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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)(P)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/21/68

(Re Buantel 5/9/68 - serial 796)

In line with previous Bureau instructions, identities of all bakeries and candy and confectionary businesses listed in the yellow pages of the telephone books of Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, New Orleans, Monroe and Shreveport, were placed on Identification Orders of JAMES EARL RAY and have been mailed.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/21/68

Re Atlanta airtel to the Director and all Offices 4/25/68, which requested that all Offices review any car recoveries within their respective Divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, where the transporter is unknown, to determine if JAMES EARL RAY might have possibly been involved.

A memo was sent to all Agents requesting that they advise the writer by routing slip of any ITSMV cases which would fit the above categories. These agents have advised they have had no such ITSMV cases.

A review of ITSMV cases opened in this Office since 3/23/68 in which the car was recovered in Louisiana and bore Georgia plates and the subject was unknown, has been conducted. However, there is no indication in these cases which would tend to indicate that JAMES EARL RAY could be considered as a suspect.

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Information was received from the Houston Division that a long distance telephone call had been placed from a coin booth in the Houston Division on 12/15, 16 or 17/67 to telephone number 869-5083, Lutcher, La. Inquiry at the telephone company reveals that this number is listed to RONALD J. MATHERNE, Hymel Street, Lutcher, La. He has been employed by the H Construction Company for the past ten years, their telephone number 869-5793.

LEAD:

AT LUTCHER, LA. SA BROOKS will contact MATHERNE in regards to the above telephone call. Ascertain the identity of the caller and show photographs of JAMES EARL RAY to MATHERNE.

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Date: 5/21/68

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Via ATELETYPE URGENT
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TO: MEMPHIS
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE PHONE CALLS FROM PAY STATIONS IN HOUSTON DIVISION.
ONE CALL MADE DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, FROM
HOUSTON NUMBER SIX EIGHT TWO - NINE ZERO ZERO SEVEN TO
MONROE, LOUISIANA, NUMBER THREE TWO FIVE - FIVE SEVEN
SIX EIGHT FOR THREE MINUTES AND CHARGE OF SIXTYFIVE CENTS.

INVESTIGATION REFLECTS MONROE, LOUISIANA, NUMBER
THREE TWO FIVE - FIVE SEVEN SIX EIGHT LISTED TO TOMMY JOE
MORGAN, FOUR TWO ZERO ZERO LOOP ROAD, APARTMENT TWENTYEIGHT,
MONROE, LOUISIANA, FROM NOVEMBER SEVEN, SIXTYSEVEN TO
MAY THREE, SIXTYEIGHT, WHEN DISCONNECTED. TOMMY JOE MORGAN
ALLEGEDLY A COTTON BUYER FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, LEFT
MONROE, ABOUT MAY THREE, SIXTYEIGHT, LEAVING FORWARDING
ADDRESS OF SIX ONE ONE FIVE IVANHOE ROAD, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

MEMPHIS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AND INTERVIEW
MORGAN.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES NEGATIVE.

① New Orleans
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Approved: *Rie*
Special Agent in Charge

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404PM 5/21/68 URGENT AZL

TO: NEW ORLEANS AND DALLAS

FROM: SACRAMENTO (100-427) 1PG

MURKIN. CR. OO MEMPHIS.

SACRAMENTO IN RECEIPT OF SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER THIS DATE FROM SYLVESTER JOHNSON, FIVE ONE NINE FANNIN ALLEY SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA. LETTER APPEARS TO BE FROM AN ILLITERATE AND READS AS FOLLOWS:

"TO LET YOU NO GO TO DALLAS TEX AS HAVE YOUR F.B.I. MENS TO LOOK IN TELEPHONE DIRECTOR BOOK FOR A. W. CLARK (OR C. A. W. CLARK) JAMES RAY STARVO HIDING CLARKS HOUSE MAKE HIM TELL WHERE IS TELL YOUR MEN TO LOOK BEHIND THEM SO THEY WON'T LOOSE ANY OF THEIR MENS."

NEW ORLEANS AT SHREVEPORT CONTACT JOHNSON AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MORE FACTS AND ADVISE DALLAS.

DALLAS HOLD IN ABEYANCE PENDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM NEW ORLEANS.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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and advised*

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634PM URGENT 5-21-68 ELN
TO NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO KANSAS CITY, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE CARLOS LEE BILLINGS.

BILLINGS INTERVIEWED MAY TWENTY LAST, MEDICAL CENTER, SPRINGFIELD,
MO. STATES DOES NOT KNOW HEAD. TWO MEN OCCUPIED APARTMENT BEFORE HE
AND BLACKWELL. THESE MEN WORKED OFFSHORE AND THEY OCCUPIED APARTMENT
WHILE THESE MEN WERE AWAY. HE BELIEVES BLACKWELL PAID CARMERDELLE
RENT FOR MONTH OF JUNE SIXTYFIVE. BILLINGS LEFT SHORTLY AFTER THIS,
BUT BLACKWELL REMAINED BEHIND.

DETAILED AIRTEL FOLLOWS. MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

CDC

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ASA - [unclear]

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM : SA JOHN A. PFEIFER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Lead card
W. J. Daniels
Call to ASAC before leaving

Re memo of SA JOHN E. MC DANIELS dated 5/17/68 (serial 977).

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A. PFEIFER on 5/21/68.

At Alexandria, Louisiana.

Mr. RICHARD V. BURNES, Attorney at Law, with offices at 611 Murray Street and residence at 1250 Dorchester Arms, Apartment 110, who on 5/20/68 advised agent that he did not wish any law enforcement officer to speak to EUGENE L. FOREMAN, JR., who is his client, was contacted and requested to permit agent to interview FOREMAN concerning information received by the Bureau from an undisclosed source that FOREMAN may have some information concerning the shooting of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. The nature of the information was not disclosed to Mr. BURNES, who agreed to consult FOREMAN initially in private at the Rapides Parish Jail, where he is incarcerated for passing a worthless check and resisting arrest on the check charge, to determine if he has any such information, if he is implicated personally in the shooting or any conspiracy related to the shooting, and if he wishes to make any statement at all to the agent. Agent accompanied Mr. BURNES to the Rapides Parish Jail, where FOREMAN had a conference with Mr. BURNES, at the conclusion of which, Mr. BURNES advised that FOREMAN denied knowing anything about the shooting or any JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. BURNES speculated that the Bureau's source of information was either FOREMAN's girl friend or a bar tender who may have heard FOREMAN telling his girl friend one of his "bull stories." He advised that the information the Bureau most likely had was that RAY was presently in the Rapides Parish Jail, a false story FOREMAN may have told his girl friend. Agent did not disclose the source of information or the nature of the information, and Mr. BURNES advised FOREMAN will "think over" his decision not to talk to agent, and if FOREMAN agrees to speak to agent, he, BURNES, will notify the agent, permit the interview, and the interview may take place between only FOREMAN and the agent, which was in accordance with agent's request concerning the nature of the interview. It was further agreed that agent would ask no questions of FOREMAN concerning any other matter, particularly the large number of local and Federal charges against FOREMAN presently under investigation or for which he presently is awaiting disposition.

