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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (MAIL) AND SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

TELEPHONE CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT OR NEAR
SAN ANTONIO, TEX.; TWO CALLS TO THREE THREE THREE DASH NINE SIX
NINE NINE, RUSTON, LA., FROM ENCO SERVICE STATION, ONE ZERO
THREE S.W.W. WHITE RD., DEC. FIFTEEN, LAST.

ON MAY TWENTYTWO, LAST, W. E. WHEATSTONE, DISTRICT MANAGER,
SO. BELL TELEPHONE CO., MONROE, LA., ADVISED THERE IS NO EXCHANGE
THREE THREE THREE IN AREA CODE THREE ONE EIGHT. THE EXCHANGE
FOR RUSTON, LA., AND VICINITY IS TWO FIVE FIVE, BUT NUMBER
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SAN ANTONIO WILL RECHECK PHONE RECORDS IN CONNECTION WITH
ABOVE CALLS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10763) (P)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM E. DOYLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., 525 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, La., indicate that telephone number ~~388-3298~~ is listed to Acadian Hall, Room 241, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.

Telephone number ~~388-3069~~ is listed to Hodges Hall, Room 42, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.

On 5/16/68, Assistant Chief A. L. MC COY, Campus Security, Louisiana State University, advised that as of 12/15/67, Room 42, Hodges Hall was occupied by RONALD J. GAUDET, home address 617 West Prien Lake Road, Lake Charles, La.

Room 241, Acadian Hall, was occupied by SUSAN L. SCHWARTZ, 605 Southfield, Shreveport, La., and MARTHA J. MC MAHON, home address 836 Maine Avenue, Slidell, La.

Attempts were made to contact the above individuals at Louisiana State University, on 5/16/68, 5/17/68, 5/20/68 and 5/23/68, with negative results.

On 5/23/68, Assistant Chief, A. L. MC COY, Campus Security, Louisiana State University, advised that his office had determined that the above listed students had completed their examinations for the spring semester and had probably left for their homes on 5/17/68, 5/18/68 or 5/19/68.

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AT LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA. Will contact RONALD J. GAUDET, 617 West Prien Lake Road, and interview him re telephone call received from the Houston area, on 12/15/68, at phone number 388-3069, Baton Rouge, La.

AT SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA. Will contact SUSAN L. SCHWARTZ, 605 Southfield, re phone call received from Beaumont, Texas, area on 12/16/67, at telephone number 388-3290, Baton Rouge, La.

AT SLIDELL, LOUISIANA.

Will contact MARTHA J. MC MAHON, re telephone call received from Beaumont, Texas, area on 12/15/67, at telephone number 388-3298.

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TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

The Bureau ^{HAS} advised that one JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, when interviewed in St. Louis, stated that he thought JAMES EARL RAY to be a burglar, and contended that on or about 6/23 or 6/24/67, he read in the "Chicago Tribune" of a \$50,000 bank burglary in a Southern state and recalled that he and RAY had cased this bank in 1958, or 1959.

GAWRON claimed that he was visited by a man whom he refused to identify, and this man told him that he and others had robbed the bank and displayed a valise full of money. GAWRON further claimed that about 6 weeks ago this man again visited him and indicated that RAY and one or more other persons had been involved in the bank robbery. The bank was allegedly in the Deep South in a city near a river, and the city was on the east bank of the Mississippi River.

For the information of St. Louis, the American Bank and Trust Co., Airline Highway Branch, Baton Rouge, La., was robbed on 3/30/67, and \$55,693 was taken. The title of this case is, "UNSUBS (2), AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST CO., AIRLINE HIGHWAY BRANCH, BATON ROUGE, LA., 3/30/67; BR; NO 91-3073; Bufile 91-26681."

A lone W/M entered the bank at approximately 12:10 PM, and pulled a gun believed to be a German Luger, and told the 2 employees in the bank to lie down behind the counter. During the commission of the bank robbery, a shot was fired, believed to have been accidental, and the shell casing and slug were recovered. Latent fingerprints from the bank and from the get-away-car were also developed. The individual who entered the

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bank is described as a W/M, approximately 40 years old, 5'8", 145-155 pounds, small build, dark hair, dark complexion. He had a black mustache, which appeared to be false, and also wore glasses with dark frames. The subject wore a dark brown hat and had on black loafer-type shoes.

The second UNSUB was driving the get-away-car and was not observed by the bank employees.

St. Louis should interview JOHN EUGENE GAWRON to determine if the bank robbery he had referred to is the bank robbery committed in Baton Rouge, La., on 3/30/67. Names of suspects should be secured and submitted to the Identification Division for comparison with latent prints in Latent Case #78257, which is the Latent Case Number for the latents in the American Bank and Trust Co. robbery. Photos of any logical suspects should be furnished to New Orleans for display to witnesses.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA CLARENCE A. GROOMS, JR., on May 6, 1968, relative to locating JUNE TAYLOR:

WILLIAM R. BUSBEE, a long-time resident of Wagener, South Carolina, advised the only white TAYLOR family residing in Wagener was CLINE N. TAYLOR, Route 2, Box 143, Wagener. Mr. BUSBEE stated he knew of no JUNE or JEAN TAYLOR presently receiving mail in Wagener, nor did he recall anyone by this name who in the past has received mail in Wagener.

Chief of Police FRANK W. GANTT, Wagener, South Carolina, advised he knew of no JUNE or JEAN TAYLOR residing in Wagener or the immediate area.

Mrs. CLINE N. TAYLOR, Route 2, Box 143, Wagener, South Carolina, advised she had no children or relatives to her knowledge who were named JUNE or JEAN TAYLOR, and that she knew of no one by this name in the Wagener area. She stated to her knowledge, she and her husband and immediate family were the only white family of TAYLORS in Wagener.

On April 30, 1968, Captain HARRY SNIPES, Columbia, South Carolina, Police Department, advised that he was formerly acquainted with JOHNNIE BLACKWELL and JUNE TAYLOR because they were well known prostitutes in Columbia, South Carolina. He said that he had no idea where they were presently located, but he is certain they are still working as waitresses and prostituting wherever they may be.

