject.

Just as GRACIN was leaving the Bridge, the man said he was not going to the Reef Garden but was going to visit his sister, who he said lived in the 400 block of Franklin Avenue, Gretna, La. GRACIN took the man to a house in the 400 block of Franklin Avenue, Gretna, where the man got out of GRACIN's car. GRACIN does not recall the exact address, but he said he could point out the house if necessary. They arrived at the house at approximately 9 p.m., and the house was dark.

The man never gave GRACIN his name. The man said he had come from Los Angeles. GRACIN described the man as a white male, in late 30's or early 40's, 5'8" - 5'10", 180 pounds or more, dark hair, wore blue or black beret cocked on left side of head, wore sport clothes--light sport shirt and light trousers. The man appeared to be traveling alone. The man carried a small suitcase--approximately 30" x 14" x 5" in size. The man did not smoke and he definitely did not have a Southern drawl.

GRACIN stated he has seen the published photographs of RAY and they have all looked familiar to him but he was not able to place where he had seen the man until he saw the picture on 5/8/68.

GRACIN advised that JOSEPH FOOTES, employed as a porter at the New Orleans Train Terminal saw the above-mentioned man. GRACIN said FOOTES lives on Iberville Street, New Orleans, exact address unknown. FOOTES was also on the train on which the man arrived.

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GRACIN advised that it takes Southern Pacific Train # 2 forty-four (44) hours to come from Los Angeles to New Orleans. He said the train which arrives in New Orleans on Saturday leaves Los Angeles between 8 and 9 p.m. the previous Thursday.

GRACIN stated that, if he is correct in that the date of the arrival of the train in New Orleans was 4/6/68, and if the man had ridden the train from Los Angeles, the man would have had to boarded the train in Los Angeles between 8 and 9 p.m., 4/4/68.

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TO NEW ORLEANS 157-10673
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

REURTEL INSTANT.

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] TELEPHONE RECORDS, THE REVIEW OF
WHICH SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH FULL SECURITY AND THE
BUREAU'S INTEREST FULLY PROTECTED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA RICHARD A. SMALLWOOD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/8/68

Re memo of SA LESTER G. DAVID dated 4/22/68.

Inquiry was made of the Lafayette PD as indicated in re memo, and Lt. HUEY P. KIRSCH advised on 4/23/68, that the department had no cases in which latents were obtained and unidentified.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (137-3210)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA CHRISTOPHER MAZZELLA

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: NO 1626-C

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Dates of Contact	
5/2/68 by SA CHRISTOPHER MAZZELLA and SA ALBERT B. MILLER	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
EDWARD COCHRAN	NO 162-814
FRANK B. HOUDEC	NO 162-787
MRS. CLAIR M. MAITRE	NO 162-785
MRS. GERA LOU MELARINE	NO 162-784
WILLIAM J. NUCKLEY	NO 162-791
(CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)	
Purpose and results of contact	
☐ NEGATIVE	
☒ POSITIVE	
☐ STATISTIC	
RE: 162-814, 162-787, 162-785, 162-784, 162-791, 165-789, 165-528, 162-801, and 162-792	
Subjects of above mentioned cases were discussed with informant. CI indicated that these individuals were unknown to him as big time gamblers and consequently did not believe them to be involved in the use of interstate gambling facilities.	
RE: <u>31-8324</u>	
Informant stated he was not acquainted with CHRISTINE ANN GIBSON.	
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating EXCELLENT
Coverage 162's, 165's, 92's, 31's, 157, 88	
1 - 137-3210	1 - 162-792 (do not file)
1 - 162-814 (do not file)	1 - 31-8324
1 - 162-787 (do not file)	1 - 31-8414
1 - 162-785 (do not file)	1 - 92-225
1 - 162-784 (do not file)	1 - 162-800
1 - 162-791 (do not file)	1 - 88-8165 (do not file)
1 - 165-789 (do not file)	1 - 157-10673
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Titles and File #s on which contacted (continued)

SALVADOR P. ODDO	NO 165-789
PETER PERINO	NO 92-225
UNSUB, COZY CORNER LOUNGE	NO 162-800
CHRISTINE ANN GIBSON	NO 31-8324
CARROLL WELDON GATES, ET AL	NO 31-8414
MISS CHRIS WELLS	NO 165-528
GEORGE EDWARD WELLS	NO 88-8165
WILLIAM T. HOLLAND	NO 162-801
JAMES EARL RAY	NO 157-10673
ALVIN JOHN LANGSFORD	NO 162-792

RE: 31-8414

Photographs of CARROLL GATES, FRANCIS WILSON, aka VICK, FRANCIS ROOD were shown to the informant with negative results. Informant stated that he did not know the name JAMES BROWN, aka SLICK. Pertinent bars and motels were discussed with the informant, but he had no information of value concerning them.