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Prior to Mr. BURNES's conference with FOREMAN, Mr. BURNES advised that he may have some information concerning JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that he had recently come from New Orleans to Alexandria, and while in New Orleans had served as recently as about February, 1968 on the staff of District Attorney JAMES GARRISON as an Assistant District Attorney. He had served for about 3½ years in that capacity. A few weeks ago, in a conversation with one of the present Assistant District Attorneys of Jefferson Parish, NUMA BERTEL, he was advised by BERTEL that JAMES EARL RAY was supposed to have been one of several professional white and Negro burglars that allegedly had a meeting lasting two or three days at Biloxi, Mississippi in about the first week of December, 1967. From the tone of the conversation with BERTEL, he could not be sure if BERTEL were "kidding" him or not, for they frequently joked with each other, and BERTEL did not describe further what he was talking about except to mention that RAY had been described in one of several statements given to Captain NORRIS of the New Orleans PD by ANN FOSTER, girl friend of GERALD NORRIS (no relation to Captain NORRIS).

As background on GERALD NORRIS and ANN FOSTER, he advised that ANN FOSTER had been arrested in New Orleans by the New Orleans PD or SO about 12/7/68, at which time she gave Captain NORRIS several statements, indicating that she and GERALD NORRIS had moved from Mobile, Alabama to Biloxi, Mississippi, where they had held a meeting for two or three days with several white and at least one Negro burglar, possibly called BIG BEN, and there was a sum of \$76,000 present at the meeting. He could not recall the nature of the meeting described by FOSTER, for he himself did not read any of FOSTER's statements and received his knowledge of their contents second-hand. FOSTER and NORRIS then drove to New Orleans, where FOSTER was arrested for narcotics violations on about 12/7/68. A few days later while out on bond, FOSTER tried to line him, BURNES, up by telephone for an after-hours meeting in a motel, which he declined, and subsequent arrangements were made for her to meet him at his office. At that time, the office was "bugged," and another Assistant District Attorney sat in for him, at which time FOSTER offered a bribe of \$5,000 to delay the case and \$10,000 to nolle pros the case. She was charged with public bribery and convicted on about 2/28/68.

The reason he gave credence to BERTEL's remarks was that FOSTER was married to a California doctor at that time and appeared to have the capacity to lay her hands on a large amount of money, for she indicated in the bribe offers that \$50,000 was her limit.

LEAD

ATNEW ORLEANS, LA.

Contact Captain NORRIS at New Orleans PD to determine basis of above allegation. For information of agent handling MURKIN, EUGENE L. FOREMAN, JR. is one of the subjects of NO 26-38336, captioned "EUGENE L. FOREMAN, JR., aka; Unsub(1), ITSMV, 00: Mobile," and is

the subject of NO 52-New, captioned "EUGENE L. FOREMAN, JR., aka, TGP, OO:NO." The first case concerns four cases of rental cars, two rented in Biloxi, Mississippi and two rented at Pensacola, Florida. Each incident took place in the first week of February, 1968, and three of the cars are unlocated at present. He was arrested on 2/8/68 at Alexandria by the local authorities based upon local warrants issued at Biloxi, Mississippi on the two cases of leased cars there. The Bureau interest is that the located car from Biloxi was found at Mobile, Alabama, where FOREMAN had been staying. FOREMAN has been in jail from 2/8/68 until about 5/13/68, at which time he made bond, went to New Orleans, stole a U. S. Government automobile at the U. S. Custom House, and drove it ~~xxxNewOrleans~~ to Alexandria, where he was arrested in it on 5/17/68 while passing worthless checks.

FOREMAN's attorney is attempting to win all of the above local and Federal cases by claiming FOREMAN is mentally incompetent or insane, based upon his alleged inability to recall events surrounding the above incidents and his use of his true name and numerous true name identification cards in leasing the vehicles, passing worthless checks, etc.

Date May 22, 1968

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject Numa Bertel

Aliases

Address	Birth Date	Birthplace	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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| <input type="checkbox"/> All References | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal References Only | |
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<u>Numa Bertel, Jr.</u> <u>89-69-3420</u>			
<u>Numa V. Bertel</u> <u>100-2303</u>			
<u>N. V. Bertel</u> <u>62-0-4601</u>			

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date May 22, 1968

Subject Gerald Norris

Aliases

Address _____ Birth Date _____ Birthplace _____ Race _____ Sex Male Female

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<u>Gerald Norris</u>			
<u>G. Norris</u>			
<u>Gerald D. Norris</u>			
<u>87-14440-266</u>			
	<u>-290 p. 40</u>		
<u>Gerald Dawson Norris</u>			
<u>26-26010 *</u>			
<u>26-37481 *</u>			
<u>44-2907 *</u>			
<u>87-13541-63 p. 17</u>			

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Indices Search Slip
FD-160 (Rev. 10-1-59)

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date May 22, 1968

Subject Ann Foster

Aliases

Address _____ Birth Date _____ Birthplace _____ Race _____ Sex Male Female

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<u>Ann Foster</u> <u>137-1927*</u>	<u>(In) Clara Sue Lewis</u>		
<u>Ann Foster</u> <u>31-6702*</u>			
<u>31-6183*</u>			
<u>31-3042-147</u> <u>A. O. Foster</u>			

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FD-160 (Rev. 10-1-59)

Date May 22, 1968

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject Richard V. Burnes

Aliases

Address Birth Date Birthplace Race Sex
 Male
 Female

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- Main Subversive Case Files Only
- Subversive References Only
- Main Criminal Case Files Only
- Criminal References Only
- Main Subversive (If no Main, list all Subversive References)
- Main Criminal (If no Main, list all Criminal References)
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<u>Richard Burnes</u>			
<u>89-69-3198 p.3</u>			
<u>-2531</u>			
<u>-3849 p.2</u>			
<u>-3896 p.2</u>			
<u>Richard V. Burnes</u>			
<u>89-69-3538 p.3</u>			
<u>89-69-3883</u>			

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject Eugene L. Foreman, Jr.

