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4/9/68

518 10. Franger

Philip D. Le Bas
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today I spoke with Mr + Mrs. De Cere
1375 85 av. N. St. Pete. Mrs. Margaret
De Cere said she saw Sperry at Mrs
Ainsworth's door but not her and Dr
St. Petersburg said that she saw
Le Bas Sunday 4/4/68 during the
early evening hours. She also saw
him Sunday. Mrs. De Cere saw Le Bas
one morning on either 4/3, 4 or 5/68
driving his tan Mercedes.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. MUTLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Rebutel, 4/8/68.

The following individuals were contacted on 4/9/68, and advised that the files of their respective agencies contain no reference to anyone with surname LOWMEYER or LOWMYER:

Mrs. PAULINE WELLS, Office of Supervisor of Elections, Pinellas County, Clearwater, Florida;

Mrs. BRUNELL NICHOLSON, Clerk, Drivers License Bureau, Pinellas County, Clearwater, Florida;

P. J. CROWIN, Personal Property Tax Office, Pinellas County, Clearwater, Florida;

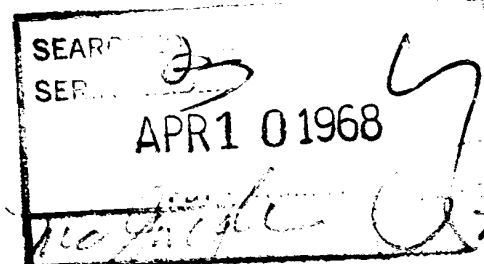
QUIDA PEARMAN, Office of the Tax Assessor, Pinellas County, Clearwater, Florida;

HAROLD MULLENBARE, Clerk of Circuit Court, Pinellas County, Clearwater, Florida (Real Property records);

ROTH BLUM VICK, Office of Intangible Property Tax, Pinellas County, Clearwater, Florida;

Patrolman TOM JOHNSON, Police Department, Dunedin, Florida.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA DAVID A. BRUMBLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO:MEMPHIS

The following investigation was conducted at St. Petersburg, Florida, by SA DAVID A. BRUMBLE on 4/9/68:

All of the following persons were contacted and advised that a review of their respective files failed to indicate that any individual with the last name of LOWMEYER, or LOWMYER was known:

MRS. CURTEAN WHITTER, Records Bureau, Clearwater, Florida
Police Department

MRS. ROSE S. SHAIN, Clerk, Pinellas County Judge's Office,
License Division which included Drivers Licenses,
Fishing Licenses, and Hunting Licenses, for the Southern
Half of Pinellas County, Florida, on file at the
County Building, 150 5th Street North, St. Petersburg,
Florida

MR. WILLIAM HENNING, Assistant Supervisor of Voter Registra-
tions, Southern Pinellas County, Florida, Active and
Inactive Rolls, County Building, St. Petersburg, Fla.

MRS. GLORIA LUKE, Clerk, Pinellas County Board of Public
Health, Health Permits and Work Permits, County Building,
St. Petersburg, Florida

MRS. PAULINE BROVILLAND, Clerk, Florida State Employment
Service, General Employment and Placement Files,
1040 1st Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida

MR. OTTO KERN, Clerk, Rest., Hotel, and Day Labor Files,
Florida State Employment Service, 1040 1st Avenue
North, St. Petersburg, Florida

MR. BOB BYRNS, Clerk, Records and Identification, St. Peters-
burg, Florida Police Department

LT. MEL COLEMAN, Vice Squad, St. Petersburg, Florida Police
Department

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It is to be noted that unemployment records are filed only
by Social Security Numbers, Health Department Files not reviewable,
Water Department Records are filed only by street address, and tax
assessors files county and city filed only by property legal description.
Automobile Registrations are not filed by name but only by tag number
issued.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA A. LEWIS BARNETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: Memphis

The following investigation was conducted on 4/9/68 by
SA A. LEWIS BARNETT:

At Fort Myers

The telephone directory covering Ft. Myers, Cape Coral, Pine Island, Ft. Myers Beach, Lehigh Acres, Sanibel-Captiva Islands, Boca Grande, Bonita Springs, Cape Haze, Everglades, Immokalee, Naples, Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda, Florida, was reviewed for the name of HARVEY LOWMYER or LOWMYER and similar names with negative results.

The following agency checks were made with negative results:

GIL KERLIKOWSKIE, Lee County Sheriff's Office
SHELLY DENKO, Records Clerk, Ft. Myers Police Department
GLORIA POFF, Deputy Supervisor, Lee County Election Records
MARGARET DEASON, Clerk, Lee County Driver's License Records
ELLEN RICE, Tag Clerk, Lee County Tag Agency

It is noted that ELLEN RICE advised that her office maintains an alphabetical listing for the 1965-66 tag year. No name similar to LOWMYER appears in this listing. She advised that it is impossible to check current registrations by name as they are listed by tag number only.