RE: 92-225

CI indicated that even though the Fair Grounds Race Track has closed, betting continues to flourish at Perino's Restaurant and Bar. CI stated that PETER PERINO is involved in taking of horse race action and appears to be doing a profitable gambling business.

RE: 162-800

CI advised that IRIS who is employed as a barmaid is still taking race horse bets from customers and relaying these bets to an unknown local by the use of a black phone located behind the bar. CI stated that he would attempt to obtain the telephone number for this telephone.

NO 137-3210

RE: 88-8165

Subject of this case was discussed with CI and CI indicated that this individual is unknown to him.

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Informant stated that he is not acquainted with and has no information concerning subject.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Pittsburgh airtel, 5/3/68. To PHILADELPHIA

Enclosed for Oklahoma City is a copy of reairtel.

On 5/8/68, JIM ABSHIER, Agent in Charge, Security Division, Gulf Oil Corporation (former Special Agent), Houston, advised as follows:

Gulf Credit Card No. 1312681552 is issued to a JAMES W. HAMMONS, Route 1, Antler, Oklahoma.

The purchase referred to in reairtel at Bartow, West Virginia on 4/22/68 was utilized for a 1962 white Chevrolet, Louisiana license 9H067. The purchase invoice for this purchase has been submitted by the dealer, KELTON PLYER, Bartown, West Virginia to Gulf Oil Corporation office at Philadelphia and is in the process of being forwarded to Houston, Gulf Oil Corporation Central Office for processing.

JIM ABSHIER advised that the reason for a "stop" being placed on the credit card of JAMES W. HAMMONS, Card No. 1312681552 is because of the similarity in HAMMONS' name with that of a person named HAMMER who is also from

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Antler, Oklahoma. ABSHIER stated that Gulf Oil Corporation is confronted with an extensive credit card ring operating out of Antler, Oklahoma area and one of the persons using the card in this ring is a person named HAMMER. In view of the similarity of the names HAMMER and HAMMONS, both being from Antler, Oklahoma, a stop was placed against HAMMONS' card.

Regarding the name S.G. STEINER, JIM ABSHIER advised as follows:

Gulf Oil Corporation has in its employ an S.G. STEINER who is the credit manager of the Gulf Oil Corporation Credit Office at Philadelphia, Pa. The above referred to KELVIN PLYER, Gulf dealer, Bartow, West Virginia, refers his credit invoices for purchases to the Philadelphia Office of Gulf Oil Corporation and it would appear that because of this process PLYER has confused the name of STEINER and the purchase made by JAMES HAMMONS.

It would appear that S.G. STEINER is in no way involved in this matter.

LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT ANTLER, OKLA.

Will verify the identity of JAMES W. HAMMONS, purpose being to eliminate him as a suspect in captioned investigation.

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AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Will through automobile registration, Louisiana, determine or verify issuance of Louisiana license 9H067, supposedly issued to JAMES W. HAMMONS for a 1962 white Chevrolet.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

T-7013 Federal Building
701 Loyola Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70150
May 8, 1968

TO ALL NEWSPAPERS IN LOUISIANA

RE: JAMES EARL RAY
I.O. 4182

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a mat and a proof concerning JAMES EARL RAY who is wanted in connection with the gunshot slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this highly dangerous fugitive. Any publicity you can afford this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Rightmyer
R. E. RIGHTMYER
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures - 2

- 1: Each Newspaper in La.
- 2: New Orleans (1: 88-2134-407-d)
(1: 157-10673)

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JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee, sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Top Ten" list to insure widespread dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to speed his location.

Ray has been intensively sought since the murder of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices were posted, determined that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias of Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen. Ray, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful flight to avoid confinement for robbery. His long criminal record also includes convictions for burglary and forging U.S. Postal Money Orders.