On May 10, 1968, PHYLLIS WATTS, clerk, Medical Records Section, Columbia Hospital of Richland County, Columbia, South Carolina, advised SA ROBERT R. JOHNSON that she could locate no record of a former patient by the name of JUNE or JEAN TAYLOR, JEFFCOAT, or CABEAN.

On May 10, 1968, Mrs. RUDOLPH JEFFCOAT, Route 1, Wagener, South Carolina, advised that she has a daughter who has used the name of JUNE TAYLOR and who formerly worked as a waitress at the Red Rooster in Columbia, South Carolina.

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She said this daughter has also used the name NORMA LEE and the last names of JEFFCOAT, TAYLOR, and CABEAN.

She said that her daughter is presently using the name of JUNE SPELLMAN as she is now allegedly married to a soldier with the last name of SPELLMAN (first name unknown) who is stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia. She said her daughter is possibly working at a night club in Augusta, Georgia, that she would attempt to obtain her exact address, and would furnish this to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On May 13, 1968, Mrs. JEFFCOAT was again contacted and stated her daughter had visited with her on May 12, 1968; however she could not find the name or number given her to call, and thereupon told her daughter the FBI was looking for her. She stated her daughter was to report into the Columbia Office on May 13, 1968. She stated she did not ascertain where her daughter was living but that she was believed to be working at the Spar Club or Bar in Columbia, South Carolina. Mrs. JEFFCOAT was again requested to have her daughter contact SA GROOMS in the event she returned to Wagener.

Investigation at Columbia, South Carolina, on May 15, 1968, disclosed no concern named the Spar Club or anything similar thereto is located at Columbia, South Carolina.

On May 17, 1968, Mrs. RUDOLPH JEFFCOAT, Route 1, Wagener, South Carolina, was advised JUNE TAYLOR had failed to contact the FBI Office at Columbia, South Carolina. She said her daughter could be "anywhere" and using "any name", and she could suggest no one who would know her whereabouts.

In view of the nature of the origin of the information from BILLINGS which was refuted by JOHNNIE BLACKWELL, no additional efforts are being made to locate JUNE TAYLOR since her whereabouts is unknown by her family and friends and considerable investigation has been conducted to locate her.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 15, 1968

As a result of investigation on April 30, 1968, to locate her at Columbia, South Carolina, Mrs. JOHNNIE BLACKWELL GENTRY, Apartment K-3, Lexington Apartments, West Columbia, South Carolina, telephonically contacted the Columbia FBI Office on May 9, 1968.

She was interviewed and advised as follows:

She has been married several times and is generally known as JOHNNIE BLACKWELL. About May of 1965, she and a girl friend, JUNE TAYLOR, were residing on Chestnut Street in Columbia, South Carolina. She was then working at The Lounge, 1103 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina, as a waitress. The Lounge is located in the same block as the Downtowner Motel in Columbia, South Carolina. Her roommate, JUNE TAYLOR, was dating a white male with the last name of BILLINGS and through BILLINGS, she, BLACKWELL, met a white male with the last name of BARBER. During May, 1965, these 2 men moved into the apartment with her and TAYLOR where they lived for several days. During this period, BILLINGS owned and drove a red Chevrolet convertible with what she believed was a Maryland license tag. She said during this period, JUNE TAYLOR was working at the Red Rooster Bar, in Columbia, South Carolina, and that the 4 of them for several days lived as man and wife.

Mrs. GENTRY said that she does not recall during this period or ever knowing 2 men by the name of JAMES and EDDIE, and she could furnish absolutely no information concerning such individuals. She emphatically denied that anyone had ever asked her if she could get a machine gun for them and she is certain that BARBER never asked her such a question. She does not recall ever visiting the VFW Club in Columbia, South Carolina, when BARBER and BILLINGS were there. She said that she was unable to furnish any information concerning BARBER having sticks of marijuana in his possession but that she was told that he had recently been discharged from the Army. She said that she could furnish no information concerning a person with the first

On 5/9/68 at West Columbia, S. C. File # Columbia 44-299

by SA MULDROW B. MILLS and
SA ROBERT R. JOHNSON MBM/crg

Date dictated 5/14/68

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name of JAMES who owned a 1964 or 1965 Lincoln Continental who was from Tennessee.

She did recall that on one occasion while (first name unknown) BARBER and (first name unrecalled) BILLINGS were living with her and JUNE TAYLOR, these men left for a couple of days in BILLINGS' car, but she does not know where they went, as they moved out shortly after returning to Columbia, South Carolina, and she has seen neither of them since. She said that she does not recall ever visiting a large drive-in restaurant in Columbia, South Carolina, with these persons, and she could furnish absolutely no information concerning BARBER and BILLINGS taking a trip to Louisiana while she knew them.

Mrs. GENTRY said that she has never heard anyone discuss the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; and she could furnish absolutely no information concerning any such conspiracy. She said that individuals such as JAMES and EDDIE were completely unknown to her.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mrs. GENTRY, who said that as far as she can recall, she had never seen such a person. She said that she was of the impression that BILLINGS had been in Columbia, South Carolina, before the time she met him. She said that BARBER, during the time she knew him, did not own an automobile.

She said that JUNE TAYLOR, mentioned above, has been married or lived with numerous men and that she has used the names JUNE TAYLOR, JUNE JEFFCOAT, JUNE CABEAN, and NORMA MAE CABEAN. She said that she has absolutely no idea where JUNE TAYLOR is presently residing, but the last she heard, TAYLOR was reportedly married to a serviceman and living in Augusta, Georgia, where she was working at a night club.

She said that JUNE TAYLOR's step-father is named RUDOLPH JEFFCOAT, and he presently operates a store just

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outside of Wagener, South Carolina. JUNE TAYLOR has a brother named DEMPSEY JEFFCOAT, who lives in South Congaree, South Carolina.

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RE: Investigation Columbia, West Columbia and Wagener,
S. C., re information furnished by CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, Medical
Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, ~~Mo.~~, April 26, 1968.

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT R. JOHNSON:

On April 30, 1968, E. R. PAULK, Clerk, Business License Division, City Hall, reviewed the records and advised there was no record of a place doing business in Columbia as Chubby's Steak House. He stated this restaurant may possibly be identical with Chub's and Tub's, 1201 Lady Street, which is owned by a FRANK B. TAYLOR.