JOANN ROBERTS, Clerk, Lee County Credit Bureau.

The following investigation was conducted by SAS ERNEST J. KIRSTEIN, JR. and BRIAN R. HOLLSTEIN:

ALB:alb

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Punta Gorda, Fla.

The following checks were made concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, or similar names with negative results:

COP ROY ASHLEY, Punta Gorda PD
MARGE KUENATH, Credit Bureau Charlotte County
WILMA SPRIGS, Voter Registration Records, Charlotte County
CHIEF DEPUTY JOHN SHANNON, Charlotte County SO
BERNIE CREWS, Florida Power~~XX~~ and Light
Charlotte County Drivers Records checked by Ch. Deputy SHANNON

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC TAMPA 157-3231

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA CHARLES A. LONG, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RACIAL MATTER

Dept. Constable Dunkin advised SA BROOKE D. ROBERTS that he had received a call from ALBERT POWELL, 203 Ave. I, S.E. Winter Haven, Fla. who operates a Sinclair Station on Snively Ave. in Eliose, Fla., who advised that he had seen an individual; in a 1959 or 1960 white Chevrolet, with an Alabama license tag; who resembled the sketch in the newspapers of the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Mr POWELL WAS CONTACTED by SA ROBERTS and advised that on the afternoon of April 6, 1968 a white male ;30 to 35 years of age, 6 feet, 160 to 170 lbs, thick lips, long sharp nose, curly hair cut close to the head and parted in the middle, dark complected wearing a dark shirt and large sunglasses; drove into his station in a white 59 or 60 Chevrolet with an Alabama tag and asked if he could get his car washed. POWELL advised that he advised the man that he did not wash cars on weekends and he left heading in the direction from which he arrived, which was toward the intersection of Snively Blvd. and US highway 17. He stated that the individual acted very nervous during the period of five minutes that he was in the station.

Per instructions of Supervision # 4 the above information was furnished to HORACE NANCE dispatcher Polk Co., Sheriff's Office who advised that this information would be given by radio to all Polk Co. Police Depts. With the instructions that if the car was observed the FBI would be immediately advised however the driver would not be detained or arrested and that the FBI only wanted the location where the vehicle was observed.

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McCaughey [Signature]



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Memorandum

TO : SAC 157-3231

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA Wallace E. Hanger

SUBJECT:

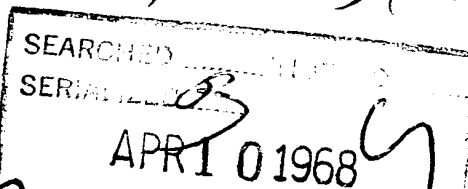
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RM

Today the following signatures were made
by indicator SATS + No surname of
LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER WAS DISCOVERED:

SA Hugh Smith

Redington Beach, (Fred Morris); St Pete
Beach PD (Clas. Rutanbeck); Madiera Bch
(Mrs Luthell); Redington Shores (Mrs. Heil);
Indian Rocks Bch (Ediz Bray); Tles &
(Officer Hall); St Pete Crd. Bch (Penny
Capes). All but latter are PDs.

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SA Walter S. Egan

St Petersburg, Clearwater and Sebring
City and Telephone Directories; Tarpon
Springs Tel Directory.

Tarpon Springs Bd (Mrs. Kallman)
Tarpon Springs Credit Bu (Bea Miller)
Clearwater Armas Home (Linda Lyons)
SAE + Harbor PD (Officer Fernandez)

~~SA~~ SA O. Walker

Support Hb PD (Sgt & H. Walden No)
So. Pasadena PD (Chief Robert Loria)

SA R. Blasingame

PC 50 Alvin Lilly R + J
PC 50 (Mtel Bu) Grace Little
Credit Bu of Clearwater (Marry Schrader)

SA James Leland

Kenneth City Ha PD (Mrs. Gertrude Shulock)
Targy PD (Chief Rosen Smiley)
Olaton Ha PD (Dennis Stanley)

I checked the bombing suspects in
St Paul is Phil Le Bus (157-651) &
Jason Palmer (157-679) & Le Bus'
Aherabantz accounted for, but
Palmer has vanished & left no address.
(See separate memo in there for more
details)

SAC, (157-3231)

SA Donald G. Montegar

MURKIN

Re telephone calls from SAs G. R. McGough and John E. Fogarty 4/8/68.