A white American, born in Alton, Illinois, on March 10, 1928, Ray is 5'10" tall, weighs 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably. Known as a "loner" and "drifter," Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.



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Cecil M. Shilstone
Information Concerning

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On May 6, 1968, Mr. Charles I. Denechaud, Jr., an attorney located at 1412 Pere Marquette Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, appeared at the New Orleans Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, along with Mr. Cecil M. Shilstone. Mr. Denechaud stated he has represented Mr. Shilstone for many years and that Mr. Shilstone was insistent upon coming to the New Orleans Office of the FBI to provide certain information.

Mr. Shilstone stated he is president of the Shilstone Testing Laboratory, Inc., as well as president of the Shilstone and Associates, located at 814 Conti Street in New Orleans. He stated that in the past he has had an association with District Attorney Jim Garrison in regards to Garrison's probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He said this association with Garrison was strictly to give financial support to Garrison's investigation. Mr. Shilstone said that at the inception of Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy and prior to the time that Clay Shaw was arrested, Garrison needed money to conduct his inquiry. As a result, Garrison contacted Shilstone, as well as Willard Robertson and Charles Rauch (phonetic), requesting contributions. He said these three individuals, as well as others, whom he did not name, contributed money to Garrison and had formed a group known as "Truth and Consequences."

Mr. Shilstone stated his purpose in appearing at the New Orleans Office of the FBI was that in the past day or so individuals had told him there was a rumor going around New Orleans that Shilstone is the New Orleans industrialist and

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"political killer" referred to in the New Orleans newspapers a week or so ago in connection with the murder of Martin Luther King. Shilstone stated he had read these articles in the New Orleans papers and that he had no idea as to how these rumors got started. He said the following individuals were personal friends of his and had contacted him and had told him about the rumors:

Harry Batt, owner and operator of Pontchartrain Beach Amusement Park

Louis Roussel, a New Orleans financier

Clem Sebrt, President of the National American Bank in New Orleans

A New Orleans physician whom he did not wish to identify

Mr. Shilstone stated that in the past he has been a political ally of Governor John McKeithen, Governor of Louisiana, and had contributed to the Governor's campaign and had, in fact, "master-minded" the Governor's re-election for a second term.

Mr. Denechaud stated that about a week ago he was informed by Carlos Chimera, who is the operator of the Pere Marquette Garage, that Chimera had been informed by Joseph Dinos that rumors were circulating that the person referred to in the newspapers as the New Orleans industrialist was Cecil Shilstone.

Mr. Shilstone stated he had no information in regards to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and that when the various people had told him about these rumors, he informed them there was nothing to these rumors. Mr. Shilstone stated he had not attempted to ascertain the source of the rumors. Mr. Shilstone related that he was concerned that these rumors

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about him, if they became generally known, might cause some Negro militant to shoot him.

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Date: 5/8/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, New Orleans
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)
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(NOfile: 157-10673)(P)

Assassination of President
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
Dallas, Texas, 11/22/63,
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING
(OO: Dallas)
(Bufile: 62-109060)
(NOfile: 89-69)

Enclosed for the Bureau are a total of 16 copies of a letterhead memorandum which is self-explanatory. Eight copies of the letterhead memorandum are being designated for Bureau file 44-38861, as information contained therein is in regards to MURKIN. An additional eight copies of this letterhead memorandum are being designated for Bureau file 62-109060, inasmuch as there is also information contained therein relating to the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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One copy each of the airtel and letterhead memorandum are being designated for Dallas and Memphis as they are origin in the above cases.

During the time Mr. CECIL M. SHILSTONE, who is identified in the enclosed letterhead memorandum, was providing the information, he inquired as to whether he was under investigation in the MURKIN case. Mr. SHILSTONE was informed that no comment could be made; however, this was not to imply one way or the other, in that all investigations and information developed in any case investigated by the FBI was strictly confidential. Mr. SHILSTONE also inquired as to whether the FBI would make a statement that he was not involved in the MURKIN case and was again informed that the FBI had no comment.

Mr. SHILSTONE inquired as to whether his appearance at the New Orleans Office of the FBI would be made a matter of record and was informed that this would be done.