He also stated there was no record of a restaurant or club known as the Downtown; however, there is a business called the Downtowner Steak House located at 1301 Main Street, which is owned by a CHARLES T. NOVELLESS or NOUELLESS.

He stated the Red Rooster is out of business, and when it was in operation it was located at 1632 Sumter Street. The owner was reflected as DOROTHY NAIRWOOD.

On April 30, 1968, Detective T. M. SHARPE, Columbia Police Department, advised that the business license of the Red Rooster was taken away several months ago. He also stated the business is owned by BARNEY LEE NAIRWOOD, 4716 Linen, Columbia, South Carolina, and displayed a lengthy arrest record for MR. NAIRWOOD.

On the same date ANN HULON, Records Clerk, Identification Division, Columbia Police Department, advised no arrest record for CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, JUNE TAYLOR, JOHNNIE BLACKWELL or GLEN BARBER could be located. She also advised that no arrest record could be located for a JAMES BARBER who is described as a white male, approximately forty years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT R. JOHNSON and SA MULBROW B. MILLS:

On April 30, 1968, BARNEY LEE NAIRWOOD, 4716 Linden, advised he formerly operated a club known as the Red Rooster on Sumter Street. He stated a JUNE TAYLOR was formerly employed there but left months ago. He stated he had heard she was remarried, and did not know her new last name, nor did he have a Social Security Number available for her. He stated she may still receive mail at Wagener, South Carolina. Mr. NAIRWOOD stated JOHNNIE BLACKWELL worked at the Lounge on Lady Street in Columbia, and she may still be working there. He advised JUNE TAYLOR has a brother living near Outlaws Garage in South Congaree, South Carolina, near a junkyard and she used to work at the Club 21 in Augusta, Georgia.

On April 30, 1968, CYNTHIA FROST, Records Clerk, Richland County Sheriff's Office, reviewed the indices of that law enforcement agency and advised they were negative concerning JUNE TAYLOR, JOHNNIE BLACKWELL, CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, GLEN BARBER, and JAMES BARBER.

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs THOMAS N. CURRAN and ROBERT R. JOHNSON:

On April 30, 1968, EDNA OVERTON, barmaid, The Lounge, 1103 Lady Street, advised she had been working there since the last week in January, 1968, and that no person by the name of JOHNNIE BLACKWELL had worked there, as far as she knew. She stated the owner Mrs. DOROTHY HUFF, 3801 Eureka Street, maybe able to furnish more information.

On April 30, 1968, Miss HUFF stated her mother, DOROTHY HUFF, was too ill to receive visitors and she asked her mother about JOHNNIE BLACKWELL. She then advised that JOHNNIE BLACKWELL had worked at the Lounge but had quit some

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months ago. She advised her mother could furnish no information about JOHNNIE BLACKWELL'S whereabouts.

On the same date VICTOR REINHARDT, Criminal Investigation Detachment (CID), Fort Jackson, South Carolina, advised that agency had no information regarding a GLEN or JAMES BARBER on the theft of a .50 caliber machine gun.

On April 30, 1968, Sergeant JAMES McCARTHY, Desk Sergeant, Military Police Company, Fort Jackson, stated the military police had no traffic arrest or other records concerning a GLEN or JAMES BARBER.

On April 30, 1968, Sergeant First Class REYNALDO RESENDEZ, Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, Mental Health Clinic, Fort Jackson, advised that unit had no record concerning a GLEN or JAMES BARBER.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT R. JOHNSON:

On May 1, 1968, Master Sergeant I. W. JONES, Chief Clerk, Registrar's Office, United States Army Hospital, Fort Jackson, advised that facility has no record on a GLEN or JAMES BARBER. He suggested that the individual's file may be obtained from the Military Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri.

The following investigation was conducted by SA'S KENYON D. BOWES, JR., and ROBERT R. JOHNSON:

On May 1, 1968, CAROL LEITZSEY, 2205 Rosewood Drive, stated she is acquainted with JOHNNIE BLACKWELL and a JEAN TAYLOR. She stated JOHNNIE BLACKWELL formerly worked at the Lounge, but quit some time ago. She advised she could furnish no information whatsoever regarding her whereabouts. She stated JEAN TAYLOR formerly worked at the Copa Cabana, a club which had been demolished several months ago. She stated JEAN TAYLOR resides outside of Columbia at an unknown location on the Sumter Highway. She also advised JEAN TAYLOR had been

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an in-patient at the Columbia Hospital from which she had been released several weeks ago.

On May 1, 1968, inquiry at Medical Records, Columbia Hospital, was negative concerning the treatment of a JUNE or JEAN TAYLOR.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299) (P)

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Re Bureau airtel to all offices, 5/7/68.

Kansas City airtel to Bureau 4/27/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies each of the following inserts:

1. Investigation re Suspect DANIEL EUGENE PARMA, 2915 Grim Ave., Waco, Texas.
2. Investigation in S. C. concerning unidentified deceased persons since 4/15/68.
3. Investigation Columbia, West Columbia and Wagener, S. C., re information furnished by CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Ill., on 4/26/68. (2 inserts and 1 FD 302) MO.
4. Administrative pages re contacts with informants by the Columbia Division.

Enclosed for New Orleans and Tampa Offices is 1 copy each of investigative insert concerning investigation in S. C. re information furnished by CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Ill., on 4/26/68. (2 inserts and 1 FD 302)

- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encls-90)
 - ① - New Orleans (Encl-3) (Info)
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Enclosed for San Antonio is copy of insert re
investigation re Suspect DANIEL EUGENE PARMA, 2915 Grim Ave.,
Waco, Texas.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/23/68

For your information and investigative assistance, subject JAMES EARL RAY has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums". A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to this office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA JOHN SATTERTHWAITE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN SATTERTHWAITE on May 23, 1968:

Deputy Sheriff GENE PEDIGO, Vermillion Parish
Sheriff's Office, Abbeville, La., advised that within
Vermillion Parish there have been no unidentified bodies
since April 5, 1968.

Sheriff CHARLES FUSELIER, St. Martin Parish,
St. Martinville, La., advised that there have been no
unidentified bodies found within St. Martin Parish since
April 5, 1968.