Re James L. Vidder

In connection with suspect James L. Vidder reportedly employed at the Sarasota Kennel Club Sarasota, Fla. Jack Collins owner of the Sarasota Kennel Club was interviewed by SA Willis R. Smith the night of 4/7/68 concerning Vidder, and no record or recollection of him could be found. It is also noted that dog track at Sarasota has been closed since September 1967 and not due to reopen until May 1968.

This track alternates between the cities of Tampa and St. Pete
Dogs are supposed to be running at St. Pete at the present time.

On 4/9/68 city directories and telephone directories for the cities of Sarasota, Bradenton, Palmetto, Venice, Englewood, Arcadia and Vero Beach were checked and no listing in the name of Lowmeyer or Lowmyer could be located.

On 4/9/68 the following persons were contacted and advised their respective files did not contain a reference to anyone with the name

Lowmeyer or Lowmyer:

Laura Tann, Sarasota credit bureau

Elaine Hurst, Sarasota PD

June MacFenzie, Sarasota SO

Mary Wilder Bradenton credit bureau

Toni Case, Manatee Co. SO

Lt. Frank Wahr, Bradenton PD

Sheriff Frank Cline De Soto Co. SO Arcadia, Fla.

Sheriff Newton Wardock, Hardee Co. Vero Beach, Fla.

Voter and drivers license records also checked ~~separately~~ by the following persons:

June MacFenzie Sarasota County

Sheriff Richard Weitzenfeld Manatee Co.

Sheriff Frank Cline, De Soto County

Sheriff Newton Wardock, Hardee County

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RM

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McGough

Verification of the whereabouts of James Lawrence Garrison, Jr a potential bombing suspect of the Tampa office is being reported under separate memo.

DGH/

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SUPERV. SOR #4

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO:MEMPHIS

At 9:00 pm this date, ASAC RALPH RAMPTON, Birmingham Office, telephoned and advised that at the direction of the Bureau, all seaboard offices must cover the following leads immediately in this case:

(1) Check all ships manifests for crewmen who may have signed on since April 4, 1968 using the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER (or anyone iwht surname LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, and JOHN WILLARD (name used by assassin when he rented room in Memphis.

(2) Check all "flop houses" in Division for above names.

(3) Check all 2nd rate hotels for same names.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD INVESTIGATING PERSONNEL INDICATE TO ANYONE THAT INQUIRY IS RELATED TO MURKIN.

LEB:
(9)

advised. SPC-105
Call
10:12 PM Ritchey
10:25 PM Haffley
10:30 PM Gamm
10:35 PM Brumble
10:45 PM R. Smith
11:00 PM Barnett
11:55 PM Vance
12:15 PM Oyster

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3731)
(Attn: SA M. Gove.)

DATE:

FROM : SA R. D. Oyer

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re memo to SAC from Supr. #4 dated 4/12/68.

Attached are lists of Landlords, Clerks & Banks contacted by SA Oyer. The Plant City Credit Bureau was contacted at 1111 N. 1st St., Plant City was contacted at 1111 N. 1st St. in name of Sam Sandoz Coast. HARVEY LOWMEYER in LOWMEYER (or anyone with surname LOWMEYER). JOHN WILKINS, with negative results. All "stop houses" or 2nd rate hotels on Plant City road trip failed to show anyone registered under above names.

Plant City
not part city

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larger ones.

PLANT CITY

Laundries

- 1) Nipon's Wheeler St. Laundromat, 1402 N. Wheeler 752-9094
- 2) Modera Dry Cleaners, 1605 N. Wheeler 752-7907
- ③ P. City Laundry & Cleaners, 215 E. Reynolds 752-3298

Laundries Self-Service

Nipon's Wheeler St. Laundromat, 1402 N. Wheeler 752-9094

Cleaners & Dyers

- ① Down Town Dry Cleaners, 208 S. Collins Betty Fraser 752-4287
- 2) Friendly Cleaners, 411 S. Collins 752-8031
- 3) Maxwell Cleaners, 511 S. Coors 752-1346
- 4) Modern Dry Cleaners, 1605 N. Wheeler 752-7907
- 5) NU-WAY Cleaners, 1219 W. Reynolds 752-7261
- 6) Pan-Tex Dry Cleaners, 1805 W. Reynolds 752-5665
- ⑦ P. City Laundry & Cleaners, 215 E. Reynolds ~~752-3298~~ J.P. Leitner 752-3298
- 8) Plaza Cleaners, Inc., 1414 1/2 P. City Plaza 752-9178
- 9) Professional Clothing Care, 3406 W. Baker 752-8145
- 10) Sanitone Certified Master Cleaners, 1219 W. Reynolds 752-7261

Bel. Spillless Cleaners - TP

- Laundry (Phoenix Supply House) Landfest, J. H. Ross

Flop Houses

Over
Soc. Security Office

- Snellgrove

Over
Market Bar

- Cecil Hong

BANKS1ST RUSKIN BANK

Ruskin, Fla. 645-3277

AUBREY
ALLMOND,
CASHIER

Paul B. Dickman, Pres.