Aliases

Address _____ Birth Date _____ Birthplace _____ Race _____ Sex Male Female

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<u>Eugene Foreman, Jr.</u> <u>26-16645*</u>			
<u>26-30222*</u>			
<u>Eugene Foreman</u> <u>26-38336*</u>			
<u>Eugene Foreman, Jr.</u> <u>26-38336*</u>			
<u>Eugene Foreman</u> <u>137-1433-8</u>			
<u>Eugene L. Foreman</u> <u>26-19230*</u>			
<u>Eugene L. Foreman, Jr.</u> <u>26-23723*</u>			
<u>26-19230*</u>			
<u>Eugene L. Foreman</u> <u>26-38336*</u>			

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/22/68

Re Sacramento teletype to New Orleans and Dallas
5/21/68, 4:04 p.m., PST.

File 25-18988 reveals a Selective Service case concerning SYLVESTER JOHNSON, aka ARTHUR DUCREE, who has FBI Number 562 858 C. In 1958 he was described as Negro male, 138 pounds, 5' 4", black hair, dark brown complexion, dark brown eyes, claiming he was born in Chicago [redacted] Complaint dismissed Eastern District of Illinois, 5/5/58. No record of birth located Chicago.

File 62-2896 concerns a VESTER WILLIAMS, aka SYLVESTER WILLIAMS, SYLVESTER JOHNSON, born [redacted] Mounds, La.; occupation school boy, Negro; arrested Sheriff's Office, Tallulah, La., 5/16/54, theft. In 1958 was reportedly in Angola State Pen under name SYLVESTER JOHNSON, ASP 49078.

File 25-19473 shows one SYLVESTER JOHNSON was interviewed at New Orleans PD 3/3/59; claimed was born [redacted] at Chicago; was being held for vagrancy. Case closed as it referred to previous 25 case.

New Orleans file 88-1944a, serial 20, is a State Bulletin, October, 1964, indicating SYLVESTER JOHNSON, aka WILLIAM SYLVESTER, ARTHUR JOHNSON, Negro male, State Police #40-311, age 34, 5' 10", 151 lbs., wanted charge burglary, notify PD.

File 98-484 refers to a SYLVESTER JOHNSON, aka JOE JOHNSON, an AFA case in Mississippi in 1957. JOHNSON, white male, age 36, born Greensboro, Alabama.

Indices: check re A. W. CLARK negative.

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Indices check re ~~C. A. W. CLARK~~ reveals a letter dated 11/27/64 from the War Department, Army Service Forces Headquarters, 8th Service Command, captioned NAACP, referring to Shreveport, pointing out Rev. C. W. A. CLARK, a Baptist minister, was one of the NAACP's ardent backers.

Indices search concerning ~~A. W. CLARK~~ negative.

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over on the
Back

Shreveport La
519 Fannin
alley

Dar Mr. John Edgar Hoover
to let you no that
I believe that Mr James Earl
Ray as Eric Starvo Galt
is hiding out at C.A.W.
Clark house in Dallas, Texas
Have the F.B.I. to surround
the house from front to
back I certainly need your
help I lost my uncle
I will be looking to here
from you real soon
dont called doctor Clark
at all because he might
try to slip Galt hurry
I up and tend to this
Right away please do not
mention my name

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This is all from

Sybilster Johnson

Sends my Badge to
be a secret F.B.I

and Buck out me a
nickle Plated .38

Revolver I will look to
here from you

also a wallet with Badge

to go on

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REC'D - CORR & TOURS

MAY 20 1968

Sylvester Johnson
519 Fannin Alley
Shreveport, La.

REVEI
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P.M.
1968
L.A.



Read to Ernest
F. B. I director
Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C.

3/21/68

Airtel

**To: SACs, Atlanta (44-2386)
Birmingham (44-1740)
Los Angeles (44-1574)
Memphis (44-1987)
New Orleans (157-10673)**

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

You should make appropriate inquiry at banks to determine identity of individuals making a withdrawal of \$10,000 and over in cash, continuing this inquiry for period of April, 1968. The possibility exists that subject was a hired assassin and a pay-off could have taken place shortly before or after the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

You should bear in mind that in many instances requests for large withdrawals are brought to the attention of one of the officials of the bank, and this official could possibly provide the initial information desired.

Armed and dangerous.

*12:39 AM
Sup Jantz Kelly
at 13 in advised
only Mayor
in Tennessee
not all cities
Hampel
Hessels 5/23/68*

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Date: May 21, 1968

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✓ To: SAC, New Orleans
✓ From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Enclosed are two copies of an undated letter received from Sylvester Johnson, 519 Fannin Alley, Shreveport, Louisiana, postmarked 5/16/68.

Johnson infers that he has information that James Earl Ray is hiding out with one C.A.W. Clark in Dallas, Texas. Immediately interview Johnson for details and take whatever action is appropriate based upon results of the interview. It appears from Johnson's letter, that he is possibly mentally disturbed.

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Handled by SA 449 994 see serial JP Kelley -

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/22/68

I telephonically contacted the Bureau and talked to Supv. JOE KELLY asking what banks the New Orleans Division was to handle in reference to their airtel of 5/21/68.

KELLY advised that only major cities in Louisiana need be contacted concerning this lead and not all the cities.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

JSW
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

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

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 5/22/68

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

ReBulet 5/20/68 captioned as above.

I telephonically contacted the Bureau and talked to JOE KELLY, inquiring as to who had offered the rewards. He advised they read an item in the Commercial Appeal newspaper, Memphis, and the following was a breakdown of the rewards:

Commercial Appeal newspaper, \$25,000

Scripps Howard newspaper, \$25,000

Businessmen and citizens of Memphis, Tenn., \$7,000

The City Council of Memphis has underwritten rewards up to \$100,000

It was pointed out to KELLY that this office had no information concerning any rewards being offered and had seen nothing in the newspaper. He stated this had come out of Crime Records and referred me to Supv. HEALY.

The above information was checked with Supv. HEALY and he advised there was no reason why, in contacting any of our sources, we could not advise them of the above info, attributing it to the Commercial Appeal newspaper.