Deputy Sheriff WORTHY QUEREUX, Iberia Parish,
New Iberia, La., advised that their department is unaware
of any unidentified bodies located within Iberia Parish
since April 5, 1968.

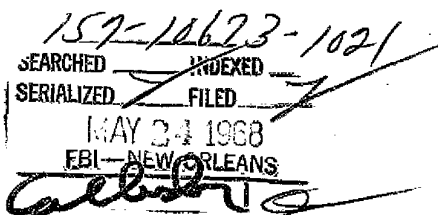
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA RICHARD A. SMALLWOOD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER, 5/21/68.

Contact of Sheriff's Offices and Coroner's Offices, Lafayette, and Acadia Parishes on 5/23/68, failed to disclose any information concerning any unidentified, deceased male bodies having been recovered since April 5, 1968.

Other Agents assigned to Lafayette Resident Agency will submit memo covering contacts of parishes which are assigned to these Agents.

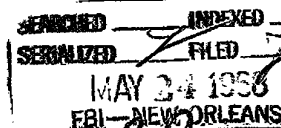
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA RICHARD A. SMALLWOOD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA LESTER G. DAVIS, 5/20/68.

Contact of appropriate police agencies in the Lafayette Resident Agency territory on 5/22/68, failed to disclose any robbery similar to one described in referenced memo as having occurred in the Lafayette Resident Agency territory.

*This relates to large amount of robbery
or theft \$50,000 or more.*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 5-24-68

FROM : SA L. M. SHEARER, JR.

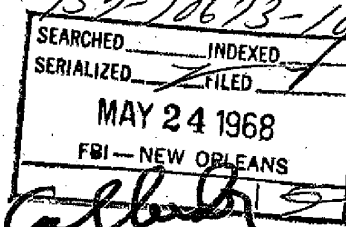
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 5-21-68.

Chief Deputy HARRY L. PACKARD, Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office, advised SA L. M. SHEARER, Jr., on 5-24-68 that no unidentified dead has been located in Plaquemines Parish since 4-1-68.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)(P)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/23/68

Re Bureau airtel 5/21/68 (serial 1000).

The following instructions have been received from the Bureau:

"You should make appropriate inquiry at banks to determine identity of individuals making a withdrawal of \$10,000 and over in cash, confining 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."

Supervisor KELLY at the Bureau has advised that only the banks in major cities in Louisiana should be contacted in regards to the above.

Agents to whom copies of this memorandum are directed should conduct appropriate investigation at the banks in the major cities in their RA territories in line with the above.

In reporting results of this investigation, please refer to serial 1000.

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 - 1 - SA SMALLWOOD (Lafayette)
 - 1 - SA WARD (Lake Charles)
 - 1 - SA KELLEY (Shreveport)
 - 1 - SA DENT (Monroe)
 - 1 - SA WERTMAN (New Orleans)

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 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuAirtel to Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles,
 Memphis and New Orleans, 5/21/68.

Rebulet advises that appropriate inquiry should be made at banks to determine identity of individuals making a withdrawal of \$10,000 and over in cash, and confining this inquiry for period of April, 1968. The Bureau advises that the possibility exists that subject was hired assassin and a pay-off could have taken place shortly before or after the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

For information of the Bureau and offices receiving this communication the following is being furnished.

For many years the Intelligence Units of the U.S. Treasury Department have been receiving from the Federal Reserve Banks a form known as the TCR-1 "Report of Currency Transactions; Person or Organization Concerned in Transaction Reported". These forms are used by the Intelligence Units of IRS for purposes of discovering large currency transactions resorted to by racketeers, dealers in narcotics, foreign agents, and others engaged in illegal activities as an attempted method of concealing income.

- 3- Director (Encl. 1) (AM)
- 2- Atlanta (44-2386) (Encl. 1) (AM)
- 2- Birmingham (44-1740) (Encl. 1) (AM)
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- ②- New Orleans (157-10673) (Encl. 1) (AM)
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The TCR-1 is actually completed or filled in by banks, savings and loan associations and other financial type institutions when a transaction involves a deposit, withdrawal, or other payment or transfer effected by, through, or to such financial institution, which involves U.S. Currency as follows:

1. Transactions involving \$2,500 or more of U.S. Currency in denominations of \$100 or higher.
2. Transactions involving \$10,000 or more of U.S. Currency in any denomination.
3. Transactions involving any amount in any denomination, which in the judgment of the financial institution exceed those commensurate with the customary conduct of the person or organization concerned.

After the TCR-1 Forms are executed they are then sent to the Federal Reserve Banks and their branches who in turn retain them for about one month and at which time they are then sent on to IRS Intelligence Units in the particular area.

In a recent major case (YOUNGNAP) within the Los Angeles Division, the above information became known, and as a result a Confidential Source was developed who furnishes us copies of these forms on a weekly basis. In reviewing the data on such forms it was believed that the information would be of value in investigations relating to Anti-Racketeering, Federal Reserve Act, Bankruptcy, Ascertaining Financial Ability, Fraud Against the Government, Bank Robbery and larceny cases as well as Security type matters.

For the above reason the Los Angeles Division opened a dead file captioned:

"CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS,
REPORTS OR PERSONS OR
ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED
AR"

Los Angeles file 92-3006

And copies of all the TCR-1 Forms received since March 3, 1968 have been filed alphabetically in a special indices after they have been indexed to the general office index. These forms are then reviewed periodically for individuals whose name continually reappear for possibly anti-racketeering matters.

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Enclosed for the Bureau and each office receiving this communication is one unexecuted copy of the TCR-1 Form.

For information of the Bureau, the Los Angeles Division is currently reviewing the TCR-1 Forms for individuals who may have made a \$10,000 withdrawal of funds and appropriate investigation will be conducted as to each such individual.

The Bureau may wish to have each office contact the IRS Intelligence Units within their division and review copies of these forms for the month of April, 1968. It is believed that this would expedite coverage of the requested lead and cover a larger geographical area.

Armed and Dangerous.

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Date **May 23, 1968**

RE:

MURKIN

157-10673

☒ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed is RCMP report of 4/18/68.

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Montreal G.I.S.

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1. Further to F.B.I. request made on the above noted date, please be advised of the following.