The files of the New Orleans Division contain several references in regard to Bufile 62-109060, relating to SHILSTONE. These references reveal that SHILSTONE was one of the organizers of a group of local New Orleans businessmen who formed an organization known as Truth and Consequences, which gave money to District Attorney JAMES GARRISON to conduct his probe. Other references in the New Orleans file reveal that SHILSTONE is president of the Shilstone Testing Laboratory which conducts various tests on winning horses at Louisiana race tracks.

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PARISH OF ORLEANS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared:

SAM J. RECILE

who being by me first duly sworn did depose and say:

That he is a resident of the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, and appears herein (at the request of Honorable Edmund E. Talbot, Referee of the U. S. Bankruptcy Court) for the purpose of making the following statements to relate certain events that have occurred since April 15th, 1968, immediately following affiant's testifying in the United States District Court in affiant's Bankruptcy Proceedings now pending before Judge Talbot;

While under examination by J. B. Kiefer and Edward Heller, Attorneys for Ingard O. Johannesen, Trustee, affiant stated, under oath, that on April 15th, 1968 he appeared at 501 Masonic Temple Building in the courtroom of Judge Talbot, Referee in Bankruptcy, pursuant to a subpoena duces tecum relative to a First Meeting of Creditors in the pending bankruptcy proceedings, and testified as to preliminary matters involving said proceedings;

That on Tuesday, April 16th, 1968, at about 11:00 A.M., the said First Meeting of Creditors was reconvened and affiant again testified under oath. Numerous questions were asked by Messrs. Kiefer and Heller, Attorneys, all of which affiant was required to answer and did answer to the best of his recollection. Also, in accordance with a subpoena duces tecum, affiant had produced certain records, etc., and when affiant was questioned concerning said records, he testified with respect to the transactions that were reflected by said records, etc., including transactions that affiant had, individually and on behalf of one or more of the corporations controlled directly or indirectly by him with Louis J. Roussel who acted individually or on behalf of one or more corporations which he represented or controlled. In this connection, affiant testified that Louis J. Roussel attempted to take over assets valued (as reported by the Times-Picayune) at approximately \$3,900,000.00, for \$225,000.00, the said assets representing shares of stock in a corporation known as Louisiana Citrus Lands, Inc. All details of this transaction were related in affiant's testimony, particularly the methods which Mr. Roussel had

used, including certain court proceedings still pending in the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, entitled "Gulf Natural Gas Co. vs. Sam J. Recile" and "Sam J. Recile Reconventional Demand against Gulf Natural Gas Co., Louis J. Roussel, et als". (No. 456-272). During said examination, under oath, certain other questions were asked pertaining to other transactions between Roussel and affiant (individually and on behalf of one or more companies in which affiant had an interest). These questions were answered to the best of affiant's ability and, where full information was not readily available, affiant referred to the files and agreed, at counsel's request, to prepare the information with documentation wherever possible for further testimony at a later hearing. Most of the documents referred to will be found in the files that were turned over to Mr. Albert J. Ward, Jr., Trustee, and Hon. Frederick J. R. Heebe, Judge, in the Chapter XII Proceedings filed by affiant and were, when affiant was testifying and still are, therefore, in the possession of the United States District Court. At approximately 4:00 P.M. the Hearing ended and affiant returned to his office at 510 O'Keefe Avenue in the City of New Orleans.

Affiant further states that he left his office at approximately 6:00 P.M. (April 16th, 1968) to go to his home at 6225 Paris Avenue, where he resides with his wife and children. At approximately 2:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 17th, 1968, affiant received a telephone call at 288-7678 (one of the two telephone numbers which he has at his home - the other number being 288-7677, both of which are unlisted and have been for approximately the last 7 years). Affiant answered the telephone and the party on the other end did not say a word; however, in the background, in a loud and boisterous voice, one or more voices stated "yes, he's at home" and hung up. Affiant purposely did not say anything other than "hello" because affiant did not wish to awaken his wife. Being concerned, affiant tried to go back to sleep and may or may not have slept but at 4:00 A.M. the call was repeated, during which approximately the same events occurred. At that time, affiant did ask "who's calling?" The party on the line hung up but affiant was unable to go back to sleep since he was fearful for the welfare of his wife and children. Affiant, therefore, called Frank Spalitta and repeated said incidents to him en route to the office that same morning.