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URGENT 5/22/68
TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS
FROM: WASHINGTON

MURKIN.

INASMUCH AS RAY IS KNOWN TO STAY AT QUOTE FLOPHOUSES UNQUOTE AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS.

ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTYEIGHT, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTYFIVE YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT RE REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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Decoded: hla 1:54P

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673) (P) DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel 5/9/68. (Serial 933.)

The Bureau has advised that in order to cover the possibility that JAMES EARL RAY may have died since the commission of the crime, Offices covering state capitols should ascertain if any records of unidentified deceased are maintained for any information which might possibly identify RAY with the unidentified deceased person.

Inquiry at Baton Rouge has determined there is no central repository for this type of record in the State of Louisiana, and that any such records are kept by the local coroner for each parish in the state.

In view of the above, each Senior Resident Agent and each Road Trip Agent should contact the coroner's office in each parish in his territory, or other appropriate agency, to determine if they have on file fingerprints of any unidentified deceased males from 4/5/68 to 5/21/68.

If any fingerprint cards are maintained by these agencies, it is requested that the fingerprint cards of

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- 1 - SA LANCASTER (Alexandria RA)
- ① - SA LITCHFIELD (Baton Rouge RA)
- 1 - SA GIST (Covington RA)
- 1 - SA SMALLWOOD (Lafayette RA)
- 1 - SA WARD (Lake Charles RA)
- 1 - SA KELLEY (Shreveport RA)
- 1 - SA DENT (Monroe RA)
- 1 - SA SHEARER (Plaquemines RT)
- 1 - SA BROOKS (Upriver RT)
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these unidentified persons, or copies thereof, be obtained so that they can be submitted to the Identification Division for elimination purposes.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA THURMAN P. KELLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/21/68

Re Memo of SA LESTER G. DAVIS dated 5/20/68.

INSERT

The following was handled by SA THURMAN P. KELLEY on 5/21/68:

The matter of a \$50,000. robbery, as referred to, was discussed with Resident Agents, Shreveport, La., ~~on 5/21/68~~, with negative results. This was also discussed with Capt. J. K. LANIGAN, (NA), Shreveport PD and J. B. MC HALFFEY, Chief of Detectives, Bossier City, PD, with negative results.



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Date: 5/22/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (MAIL) AND DALLAS

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE SACRAMENTO TEL TO NO MAY TWENTYONE LAST.

PER RETEL, SYLVESTER JOHNSON, DESCRIBED AS N/M, BORN

[REDACTED] FBI NUMBER NINE ONE TWO TWO ZERO TWO B, CONTACTED AND INTERVIEWED AT FIVE ONE NINE VANNIN ALLEY, SHREVEPORT, LA., THIS DATE. JOHNSON ADVISES THAT ON SATURDAY, MAY EIGHTEEN LAST, WHILE IN THE CONTINENTAL RAILWAYS BUS STATION, SHREVEPORT, TALKING TO A FRIEND, HE OVERHEARD TWO W/MS TALKING ABOUT WHAT HE BELIEVES TO BE THE LOCATION OF JAMES RAY. JOHNSON INDICATES CONVERSATION HEARD IN THE MAIN LOBBY OF THE BUS STATION WHILE SITTING BACK TO BACK WITH THE TWO W/M'S WAS THAT, " IF HE COULD KEEP JAMES RAY STARVO HID AT C. A. W. CLARK'S HOUSE IN DALLAS, TEX., FOR AWHILE, THEY COULD GET THINGS ARRANGED FOR HIM."

JOHNSON DESCRIBED THE W/M'S AS FOLLOWS:

- 1-Bureau (AM)
- 1-Memphis (AM)
- 1-Sacramento (AM)
- ①-NO
- JTV:sja
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FIRST W/M: OVER SIX FEET, APPROXIMATELY ONE NINETY LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, DARK BLUE SUIT, CLEAN SHAVEN, NO SCARS, WORE AN EAGLE WITH WING SPREAD RING ON RING FINGER OF RIGHT HAND.

SECOND W/M: OVER SIX FEET, ONE SIXTY LBS., SANDY HAIR, LIGHT GREY SUIT, BROWN NECKTIE, AND BLACK SHOES.

JOHNSON INDICATED THAT SECOND W/M WAS THE INDIVIDUAL HE OVERHEARD THE CONVERSATION FROM.

JOHNSON INDICATES THAT HE HAS NEVER BEEN TO THE DALLAS AREA BUT STATES THAT CLARK SHOULD BE IN THE PHONE BOOK.

JOHNSON IS ALSO IN FILE EIGHTY EIGHT DASH SEVEN ZERO EIGHT NINE, WHEREIN JOHNSON CALLED THE BUREAU RE A HENRY TURNER, A POSSIBLE FUGITIVE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT JOHNSON IS APPARENTLY MENTALLY DISTURBED BASED ON HIS PRIOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH BUREAU AND INTERVIEW THIS DATE.

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INDICES CHECK RE C. A. W. CLARK REVEALS A LETTER DATED NOVEMBER TWENTYSEVEN FORTYFOUR FROM THE WAR DEPARTMENT, ARMY SERVICE FORCES HEADQUARTERS, EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND, CAPTIONED NAACP, REFERRING TO SHREVEPORT, POINTING OUT REV. C. W. A. CLARK, A BAPTIST MINISTER, WAS ONE OF THE NAACP'S ARDENT BACKERS.

THIS INFORMATION BEING SUBMITTED TO DALLAS AS REQUESTED IN RETEL FOR CONSIDERATION AS PART OF THEIR INVESTIGATION UNDER MURKIN. THREE ZERO TWO TO FOLLOW.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND SACRAMENTO.

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END

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE HOUSTON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/17/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/5 - 5/14/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE, I.O. # 4182, W.F. # 442-A, TOP TEN FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., (DECEASED) - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA JAMES S. WEIR	TYPED BY SJM
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCE: Buairtel, 5/7/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Since the inception of this investigation, all investigative leads developed by Houston have been set forth upon receipt. The leads are not being restated in this report.

LEAD:

HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Will continue investigation and set forth leads upon receipt.