2. Checks were made at the address where GALT reportedly had resided, 2589 Notre-Dame East, Montreal, P.Q. This address is for the "HARKAY" Apartments. The janitor at Harkay Apts, one Roland RACICOT, was interviewed. With his permission, a perusal of the room ledger was made. Although GALT's name did not appear on any room sheet, on the reverse side of page number 3 (which stands for room #3) was found the following: "Eric S. GALT, 507 Chestnut Street, Kansas City, Mo.". On the front appeared the names Mr. MECKLIN, SEPT 4 to OCT 4 - moved; also MANIA FEB 3 to MAR 3 - changed to Apt #4. The dates for MECKLIN are for 1967 and the dates for MANIA are for 1968. When further questioned with regards to the Register, leases and any other information, Mr. RACICOT informed me that he had taken over the job only at March 1st 1968. He informed me that the former janitor, Morris QUINTAL, was no longer in the area, but that his present whereabouts could be obtained from the Manager, one Harry ROTHMAN.

3. Mr. H. ROTHMAN, 11 Halthorn Road, Hampstead, Quebec, phone 488-8525, was telephonically contacted at his office in Pont Viau, P.Q., at 669-1721. Mr. ROTHMAN informed me that Morris QUINTAL could be contacted c/o Hi Neighbour Floor Covering Inc., 557 Wyandotte, East, Windsor, Ontario. When questioned further, Mr. ROTHMAN sounded hesitant and unsure. He claimed he had no knowledge of any lease signed by GALT or any further information.

4. As a result of our conversation with ROTHMAN, Sgt. CARREAU of our "O" Division, Windsor Detachment, was contacted by phone. It was requested that QUINTAL be interviewed and any possible information concerning GALT be obtained.

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5. On the above date, newspaper clippings from "The Gazette" and "La Presse" along with a composite picture of GALT and the ledger sheet with GALT's name and a US address were forwarded by Air Canada to Windsor.

17 APR 68

6. On the above date, the results of the interview with QUINTAL were received from Cst. HARTLAND of Windsor Detachment. Same are as follows: the interview was held with QUINTAL at his residence at approximately Midnight of the 16-4-68. QUINTAL advises that GALT rented apartment 18 for approximately one to one and a half month from August to September 1967. QUINTAL believes a lease was signed and same should be

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in the possession of ROTHMAN.

7. GALT's physical description as given by QUINTAL is as follows: 5'6", 160 lbs, black hair combed backwards on an angle and not receding. He has a light complexion, shallow face and gave the appearance of being thin. He appeared to be 32 to 35 years of age. QUINTAL advised he would recognize GALT if he ever saw him again.

8. During his stay at the Harkay Apts, GALT was a quiet man who kept to himself. He only had two visitors that were noted by QUINTAL. Both were female and were together. The only description of these subjects that could be obtained is that they were elderly women between 40 and 42 years of age and one had black hair and the other had reddish brown.

9. With respect to mail, only two letters were received during his stay. One was from a US address but no information was available regarding this letter. The other was from Tip Top Tailors here in Montreal. From the information obtained from QUINTAL, GALT had ordered a suit there and this was a notice to pick it up. This information is presently in the process of being verified.

10. GALT claimed to have been working at Expo '67. This possibility was checked with negative results. Mr. R. MADORE, Personnel Manager for the C.C.W.E., was interviewed; a check of his records was made for the name of GALT and also John WILLARD, Harvey LAWMEYER and Eric STERVO which are known aliases. As previously mentioned, these were non-resultant. Mr. J. TRAYNOR of Expo Security was also interviewed and the aforementioned names were again verified with the passes issued to Expo employees both full and part-time. Checked were the press passes (both permanent and temporary), the permanent work passes and the temporary work passes. Again, this met with negative results. This does not exclude the possibility that GALT was employed by a private concessionaire; however, these types used a blanket pass for their employees and without the name of the concession or concessionaire, it is impossible to trace.

11. The possibility that GALT was driving a car in this area was also covered. QUINTAL claimed GALT asked if there were any parking spaces at the apartment. When QUINTAL told him there were, however, that they were \$20.00 a month, he declined. GALT asked if there were any other places for rent and he was referred to a local Shell and/or Esso Service Station. QUINTAL never saw the vehicle if there was one, therefore could add nothing further in this respect. Checks were made at Charlebois Shell, 2515 Notre-Dame East and at Michel Catala Texaco at 2508 Notre-Dame East with negative results. In either place, no receipts were given and due to the huge number of cars that were handled during this period, no one could recall either the subject or any particular auto with US plates. Enquiries along this line are being continued.

12. With respect to GALT's name and a US address appearing on the reverse side of Ledger sheet #3, QUINTAL could add nothing further. He did not know why they appeared there but is reasonably sure that this is GALT's handwriting.

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13. When GALT left Harkay Apts, he said he had to return to the US to look after some sick relative. He left around the 2 SEPT 67 and in so doing, forfeited the deposit he had placed on the apartment. This amounted to approximately \$90.00.

14. There is a possibility that the two women mentioned in paragraph 7 of this report would be Mrs. Rita STEEN, 5666 Franklin, Los Angeles, California and Mary DENINNO, 5533 Hollywood, Los Angeles, California. According to QUINTAL, these women and GALT had a party in his room. The next morning, one left and the other stayed on with GALT for a few days.

15. Record checks were made with both the Q.P.P. and M.C.P.; however, same met with negative results. A check of the surrounding area was made on the 13 APR 67 however with no results.

16. A photo of GALT is being forwarded by the F.B.I. to our Windsor Detachment for QUINTAL's identification. Also, it is requested that QUINTAL supply us with the names of any persons who resided in apartments #17 and #19 while GALT resided at the Harkay Apt.

17. Investigations in this matter are still being conducted at Tip Top Tailors, with the Manager of Harkay Apts and with QUINTAL. Various parking facilities in the area of the apartment are also being checked.

18. All leads will therefore be looked into as soon as possible with a further report to be submitted. A copy of this report is sent to Windsor Det.

S.U.I.

G.W.J. Mousseau Cst.
(G.W.J. Mousseau) #22870
Montreal G.I.S.

The C.I.B. "RECEIVED"

(J.D. PRINCE) S/SGT
i/c Montreal G.I.S.