Affiant further states that he arrived at his office at 510 O'Keefe Avenue, between 7:00 and 8:00 A.M., (April 17th, 1968) and shortly after 8:00 A.M., affiant received a telephone call from one Manfred Sternberg. Mr. Sternberg identified himself to affiant (and affiant well knows Manfred Sternberg's voice). Manfred Sternberg's opening statement was "Hello Cousin", a phrase which Sternberg has used in dealing with affiant for a number of years. Affiant and Sternberg first exchanged the time of day and Sternberg then stated that he had not talked to affiant for some time but was interested, of course, in the various developments in the reorganization, his interest being both as a creditor and as an admitted admirer of the things affiant had done for the City of New Orleans. After these first remarks, Sternberg said he was calling to give affiant some very serious advice which affiant may or may not accept; however, he (Sternberg) felt that affiant should consider it. Sternberg then stated that he had read the reports of affiant's testimony at the bankruptcy hearing and he wanted to advise affiant to "take it easy on Mr. Louis J. Roussel - that Mr. Roussel was a very dear friend of his (Sternberg) and an associate and that the testimony being given by affiant was ruining Mr. Roussel and that he did not appreciate it nor did Mr. Roussel". Sternberg further stated that Roussel was a powerful man and that it would be to affiant's best interest to stop testifying.

- Affiant told Sternberg, in the presence of Frank Spalitta and J. J. Morrison, affiant's attorney, that affiant was testifying in a bankruptcy proceeding, under oath, and was giving evidence and supplying documents in accordance with subpoenas - that it was and has always been affiant's intention to tell only the truth and to that end whatever questions were asked of him he would answer to the best of his ability and whatever documents were subpoenaed he would produce if they were in his possession. Sternberg then related to affiant that he felt that affiant was much smarter than that and should realize the power that Louis J. Roussel commanded in this community and that he could very well be ruining any possibility of ever working out any reorganization; and Sternberg then stated that he knew affiant had been working very feverishly in attempting to effectuate a plan of reorganization with one or more parties, all to no avail; that Mr. Roussel was the party who could make or break any plan and Sternberg explained as a for instance, the Hughes Plan, which he said had failed because Mr. Roussel would not go along with it. Sternberg also said: "I, as a creditor, would be more than happy to receive 50% of my money, since I have made many thousands of dollars with you and your companies; how-

ever; the Hughes Plan of \$5 million on Baton Rouge properties was only suggestive of more money coming -- I would have taken not only half but I would have been willing to take stock in a company and I am now willing to do these things but you must stop testifying against Rousset." With that, Sternberg asked who the "Franchard people" were and affiant stated that they were a public company under the control of some 18,000 stockholders and were very sound, in his opinion, and knowledgeable in dealing with and owning real estate in the United States and Canada. Sternberg then stated to affiant that if the Franchard Plan went through, it would most likely be one way for affiant not to further testify but affiant told Sternberg that he would continue to testify so long as Judge Talbot required affiant's appearance in the matter. With respect to Sternberg's comments about the Franchard Corporation, affiant thanked Sternberg and suggested to him that if he had any further suggestions, he should call one or more of the men who were acting as informal committeemen pursuant to an offer made to C. Ellis Henican, Chairman of said Committee, and to affiant's knowledge, Mr. Henican had, pursuant to the said offer from Franchard, requested capable and knowledgeable men such as John Oulliber, President of the National Bank of Commerce, Clem Sehrt, Vice Chairman and former President of the National American Bank, Moise Steeg, Attorney, and others and that these men had offered to help by giving advice and that any one of these men would be in a position to consider his suggestions and, possibly, put them to good use if he desired to contact them. Sternberg reassured affiant that he wanted to do anything he possibly could to assist in this matter and at that point the telephone call ended.

(About midway during the conversation with Sternberg, Spalitta walked in with Morrison and handed affiant a note asking "who are you speaking to"? and on the same note affiant wrote the name "Sternberg". With that, Spalitta and Morrison, with affiant's knowledge and consent, got on the extension phones. When this happened, Sternberg asked who was on the phone and Spalitta said "hello" to him. Spalitta and Morrison are available to confirm, under oath, the part of the telephone conversation mentioned above which they heard.)