Accomplishments Claimed: None

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to:

Report of: SA JAMES S. WEIR
Date: May 17, 1968

Office: Houston, Texas**Field Office File #:** 44-1509**Bureau File #:** 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY,
TOP TEN FUGITIVE;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(DECEASED) - VICTIM

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

Synopsis:

Two white males using names ~~W. DAVIS~~ and ~~B. CHIDLAW~~ departed Memphis 1:47 AM, 4/5/68 via Delta Flight 157 non-stop to Houston. Prior to flight departure two white males taken to Memphis Municipal Airport by taxi from William Len Hotel, Memphis and subsequently identified from hotel records as ~~VINGENT WALKER~~, San Francisco and ~~LAWRENCE RAND (or REND)~~, Kansas City, Kansas. Delta Airlines hostesses, limousine driver and logical hotel inquiries unable to identify DAVIS or CHIDLAW. Elimination of look-alikes set forth. Name of JOHN WILLARD located in records for Itaska Dance Studio, League City, Texas. Manager recalls WILLARD at studio in April, 1967 taking four weekly lessons. Telephone company records reflect 969 telephone calls from pay phones along I.S. 10, Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. NEAL AEBY, former inmate Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) with subject stated subject worked in Bread Room, MSP, as slicer; subject because of stomach trouble quit smoking and partial to egg diet. Houston Bartending School, labor unions, ship departures, credit, criminal, street and telephone directories negative for subject. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

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This investigation is predicated on the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, April 4, 1968 at Memphis, Tennessee.

On April 5, 1968 at approximately 12:05 AM, J.W. FARRIS, a Yellow Cab Company driver, Memphis, Tennessee, advised the FBI that he made a pickup of a white male at the William Len Hotel. FARRIS was directed to go in the first instance to West Memphis, Arkansas. Shortly thereafter he was re-directed by his passenger to drive to the Memphis Municipal Airport. Upon arriving at the airport, FARRIS was told by his passenger to wait while the passenger checked flight departure schedules. According to FARRIS, this passenger also made an inspection of the inside and immediate area outside the airport terminal. FARRIS then was directed by his passenger to return to the William Len Hotel and there to wait for the passenger. Shortly thereafter the passenger returned accompanied by another white male and FARRIS was directed to take them to the Memphis Municipal Airport.

Investigation by the FBI determined the following:

Records of the William Len Hotel revealed that a VINCENT WALKER, 449 Steiner Street, San Francisco and a LAWRENCE RAND, or REND, 2532 Polk, Kansas City, Kansas, checked into that hotel at 2:38 PM, April 4, 1968 and checked out at approximately 12:10 AM, April 5, 1968.

Investigation by the FBI has determined that WALKER and RAND, or REND, were identical to the individuals that Yellow Cab Driver J.W. FARRIS transported to the Memphis Municipal Airport.

Inquiry at Delta Airlines, Memphis, determined that two individuals utilizing the names W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW departed Memphis at 1:47 AM, April 5, 1968 via Delta Airlines enroute, Houston, Texas. These individuals had no reservations for that flight.

Mr. GLEN PARNEILL, Reservations Manager, Delta Airlines, Houston, Texas on April 5, 1968 advised that the names of W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW had been computered into Delta Airlines records at 1:55 PM, April 4, 1968 which indicates their tickets were purchased shortly before that time and they were booked as a party of two. They traveled on Flight 157 non-stop, Memphis to Houston.

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They departed Memphis at 1:30 AM, April 5, 1968 and arrived at 2:50 AM, April 5, 1968. Their names were added to the manifest and no addresses were listed.

On April 5, 1968 Miss SUSAN KRAUSE, one of two stewardesses aboard Delta Flight No. 157, Memphis to Houston, referred to above, advised as follows. She stated that her flight was late in arriving at Memphis. She had gone to the operations division to pick up forms and upon her return to the plane she went about her normal business. Miss KRAUSE advised that the names of passengers aboard the plane are not taken and the only thing she looks for is the envelope of the passenger that contains the ticket showing the passenger's class of travel. Because of the late hour of the departure of the flight from Memphis, the lights inside the cabin were turned down for the convenience of the majority of the passengers and she was not able to get a close look at anyone and was unable to recall the passengers W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW.

On April 5, 1968, VICKIE MC LUCAS, Delta stewardess for Delta Flight 157, Memphis to Houston, Texas, referred to above, advised as follows: While Flight 157 was at the Memphis Airport several passengers came aboard and the lights were turned down low for the convenience of other passengers; consequently, she did not pay any specific attention to any of the passengers coming aboard. Miss LUCAS advised that she was unable to recall passengers named W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW as members of the passenger list, Flight 157, Memphis to Houston, April 5, 1968.

On April 8, 1968 JIM HAYDEN, Limousine Service, which service handles the Houston Municipal Airport, advised that his records disclose LUPY DELAO who is currently working for Delta Airlines at the Houston Municipal Airport was on duty at the airport when the Delta Flight arrived at 2:50 AM and his records disclosed that DELAO had six persons whom he transported in his limousine to downtown Houston, which persons presumably were from the Delta flight mentioned above.

LUPY DELAO, 1815 Louis, telephone CA 8-6119 advised that he did in fact transport passengers from the Delta flight which arrived at 2:50 AM and he recalled that there were six adult white males who requested transportation in his limousine. He stated he dropped three of the men at the Sheraton Lincoln Hotel in downtown Houston, two of the men were dropped at

the Rice Hotel in downtown Houston and one man was dropped at the Downtowner Motel in Houston, Texas. DELAO advised that the two men he dropped at the Rice Hotel indicated at first that they intended to be dropped at the Downtowner Motel however when getting in the vicinity of the Rice Hotel changed their minds and asked to be dropped off at the Rice Hotel. DELAO stated that these two men had very little luggage and each one carried only a small handbag. DELAO stated he could not furnish any descriptive data regarding the two men he dropped off at the Rice Hotel and did not in fact know if they actually stayed at the Rice Hotel or one of the other hotels in the area. DELAO stated that he would have arrived at the Rice Hotel at approximately 3:30 AM as this is the amount of time it normally takes to drive to the Rice Hotel from the airport via the route he took.

On April 8, 1968, Mr. JOHNNY RAGLEY, Credit Manager, Rice Hotel, personally checked all available logical records in an effort to identify two individuals who may have checked in the Rice Hotel approximately 3:30 AM on April 5, 1968. Further all available records were checked for the following names:

JOHN WILLIARD
VINCENT WALKER
LAWRENCE RAND or REND
W. DAVIS
B. CHIDLAW

No records were located which could possibly be identified with the two individuals possibly identical with the suspects who reportedly flew from Memphis to Houston, Texas on the morning of April 5, 1968.