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The C.C. "C" TORONTO:

Our File No. 68-3-190-19

1. FORWARDED for your information together with composite picture of suspect. Copy of this report sent direct to Windsor Detachment. Composite picture of GALT forwarded to Windsor Detachment via Air Canada on 16 APR 68.

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MONTREAL
18-4-68J.R. Duchesneau, Insp.
A/Officer i/c C.I.B.

The COMMISSIONER, Ottawa

1. FORWARDED for your information together with composite picture of suspect.

2. Investigation in this matter is continuing and you will be kept informed.

S.U.I.

MONTREAL
18-4-68J.R. Duchesneau, Insp.
A/Officer i/c C.I.B.*No dissemination*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : SA JOHN E. MC DANIELS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/20/68, the following advised that they had no information re the current whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE.

NO 1494-C

PCI PHILLIP GABRIEL

PCI ABBERT MANSHARDT

PCI ANNE KURGAN

PCI GENEVA SELLERS

- ② - 157-10673
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- 1 - 137-2687
- 1 - 137-3261
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673) (P)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/24/68

Information had been received from the Bureau that JAMES EARL RAY had made inquiries at country clubs in the past in order to secure employment.

As a result, the names and addresses of all country clubs and similar-type establishments were obtained from the yellow pages of the telephone directories for Alexandria, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Shreveport and Monroe and IO's regarding RAY were sent to these establishments.

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Callender

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA ROGER A. BOMBARDIER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New Orleans memo of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER,
5/21/68.

On 5/22/68, the following individuals advised that they did not have on file fingerprints of any unidentified, deceased males from 4/5/68 to 5/21/68:

Captain OLIN TERRY
Lafourche Parish SO,
Thibodaux, La.

Sheriff MURRAY F. LANDRY, JR.,
Assumption Parish SO,
Napoleonville, La.

Major JACK HATTAWAY
Terrebonne Parish SO,
Houma, La.

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② - New Orleans
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA ROGER A. BOMBARDIER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New Orleans memo of SA LESTER G. DAVIS, 5/20/68.

On 5/22/68, the following individuals were contacted and advised that there had not been any bank robberies in their respective areas in an amount of \$50,000.00:

Captain OLIN TERRY
Lafourche Parish SO,
Thibodaux, La.

Sheriff MURRAY F. LANDRY, JR.,
Assumption Parish SO,
Napoleonville, La.

Major JACK HATTAWAY
Terrebonne Parish SO,
Houma, La.

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② - New Orleans
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AIRMAIL

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

In an effort to give the widest possible circulation of Identification Orders of JAMES EARL RAY, New Orleans has determined that the Port of New Orleans has a mailing list comprising over 5,000 individuals and business firms of all types, including the shipping industry. This mailing list also includes foreign distribution.

This mailing list is not made up on the normal addressograph plates, but are gummed stickers with names and addresses which are affixed to the printed material. The Port of New Orleans utilizes a local mailing service with a special machine which does affix the stickers to the material and the Port of New Orleans has advised that they will make these gummed stickers available to use free of charge.

Inquiry at the local mailing service has determined to affix these gummed stickers to the Identification Orders, they would not charge the FBI more than \$10.00 per thousand.

Bureau authority is requested to expend up to \$60.00 in the mailing of these Identification Orders. Please advise.

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1 - Memphis
② - New Orleans
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The following investigation was conducted by
SA STEPHEN B. KING at Forest Hill, Mississippi, on
May 22, 1968:

WILLIAM CARL HENDERSON, Route 5, Box 311,
Forest Hill Road, Forest Hill, Mississippi, provided the
following information:

HENDERSON advised that he currently works out of
Iron Workers, Local Number 469, Jackson, Mississippi. He
advised he is currently employed in Vicksburg, Mississippi.
HENDERSON further advised that he has lived at his current
address for the past 18 years.

HENDERSON stated that on or about December 16,
1967, he received a telephone call from SYLVIA SNOWDEN,
white female, who resides in Houston, Texas. HENDERSON
stated that SNOWDEN mentioned the fact that she was calling
from a pay phone. HENDERSON went on to say that SNOWDEN
lived with him for sometime up until October, 1967, at
which time she left for Houston. HENDERSON said he was
not married to SNOWDEN.

HENDERSON advised that SNOWDEN told him she was
pregnant by him. He added that he knows SNOWDEN to be a
compulsive liar. He further advised that he knows SNOWDEN
to be living in Houston with a JIMMY (Last Name Unknown)
(LNU), white male. HENDERSON stated that he knows JIMMY LNU
to be a pipe welder working out of a local union in Houston,
Texas.

HENDERSON said that he knows JIMMY LNU, SYLVIA
SNOWDEN, and GLENDA WILKINSON, sister to SYLVIA SNOWDEN, to
have been in Memphis, Tennessee, immediately prior to the
slaying of Reverend Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. HENDERSON

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advised that he knows both SNOWDEN and WILKINSON to be originally from Meridian, Mississippi, and to be prostitutes who work as barmaids. HENDERSON went on to say that JIMMY LNU, SYLVIA SNOWDEN, and GLENDA WILKINSON stayed at his residence either the day of or immediately after the slaying of KING and he knew them to have arrived from Memphis, Tennessee. He described JIMMY LNU as a white male, 5'9" to 5'10", 160 pounds to 170 pounds, approximately 24 years of age, brown hair, medium build, with eyes close together - oddness about the eyes, and a very neat dresser.

He added that JIMMY LNU was somewhat quiet and seemed to observe a lot. He stated that after staying with him for a couple of days, the trio left for Larose, Louisiana, where WILKINSON is employed as a barmaid. HENDERSON said he thought both SNOWDEN and JIMMY LNU went on to Houston. HENDERSON advised that it was his impression that JIMMY LNU was originally from Louisiana, but had been in Houston for some time. He further advised that he thought JIMMY LNU to be in some sort of trouble and perhaps out on bond for "shooting up a place" in Louisiana.

HENDERSON advised that he knew SYLVIA SNOWDEN could be reached at telephone number 453-2874 in Houston. He also said that he knew her to have worked at one time at both the ElRanch Lounge on Raymond Road, Jackson, Mississippi, and the Capri Lounge, Cooper Road, Jackson, Mississippi.