On Wednesday, April 17th, affiant was preparing information pertaining to subpoenas regarding various mortgage transactions that he had made, individually or on behalf of one or more of his corporations. One of such

mortgages involved money that affiant had borrowed from Sternberg, or one or more of his entities, which had been negotiated by Louis J. Roussel. The plan that was set up by Mr. Roussel was that affiant was to loan Sternberg some money with money that Mr. Roussel was loaning to one of affiant's corporations and, in return, Sternberg would loan to affiant a larger amount and receive a higher rate of interest than the Bank would charge, i.e., the National American Bank, and Sternberg would borrow his money from the National American Bank. This transaction was one where the files were not readily available since most of the files had been forwarded to Judge Heebe and Mr. Ward, so affiant called Sternberg and asked him if he could make available copies of the papers concerning this particular transaction. Sternberg advised affiant that he would be most happy, as he had previously told affiant, to cooperate in any way that he could but asked "what the hell do you want these records for?". Affiant explained to Sternberg that he was preparing information in compliance with a subpoena and that affiant's records were not all available at that time and affiant thought that possibly Sternberg could assist him by giving him photostatic copies of the papers on this particular deal. Sternberg stated that his records were in Baton Rouge but he would use his best efforts to obtain the copies. On the same day, Sternberg called back and stated to affiant that he had contacted Baton Rouge and that all he had were just his promissory notes but that all of the other papers and files had been destroyed. At this time, Sternberg became very emotional. At that time Mr. Morrison, Mr. Spalitta and Mr. Gerber, Chicago Counsel, were in affiant's office. Mr. Spalitta, at affiant's request, picked up the extension telephone and affiant pulled his hand telephone away from his ear so the whole conversation could be heard by Messrs. Morrison and Gerber. At this point, Sternberg stated "you are trying not only to ruin Mr. Roussel but me, and let me tell you one goddamn thing - what you don't know and you should know is that Louie is a very powerful man. He is my friend and Sehart, Judge Boyle and a lot of other powerful people are behind him and you are wasting your time. If you are trying to prove usury, as far as my loans are concerned, or any of the Roussel loans are concerned, I will take care of that. I know J. B. Kiefer and I know who he owes money to and I will take care of that bastard. I will have all his damn loans called. My lawyer will handle Mr. Kiefer and you can rest assured that Mr. Roussel can

likewise handle Mr. Kiefer so you just go ahead and forget about these records of ours and you take some good advice if you know what is good for you and stop testifying and digging in any matters pertaining to deals that I made with you or Roussel and I made with you. You are wasting your time. I have already told you there is only one man in this community who can make or break any re-organization and that is Louis J. Roussel and you should know that by this time and if you don't know it by now you are dumber than I thought you were and not as smart as I thought you were". Affiant explained to Sternberg that he was not interested in all of his advice nor his yelling, as he was, but that affiant was testifying in the Federal Court and he was going to tell the truth and that all of his records were now the property of the Federal Court and any questions that were being asked relative to any transaction (whatever it may be), were going to be answered by affiant, under oath, to the best of his ability. Sternberg broke in and said "but there is no reason in the world why you have to ruin people like our friend Louie because you are just burying your own self". Affiant replied "Manfred, if you are threatening me, it won't do any good. You will have to first kill me and bury me face down but I will not do anything other than tell the truth and I don't appreciate your intimidation." He said, "take it as you wish". With that, the conversation ended.

Affiant left the office that afternoon and, at approximately 10:00 P.M., received another call on No. 288-7678. The party started, without asking affiant's name, by merely saying "you no good bastard, you keep testifying and running off your big mouth and we will take care of you. You think you are smart". He then hung up. At approximately 2:00 A.M., another call was received on the same number and a very sharp male voice stated "you bastard, when are you going to learn to stop ruining your friends" and hung up.

On Thursday, April 18th, shortly after 8:00 A.M., with Spalitta, Gerber and Gene Leslie, affiant arrived at his office and as affiant was getting out of the automobile, he was surprised to see Manfred Sternberg on the side walk. Sternberg said he was very happy to see affiant and then asked affiant to walk with him to the corner of O'Keefe and Poydras. Sternberg then said, "I see you are still battling" and asked what was new with "Franchard". Affiant told Sternberg that Franchard was still working with the possibility of re-organizing the various properties and, with that, Sternberg again advised affiant that he was trying to help but affiant should shut his big mouth and not

antagonize the only man in the world who could cause the organization to make or break and that was Roussel. He also said, "your testimony has caused me to be walking down this street this morning -- I can't even have coffee with Louie -- he is like a maniac. You are ruining his life. Louie was your friend. You are going to have to quit testifying against him. Now I'm telling you what you should do -- you take it or leave it. I think you are very foolish and you are going to have to suffer the consequences and your children and family are going to be ruined". Affiant reiterated to Sternberg that he was merely telling the truth on the witness stand and so long as he was forced to appear and testify, he had no control over the matter but that he owed it to himself, to his family, to the community and to the court to give whatever information was requested to the best of his ability. Affiant and Sternberg became boisterous and at Spalitta's suggestion, affiant withdrew by telling Sternberg that affiant had a meeting and had to excuse himself.