Similar record checks were made at the Milby Hotel which is located across the street from the Rice Hotel and at the Downtowner Motel also in the vicinity of the Rice Hotel and the results of the checks were negative.

Records of the Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office, Houston Credit Bureau and Houston street and telephone directories checked for any information for the above listed individuals were negative.

I. INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY LAUNDRY TAG MARK 02B-6

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On April 10, 1968 HORACE F. KUHLEMAN, owner, Kuhleman Machinery Company, 2210 Taft, advised that the following laundry and cleaning concerns utilized the thermo seal marking machine which is manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. KUHLEMAN has the exclusive franchise for the thermo seal marking machine for the territory of southeast and south Texas. It has been determined through KUHLEMAN that his distributorship area is inclusive of the Houston Division. Companies are:

Pilgrim Cleaning and Laundry, Galveston, Texas
Hi-hat Cleaners, Houston, Texas
Pilgrim Cleaners, Homestead Road, Houston
Pilgrim Cleaners, Baytown, Texas
Fame Cleaners, Pasadena, Texas
Wilkins Laundry, Conroe, Texas
Monarch Laundry, Houston

Mr. KUHLEMAN telephoned each of the above concerns and determined from the owner the type of laundry tag used.

KUHLEMAN's inquiry resolved the pertinent fact that none of the above cleaning or laundry establishments utilized the "dash" preceding the last digit six.

II. PERSONS CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECTS BUT ELIMINATED THROUGH INVESTIGATION

1. WILLIAM LEO BEIER Beaumont, Texas Police Department No. 23655

Inspector SNELL, Beaumont Police Department, on April 9, 1968 advised that BEIER was arrested on April 8, 1968 for investigation. BEIER had no identification and claimed he was an ex-convict from the State of Washington.

The Identification Division, FBI, advised that fingerprints of WILLIAM LEO BEIER, FBI No. 271131D are not identical with latent fingerprints developed in this investigation.

2. JAMES HERMAN SILVER

Information was received by the FBI, Houston, Texas that SILVER had been imprisoned at Leavenworth Penitentiary and that he has a strong dislike for Negroes and had visited Memphis in the past several times. He was described as an expert shot. On April 10, 1968 his whereabouts were unknown.

On April 10, 1968 a comparison of SILVER's fingerprints by the Identification Division, FBI, determined that his prints were not identical with those developed in this investigation and was eliminated as a suspect.

3. DONNIE LEON HARDEN

Information furnished by the Dallas Division, FBI, made DONNIE LEON HARDEN a possible suspect in this investigation.

Investigation by the FBI at Jackson, Mississippi determined that DONNIE LEON HARDEN, an employee of the Ingalls Ship Yard, Pascagoula, Mississippi, was at work on his job at that ship yard on April 4, 1968. He worked an hourly shift from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

4. CLAUDE CHESTER MC CLAREN, JR.

Mexican Police, Mexico City, Mexico, furnished the following information: CLAUDE CHESTER MC CLAREN, JR., US Passport [REDACTED] arrived in Mexico City from Tegucigalpa, Honduras April 8, 1968. He was enroute Houston, Texas. Airport police noticed a close resemblance of MC CLAREN to sketches of the suspect killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On April 19, 1968 CLAUDE C. MC CLAREN, JR. was interviewed at Commodore Cove, Shreveport, Texas, where he was employed as a heavy equipment operator. He furnished the following information:

He is working with his brother, CARL MC CLAREN on a construction job at Commodore Cove, Freeport building beach type homes. Their employer is the Drexel Industry located at 1500 Bank of the Southwest Building, Houston, Texas, and JAKE CLEGG is associated with this company. He presently resides at 119 Jolley Boat Lane, Commodore Cove, Freeport, Texas and his permanent address is 5405 Wichita Street, Ft. Worth, Texas which is the home of his sister, JUSTINE PRESTON. For the past two years, he has worked in Honduras returning to the U.S. in December, 1967 and lived in Ft. Worth for awhile. He began his employment at Freeport sometime around March 27, 1968. He went to Honduras on March 30, 1968 leaving Houston, Texas via National Airlines and from New Orleans, Louisiana flew to Honduras via Sahsa

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Airlines. He remained at the Hotel Bolivar, San Pedro Sula, Honduras from March 30, 1968 to April 7, 1968 at which time he flew from Honduras to Mexico City, Mexico via Tan Airlines and from Mexico City to Houston, Texas via Pan American arriving in Houston April 7, 1968 thus was in Honduras from March 30, 1968 to April 7, 1968.

The following description of CLAUDE CHESTINE MC CLAREN, JR. was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Ft. Worth, Texas
Height	5'9"
Weight	145 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Marital status	Single
Complexion	Tanned
Military service	U.S. Navy, August, 1954 - September, 1958
Serial No.	451-57-24

It was noted from observation that MC CLAREN does not resemble the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT,

5. JOHN A. GAULT

On April 12, 1968 the Miami Office of the FBI after reviewing records of Eastern Airlines determined that a JOHN A. GAULT employed by Associated Pipeline Contractors, Houston, Texas, had departed Greensboro, North Carolina on Eastern Flight 621 on April 9, 1968 destined for Atlanta, Georgia. He departed Atlanta, Georgia on Flight 341 on April 9, 1968 and traveled to Houston, Texas. GAULT was interviewed at Houston, Texas and it was determined that he is 24 years old and is in fact employed by Associated Pipeline Contractors and he in no way resembles JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

6. DON TURNER

Information furnished by the Conroe Police Department, Conroe, Texas was the basis for investigation of DON TURNER. Mr. KEN ANDREWS, Springville, New York, advised the Conroe Police Department that on April 13, 1968 while driving from Conroe to California, he picked up a person furnishing the name DON TANNER at Benson, Arizona. TANNER was dressed in an Army uniform. Because of TANNER's statements ANDREWS became suspicious of him. - 7 -

Information furnished by the Los Angeles Office determined that TANNER was eliminated on the basis of information furnished by SHIRLEY KAHN who stated that DONALD TANNER was a friend and associate of her son and that TANNER was not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

7. HENRY RICHARD GILES

Information furnished to the FBI determined that GILES had been under observation at Vera Cruz, Mexico in mid-April, 1968. He had been seeking information concerning travel to Cuba and had come to Mexico by the coast having entered Mexico at Tampico. He represented himself as being an employee of Braselton Construction Company, Corpus Christi, Texas.