HENDERSON stated that he had seen pictures of JAMES EARL RAY in the newspaper, and that JIMMY LNU did not resemble the pictures he had seen in the paper. HENDERSON could provide no further information at this time.

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Date: 5/23/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)
MURKIN
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Re Houston airtel to Bureau, 5/3/68, concerning long distance telephone calls from public telephone on Interstate 10.

Enclosed for each office designated are two copies of a report insert concerning information furnished by WILLIAM CARL HENDERSON (Protect), telephone number 372-3537, who resides at Forest Hill Road, Jackson, Miss.

It is noted that HENDERSON states JIMMY (LNU) does not resemble photos of subject RAY, however, he alleges that this individual along with SYLVIA SNOWDEN and her sister GLENDA WILKINSON stayed at his residence in Jackson, Miss., either the day of or immediately after the slaying of KING and that they had just arrived in Jackson from Memphis, Tennessee. He described JIMMY (LNU) as a white male, 5'9" to 5'10", 160 to 170 pounds, approximately 24 years of age, brown hair, medium build, with eyes close together, oddness about the eyes, and a very neat dresser.

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JN 157-9586

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Will locate and interview SYLVIA SNOWDEN, telephone 453-2874. SNOWDEN should be questioned concerning her arrival and departure in Memphis in April, 1968, her daily activities while in Memphis, and complete background information developed particularly her association and travel with JIMMY (LNU). It should be noted that SNOWDEN allegedly resides with this individual.

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AT LAROSE, LOUISIANA

Will attempt to locate GLENDIA WILKINSON or GELENDIA WILKINSON, sister of SYLVIA SNOWDEN. She allegedly works as a ~~barmaid~~ in Larose. The same information as set forth in Houston lead should be obtained from WILKINSON.

JACKSON

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with WILLIAM CARL HENDERSON and attempt to further develop this individual in matters of interest to the Bureau.

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Date: 5/23/68

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

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM: *KD* SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re New Orleans teletype to Kansas City, 5/17/68;
Kansas City teletype to New Orleans, 5/21/68.

RE: CARLOS LEE BILLINGS

BILLINGS, inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was first interviewed at the Medical Center regarding captioned matter on 4/26/68. It is apparent from this interview and subsequent interviews that he is primarily concerned about getting a Federal detainer lodged against him from Montgomery, Alabama, lifted. He has stated that he could furnish information that would assist in identifying the subject of this case if this detainer were lifted. It is doubtful in the mind of the interviewing agent that he has this information in his possession. In his interview of 5/20/68, BILLINGS indicated that the name ENIS HEAD was totally unknown to him. He denied that he stayed on a permanent basis at Carmerdelle's Canal Bank Inn continuously from May to December, 1965. He reported that when he stayed at this place initially in Apartment 6, it was already occupied by two men who were working off shore and that these men had rented this apartment from the owner. He stated that he and BEN BLACKWELL moved into the apartment when the occupants went to work off shore and would not be needing the apartment.

2 - New Orleans
2 - Memphis (43-1987)
2 - Kansas City
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He feels certain that in June, 1965, BLACKWELL paid the rent to the owner. He indicated that he left about June, 1965, and returned to Columbia, South Carolina, where he lived with a woman named JUNE TAYLOR. He stated he stayed in Columbia for about a month and then returned to New Orleans, but rather than staying at the Canal Bank Inn, he stayed at an unrecalled motel on Chef-Menteur Highway under his true name. He indicated he remained here for a month or a month and a half, during which time he just gambled at various establishments in Slidell, Louisiana, which is about 20 miles from New Orleans. He did visit BLACKWELL at the Canal Bank Inn during this time and BLACKWELL had another roommate, name unrecalled. He stated after he left New Orleans, he was in Dallas and Irving, Texas, and that he was here on two occasions; however, he cannot recall just exactly when this was. He stated he believes one of the times was in 1966, when he stayed at 1627 Cooper Street, in Irving, Texas, and had a job with a firm known as Shedd Bardish Foods, Inc.

Still in 1965, exact dates unrecalled, he traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he stayed at the Horseshoe Club under the names of ROBERT JAMES, Dallas, Texas. He stated that while here he sent a telegram to his wife in Pennsylvania, and she joined him in Las Vegas. He stated they then traveled to Artesia, New Mexico. He believes he arrived in Artesia sometime in July, 1965, at which time he opened a fruit stand, which he called Robert's Produce, located in the 4900 block of Main Street. He stated he and his wife lived right behind the fruit stand. In August, 1965, he took his wife as far as Wilmington, Delaware, and called his brother and told him to come and return her to her home.

He then went to Hartford, Connecticut, and got a job at Williams Ford, where he took care of the used car lot. At this place of business he used the name JAMES ROBERTS and he stayed about two weeks. He stated that at the end of the second week he stole about \$1,500 from this company from a night deposit and left. He stated he does not recall the name of the place where he stayed in Hartford, Connecticut, but it was a room in some rooming house. He then traveled to Buffalo, New York, where he stayed at an unrecalled hotel under the name LAURENT RIQUIER. He stated this was in the latter

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part of 1965, and the only reason he went to Buffalo was so that he could travel to nearby Batavia, New York, to bet on the horses. He stayed about two weeks and then returned to New Orleans, where he continued his gambling activities in various clubs in Slidell and Covington, Louisiana. He stayed in a motel in New Orleans called "Monte Leon" under the name LAURENT RIGUIER. He stated that this was toward the end of 1965, and that BLACKWELL was still staying at the Canal Bank Inn. He stated he wanted to emphasize that the owner of the Canal Bank Inn is incorrect when he says that he stayed at the inn from May to December, 1965, on a continuous basis. He stated this is not so and that he was quite transient during most of this period.

BILLINGS stated he believes he can be of assistance in this investigation, however, he would have to have an assurance of a Federal detainer lodged against him at the Medical Center being dismissed. He was informed that no such promise could be made to him.