Affiant then went into his office (at 510 O'Keefe) and, at about 8:45 A.M., he went to Judge Gertler's office regarding a matter involving Plaza Tower, and later went to Judge Marcus' office concerning 6225 Paris Avenue. (Both offices were in the Civil District Court Building in the Civic Center). These matters were concluded at approximately 12:10 P.M. At 1:00 P.M., affiant was due in Judge Talbot's Court. Affiant came back to his office with Messrs. Gerber and Spalitta. At 1:00 P.M. affiant went to Judge Talbot's Court and testified from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. At that time, affiant's testimony was relative to City Investments Co., Inc. and about certain property which affiant had agreed to purchase in the 1000 block of Bourbon Street. Affiant stated that title to this property had been taken in the names of John Toler and Dr. Francis LeJeune and that he was to receive a counter letter from them setting out affiant's undivided one-third interest in and to said property.

Affiant returned to his office shortly after 4:00 P.M. and received another telephone call from Manfred Sternberg. Sternberg stated that he wanted to first congratulate affiant on being able to stop the Plaza Tower Sale and the sale of affiant's home at 6225 Paris Avenue. He called it the "coup de coup". Affiant did not respond to these statements with a direct answer and Sternberg immediately asked: "Is Franchard still in the deal?" and affiant said, "I hope so -- I only wish I had more time to work with Franchard instead of being in court". Sternberg then asked "When are you going back to court"

and affiant told him he would be back the next day and Sternberg said, "I want to give you some good advice". At this point, Messrs. Gerber, Morrison and Spalitta were in affiant's office and he put the telephone where they could all hear. Sternberg said, "you are gonna have to take it easy on Louie. If you don't you are gonna ruin that man - you are gonna ruin me - and let me tell you one thing - that guy has power. You are dealing with Judge Boyle and Clem Sehrt. Louie has some real power and they are going to bury you. You go ahead and keep testifying against him and you are going to ruin us." At that time affiant lost his patience and told Sternberg that he didn't appreciate his threats - that he had been receiving threats nightly at his home and they were in the same category as those Sternberg was then making and if he or Mr. Roussel wanted to intimidate affiant in an effort to get affiant to change his testimony, they would have to kill affiant and affiant again told Sternberg that he would appreciate not receiving any more of his telephone calls or threats and affiant then hung up. Sternberg called back but Messrs. Gerber, Morrison and Spalitta advised affiant not to take any further calls from Sternberg and affiant took the advice.

Following affiant's testimony in open Court on April 16th, 1968, a news release appeared in the April 18th, 1968 issue of the New Orleans States-Item of a statement made by F. D. V. de la Barre, Attorney for Louis J. Roussel, in which it was stated that the Gulf Natural Gas Corporation, (controlled by Mr. Roussel) had no interest in acquiring affiant's shares in the Louisiana Citrus Lands, Inc. and would gladly release the shares upon receiving \$225,000.00 plus interest and attorneys' fees, and that if the shares were put up at public sale, the Gulf Natural Gas Corporation would not bid one cent more than that for them.

Affiant testified under oath at the Bankruptcy Court, on April 19th, 1968, from about 10:00 A.M. to approximately 2:00 P.M., without interruption. During the examination, affiant was questioned by J. B. Kiefer, Attorney for affiant's Trustee, concerning de la Barre's statement. Affiant disagreed with the said statement, particularly that portion which stated that Gulf Natural Gas Corporation had no interest in retaining affiant's said shares provided it received \$225,000.00 plus interest and costs, and, in support of affiant's disagreement, affiant referred to the two letters dated November 27, 1967 and November 29, 1967, written by Peter J. Butler of the firm of Sehrt, Boyle and