On April 20, 1968, BILLY BRASELTON, Braselton Construction Company, Corpus Christi, Texas confirmed that HENRY ROBERT GILES is an employee of that company. He was not aware of GILES' visit to Mexico or Cuba. GILES upon interview April 20, 1968 advised he left Corpus Christi on April 16, 1968 by Trans-Texas Airways and traveled to Vera Cruz, Mexico. He departed Vera Cruz on April 17, 1968 by bus traveling to Mexico City. He returned to Corpus Christi, April 18, 1968 via Braniff Airlines. He denied making any inquiries while in Mexico regarding travel to Cuba. He was born [redacted] at Corpus Christi.

8. G.L. GALLAGHER
5505 Briar Drive, Houston, Texas

Information received by the FBI at Miami, Florida alleged that G.L. GALLAGHER, a visitor at the C Ranch Hotel, Miami, April 23, 1968 resembled a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as.

On April 23, 1968 SHIRLEY MAYON, Domestic, residence of G.L. GALLAGHER, 5505 Briar Drive, Houston, advised that Mr. and Mrs. GALLAGHER are presently in Florida on a vacation. GALLAGHER is an executive with an oil company at Houston, Texas.

9. Driver of Auto Bearing Louisiana License
25E930

An anonymous call received by the Dallas Division claimed that the driver of the above described automobile bore a strong resemblance to ERIC STARVO GALT. A check of Louisiana license records, Baton Rouge, Louisiana reflected that the above mentioned Louisiana license checked out to a car leased to Texas Services, Inc., Alexandria, Louisiana. Inquiry at Alexandria, Louisiana, determined that Texas -8 -

Services is a licensee of Hertz Rent-A-Car, Alexandria, Louisiana. Inquiry at Hertz Rent-A-Car determined that the aforementioned automobile had been turned back to the Hertz Main Office at Brian, Texas, approximately three months ago.

Inquiry at Hertz Rent-A-Car, Brian, Texas on April 24, 1968 revealed that the aforementioned automobile bearing 1968 Louisiana license 25E930 is maintained by Capps Car Rental, 3717 Inwood Road, Dallas, Texas.

10. TOM ROSELL

Information furnished by the FBI, San Francisco Office, made TOM ROSELL a possible suspect. A Miss TRUDIE WALMARK, San Francisco, California stated she had attended a study group at the First Baptist Church, Market and Octavia Streets on April 22, 1968. While at that meeting she met a man named TOM ROSELL who stated he came from Beaumont, Texas. It was her opinion that ROSELL closely resembled photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 24, 1968 inquiry made at 405 Threadneedle Street, Beaumont, Texas determined that TOM ROSELL is a resident at that address. ROSELL's mother stated that her son was enroute to San Francisco and was probably in that city by now. She stated that her son is employed as a barber at Beaumont, Texas. Beaumont street and telephone directories confirm that ROSELL is a barber with residence at 405 Threadneedle Street, Beaumont.

11. GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH

Information furnished the San Francisco Office of the FBI was as follows:

Deputy Sheriff ANGEL STICKE GAULT regarding passengers who left Nuevo Laredo on April 6, 1968 enroute to Monterrey, Mexico made SMITH a possible suspect. SMITH was described as age 22, a British subject studying at Rice University, Houston, Texas.

On April 29, 1968 Mrs. ATKINSON, Secretary, Office of the Dean of Men, Rice University, advised GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH is an Abraham scholar and a British exchange student studying economics at Rice University. Rice University

records reflected that SMITH was at Rice University until on April 4, 1968 departing Houston April 5, 1968 over Easter vacation for the purpose of making a mountain climbing trip to Mexico.

On May 4, 1968 photographs of GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH were sent to San Antonio for the purpose of eliminating SMITH as a suspect.

12. EARL RAY,
RAY EARL
WARREN RAY
RAY WARREN

On April 29, 1968, A.E. BROWN, Hampshire, Texas, advised that his ex-wife presently resides at 170707 Jamiaca Boulevard, Spring Valley, California adding she had received a letter in 1960 from a person who was then incarcerated at the Missouri State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri. BROWN was not sure of the name of the person who had written to his then wife but he seemed to recall it as EARL RAY or any of the following: RAY EARL, WARREN RAY or RAY WARREN. In the letter received by his wife was a photograph which BROWN claimed closely resembled that of the 1960 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, suspect in this investigation. BROWN's former wife, DORIS DEAN JONES was interviewed at San Diego on April 29, 1968. She stated that she formerly knew a RAY EUGENE WARREN who during 1954 or 1955 had been incarcerated at St. Louis City Jail for a period of one year prior to being sentenced to a 30 years sentence at State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri. She stated that in her opinion RAY EUGENE WARREN was not identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

13. CHARLES RAY JOHNSON

Information received by the FBI at Tampa, Florida made CHARLES RAY JOHNSON a possible suspect. JOHNSON had been described in information furnished to the Tampa Office as being employed by Heart of America Shows, a traveling carnival.

On May 1, 1968 the following investigation was conducted at Houston:

V.E. BROWN, Business Manager, Ted Corey, Owner and P.L. PATTERSON, Concessions Owner, all with Heart of America Shows advised that they could find no record for a CHARLES

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RAY JOHNSON as an employee with that show. They advised that Heart of America has no other branch shows on the road. They further advised that they had been operating in the State of Texas for the past month. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY displayed to them were not identified as being similar with any show personnel.

14. JAMES W. HAMMONS

Information received by the FBI, Pittsburgh, is as follows. A Mr. KELVIN PLYER, Gulf Service Station, operator, Bartow, West Virginia, stated that on April 22, 1968 two white males driving a 1961 or 1962 white Impala, Louisiana license unknown, purchased gas at PLYER's service station using Gulf Credit Card No. [REDACTED]. The purchaser signed the purchase slip in the name HAMMONS. On May 2, 1968 PLYER concluded after reading in the newspaper descriptive data concerning JAMES EARL RAY that HAMMONS might possibly have been RAY.

On May 8, 1968 JIM ABSHIER, Agent in Charge, Security Division, Gulf Oil Corporation, Houston, Texas advised as follows: Gulf Credit Card No. 1312681552 is issued to a JAMES W. HAMMONS, Route 1, Antler, Oklahoma. On April 22, 1968 HAMMONS made a purchase at Bartow, West Virginia for an automobile, Louisiana license 9H067.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

1. JAMES STEDMAN

On April 11, 1968, NORVIL WILSON, construction superintendent, Houston, advised that the previous day he had overheard JAMES STEDMAN stated that he, STEDMAN, had an idea who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING but he hoped he was wrong.