Again, for information of receiving offices, it is documented that BILLINGS has been and still is of questionable mental competency.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : 157-10673

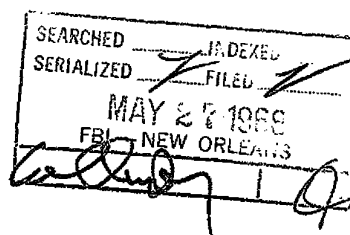
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FROM : SA LELAND A. LYNN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/23/68, Major JOHNNY GRAFFEO, Sheriff's Office advised that he investigates all deceased unidentified persons located in the parish of St. Mary. There are no ~~known~~ cases of unidentified bodies in St. Mary Parish since 4/1/68.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 5/24/68

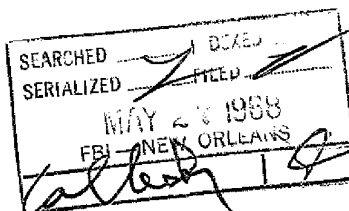
FROM : SA RONALD A. HOVERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/23/68, Dr. Frank Savoy, Coroner, Evangeline Parish and Dr. D.J. DeBlanc, Coroner, St. Landry Parish, both advised they have not recovered any unidentified bodies in their parishes.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA TROY H. GIST

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of SA LESTER G. DAVIS, 5/20/68, on above.

The following police officials were contacted and advised they knew of no burglaries or armed robberies during the past two years in this area with a loot totaling anything like \$50,000:

Capt. WALLACE LAIRD and Lt. JACK HUDGEONS, St. Tammany Parish SO, Covington, La.; contacted 5/24/68 by SA GIST

Capt. EARL G. PENTON, Washington Parish SO, Bogalusa, La.,; who was contacted 5/24/68 by SA GIST

Deputy HARRY JOYNTON, Tangipahoa Parish SO, Amite, La.; who was contacted 5/24/68 by SA GIST

The above sources stated they knew of no unsalved bank or armed robberies in other nearby states in this amount of money.



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TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA TROY H. GIST

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER, 5/21/68, on above.

The following parish coroners were contacted by persons shown and on dates shown and advised they had no unidentified deceased white males during the period of 4/5/68 to 5/23/68:

Dr. CHARLES R. GENOVESE, Tandipahoa Parish, La.,
Independence, La.; contacted 5/23/68 by SA GIST

Dr. H. E. GAUTREAUX, 226 S. Washington, Covington, La.,
St. Tammany Parish; contacted 5/24/68 by SA MEHL

Dr. HOLLIS A. STAFFORD, 110 Arkansas St., Bogalusa, La.;
Washington Parish; contacted 5/24/68 by SA GIST



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : Roy D. Christopher
Security Patrol Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN
info concerning.

At 4:05 am instant date Minel Bourgeois telephonically contacted this office and stated in a very obscene and intoxicated manner that he wanted an FBI agent to come and contact him. He stated that he did not want to tell why but ~~xxx~~ after repeated questioning he stated that he thought that he could help solve the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King and that of former President Kennedy. After several minutes of futile questioning by writer, Mr. Bourgeois hang up.

At 4:15 am instant dte Minel Bourgeois recontacted this office and asked if we would send an agent or not. Bourgeois advised that he wanted only one agent, not (hundreds). It was noted that he was more intoxicated than the first time he called. Bourgeois advised that he wanted the agent to call him at 644-3511 ~~xxxxx~~ and that he would meet the agent somewhere in town and for the agent not to come to the house. He advised that he drives a yellow Camaro. When questioned further about subject Bourgeois became very abusive with obscene language, saying that he just wanted an agent to contact him. He advised that he might be wrong but if he was that he was sorry. He stated that he wanted an agent just to help him check it out.

New Orleans indices reflect ~~1200~~ 62-0-16707, 174-462 on Bourgeois. Bourgeois's address is 302, Main st., Gonzales, La.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

RE: MURKIN

REBUAIRTEL, 5-16-68, concerning allegation by JOHN EUGENE GAWRON that subject and an unnamed man robbed bank June - July, 1967.

On re-interview late 5-22-68, GAWRON revealed location of bank as Alton, Ill., and identity of unnamed man who robbed same with subject as JIMMIE (LNU). Stated he was visited by JIMMIE nights of 5-13 and 5-14-68.

One JAMES H. CARPENTER, FBI # 230 243 is known to have visited GAWRON on those dates with another individual.

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- 1 - Indianapolis (Info)
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SL: 42-775

SL files disclose BANK OF ALTON, Alton, Ill., was robbed by two unknown subjects on 7-13-67 (Bufile 91-27494) (Sifile 91-3699) (SLfile 91-3877). Description of number two man could fit RAY. Number ~~two~~^{one} man description does not fit CARPENTER, who is 5'8", 140 #, slender build.

St. Louis City Jail records established CARPENTER was in City Jail from 6-5-67 to 3-1-68, and therefore could not have participated in the Alton BR, or met GAWRON during 1967 as alleged.

In view of foregoing, GAWRON is being considered as being of known unreliability.

Subject should STILL be considered as a possible suspect in all unsolved bank and other robberies subsequent to 4-23-67.

Subject A & D.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673) (P)

FROM : SA KEVIN J. HARRIGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/28/68

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau and Memphis and Birmingham dated 5/14/68 and New Orleans memo of SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR., dated 5/17/68.

Contact with several Federal and State Parole and Probation Officers and with various New Orleans police personnel, including various detectives, indicated that numerous ex-convicts could possibly reside in the general area referred to as covering the Industrial Canal and Chef Menteur Highway area of New Orleans. There are presently approximately 1,500 persons under combined State and Federal Parole and Probation supervision from the New Orleans area. Several of these probably reside in the general area referred to as the Industrial Canal and Chef Menteur Highway area.

It has been noted from review of subject's "rap sheet," as furnished by the Identification Division, that JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Ks., from July, 1955 until April, 1958. He returned to prison in March, 1960, this time to the Missouri State Penitentiary, where he remained until his escape in April, 1967. Consequently, since RAY has spent approximately eleven of the last thirteen years in two prisons, it is felt he may possibly have become friendly with some ex-con during this time at one of the aforementioned prisons, and who might possibly reside in the Industrial Canal and Chef Menteur Highway area; therefore, efforts to identify such an ex-convict was limited to persons who may have served time with subject at either Leavenworth or the Missouri State Prison.

It has been further noted from a review of subject's file that RAY allegedly told a girl friend, MARIE MARTIN, that when he made his first trip to New Orleans to pick up the children of RITA STEIN, he had visited friends in the



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