STEDMAN is employed by the T.R.Waldrop Company, air conditioning contractors who are sub-contracting on an apartment project. Houston. Waldrop records reflect STEDMAN was born [REDACTED] and was employed by Waldrop since February 27, 1968. He came to Houston from Memphis, driving a 1962 Chevrolet station wagon, Tennessee license KN 3666, Shelby County with wife listed as BETTY. STEDMAN is a diabetic.

On April 12, 1968 STEDMAN was interviewed on his job. when tactfully approached for any information or observation about the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING he replied he,

his family and friends in Memphis were capable of committing the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING but he had no idea or information regarding the murder. When confronted with the alleged statements he made he stated he may have been shooting off his mouth but still contended he had no information. When pressed for identities of possible suspects he became antagonistic and stated he wanted to talk to an attorney if agents persisted in questioning him.

At the outset when agents identified themselves STEDMAN thought the inquiry regarding him was due to arrears on car payments to a finance company. With this in mind, STEDMAN was advised of the reward for information identifying the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING. STEDMAN quickly advised he was not a stoolie.

STEDMAN denied Klan affiliation.

As a result of interview, STEDMAN became extremely upset and belligerent and indicated that he now had reason to get a permit to buy a gun in order to kill anyone who might give him trouble.

2. Investigation at Dancing Schools,
Houston Division

On April 18, 1968 Mrs. ITASKA WEINSTEIN, 5503 Yacht Club Drive, Dickinson, Texas, operator of the Itaska Dance Studio, Highway 3, League City, Texas, furnished the following information. Mrs. ITASKA WEINSTEIN had been contacted on April 16, 1967 regarding any information she might have in her records indicating that ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, might have been a student at her dance studio.

On April 18, 1968 Mrs. WEINSTEIN stated that she had researched her records and located a 3 x 5 card bearing the name of JOHN WILLARD, no address or description. She stated that the card had been completed by herself and merely shows that a man named JOHN WILLARD appeared for four dancing lessons, three lessons being on a Wednesday and one on a Friday, month and date not indicated. Mrs. WEINSTEIN does recall that these lessons for JOHN WILLARD were given before her annual recital which is held in May, and to the best of her recollection this person took the dancing lessons during April, 1967. She stated she has no other record pertaining to a JOHN WILLARD and was unable to locate any record which could contain his signature or handwriting.

Her overall impression of JOHN WILLARD as best

she can recall was that he was not neat, lacking in personality and was an extremely poor dancer. She recalls him as being quiet and difficult to teach because he had poor balance. No one else at her studio at the present time would know him. She stated that it was possible that SHIRLEY CARROLL formerly a bookkeeper for Mrs. WEINSTEIN at the studio might have had contacts with JOHN WILLARD when he came for lessons and may have conversed with him. She stated that SHIRLEY CARROLL resides at an address in care of J.L. HOECK, Patton Road, Box 81A, Forest Hill, Maryland. Mrs. WEINSTEIN was shown photographs of ERIC GALT, also known as James Earl Ray, and she commented that the photograph of GALT with his eyes closed most closely resembled the JOHN WILLARD that she vaguely recalls. She stated the eyes drawn into the photograph do not resemble those of the man who took lessons from her. In addition the hair of the JOHN WILLARD that she knew was not as dark as that in the photograph and his complexion was olive, not fair.

During their very limited conversations WILLARD stated he worked "at NASA" and did not get off from work until 5:30 PM. He also stated that he was called back to work on overtime on occasion. She stated that he did not appear to be a highly educated man, definitely not the "engineering type". WILLARD had remarked to Mrs. WEINSTEIN that he went from work to his apartment or room, took a shower, changed clothes and then came for his dancing lesson. She recalled that he usually wore a white shirt and dark pants but on one or two occasions wore a suit. At no time did Mrs. WEINSTEIN observe a badge or identification tag with WILLARD's photograph on it as do all employees working at NASA possess. WILLARD had stated to Mrs. WEINSTEIN that he owned a record player and he once borrowed one of her records. He had mentioned that he had bought a record of Fred Astaire Dance Instructions which he said he purchased at the NASA Bay Shopping Center, Webster, Texas. Mrs. WEINSTEIN recalled that she told JOHN WILLARD that she would not dance with him while teaching him ballroom dancing as it was against her policy. On at least two occasions JOHN WILLARD brought with him a woman who acted as his partner while he took lessons. This woman was described as name "LOU", age in her 40s and definitely older than JOHN WILLARD, height 5'4", average build, dressed in ordinary cotton dresses, not slacks, with hair being dark with a reddish cast and had a poor personality. To the recollection of Mrs. WEINSTEIN, WILLARD's dancing partner supposedly worked as a waitress, cafe or establishment unknown.

According to Mrs. WEINSTEIN, WILLARD told her that he, after having taken this woman to a lesson or two, would not be able to bring her back with him because she worked too late and she wanted him to pick her up after work. Mrs. WEINSTEIN although not ever seeing WILLARD drive a car was confident that he had one but she was unable to describe it other than to say it must have been an older car. Although she is not certain she thinks that perhaps on the last time that she gave him a lesson WILLARD told her he was going to "visit his mother". She can recall no further information regarding JOHN WILLARD. Mrs. WEINSTEIN further furnished the following descriptive data concerning JOHN WILLARD:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	Approximately 5'9" - 10"
Age	In his 30s
Hair	Brown, ordinary cut, combed straight back
Eyes	Gray or brown, definitely not blue, and did not wear glasses
Build	Stocky, but not fat or heavy
Complexion	Olive
Teeth	Cannot recall
Carriage	Posture not good, slouched and not that of a well groomed man
Speech	Average, no accent
Jewelry	May have worn ring and wrist-watch
Shoes	Black, round toed, not alligator; feet of average size
Habits	Cannot remember if he smoked; does not remember habit of pulling ear
Dress	When wearing slacks, wore belt and slacks much too long, dragging on floor, belt worn low
Miscellaneous	Did not seem clean or well educated

On April 19, 1968 Special Agents LEON F. BROWN and HENRY L. WILLIAMS contacted the following employees and proprietors of restaurants and bars on Old Galveston Road north from Webster to South Houston:

CECIL RAMSEY, Goliad Bar
7722 Old Galveston Road