1ST Nat. Bank of P. City
P. City 752-6161

SWINDLE

Wm. Rickett, Pres.

Hillsboro Bank of P. City
P. City ~~728-7267~~JAMES W.
ROBERTS
PRES.

Frank Moody, Pres.

1ST Fed. Savings & Loan
Association of P. City
P. CityBrandon State Bank
Brandon, Fla.

689-1231

Betty
YIELDING,
Head Bookkeeper

Rott. Miley

ERIC STARVO GALT

HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER

JOHN WILLARD

B D Bosworth.
Personnel.

Salvation Army.

209 So FRANKLIN.

also the

Red Shield Lodge. - 1500 N FRANKLIN

MAURICE STEIN.

HOME FURN QID.
~~100~~ 1007 FRANKLIN.

upper floors vacant
and unoccupied

Geo Emilio
MANAGER

ALBANY HOTEL.

1104 1/2 FRANKLIN.

1110 1/2 FRANKLIN
Storage Area
Consolidated Jan C
VISUAL OBSERVATION

WM TOBAR.

Room Clerk.

HOTEL ZENO

1216 1/2 FRANKLIN

ALAMO Dome Hotel,
1230 1/2 FRANKLIN
GRADY IRVIN.

WALTER MASON.

ARLINGTON HOTEL.

1211 1/2 FRANKLIN

JANITA WEBSTER

LAMBERT HOTEL.

208 1/2 E 14 ST.

14 ST & FRANKLIN

BARBARA FAYE ROSS.

Room Clerk.

Venetian Hotel.

1318 1/2 FRANKLIN.

JOHN HOWARD

Hotel Ft. Thomas

1432 FRANKLIN ST.

Nancy M. Chark.

1514 N. FRANKLIN.

1519 N. FRANKLIN.

MRS Kay Perez..

JAMES. CAUDLE MGR.
RED SHIELD LODGE
1551 N FRANKLIN.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-3231)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA John R. M. Whelan

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

There are attached agents investigative
notes reflecting negative investigation
of second rate hotels and flop houses
located on Franklin Street Tampa
Florida

file w/ 157-3231-68B

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File 157-3231 Date _____
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Employee _____

RECHARGE

Date _____

To _____ From _____

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FBI ATLANTA

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TO DIRECTOR, JACKSONVILLE, MEMPHIS AND TAMPA
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN. CR. 00: MEMPHIS

RE TELETYPE FROM DIRECTOR, APR. NINE, LAST.

INQUIRY, ALBANY, GEORGIA, REFLECTS THERMOSEAL
MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING
MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, SOLD SOUTHEAST
AREA BY DICK BRISTOW, THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINE COMPANY,
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA. HE SHOULD HAVE LISTING FOR ALL
LAUNDRIES PURCHASING THIS MACHINE SOUTHEAST AREA.

JACKSONVILLE AT GAINESVILLE, FLA. IMMEDIATELY
CONTACT BRISTOW FOR LIST OF CUSTOMERS HAVING THIS
MACHINE AND SET OUT LEADS. P

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Keller is contacting
him now
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<i>Keller</i>	<i>WA</i>

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Date: 4/10/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACs BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN, RM

MRS. BARBARA MAXWELL, THREE TWO ZERO NINE CHIPCO STREET, THIS CITY, ADVISED THAT ON THIS DATE, SHE OBSERVED W M PARKED NEAR WEST TAMPA RESTAURANT, WHO RESEMBLED INDIVIDUAL PORTRAYED IN ARTIST CONCEPTION PHOTO OF DR. KING'S ASSASSIN, WHICH EARLIER APPEARED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER, TAMPA TRIBUNE. W M DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY POUNDS, RED HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD, FAIR COMPLEXION, APPROXIMATELY FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY YEARS OF AGE.

W M DRIVING WHAT APPEARED ~~TO BE~~ TO BE SIXTY FIVE OR SIXTY SIX PLYMOUTH, BEIGE IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTY EIGHT TENNESSEE TAG CF SIX ONE EIGHT SEVEN. CURRENT LOCATION OF ~~THE~~ VEHICLE NOT KNOWN.

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE, WILL DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER OF ABOVE CAR AND SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS TO LOCATE AND OTHER NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS. ON ~~THE~~ PERTINENT PERIODS.

1 - Tampa
WFD: av
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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Per

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FBI TAMPA

445PM URGENT 4-10-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN, RM.

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ON PERTINENT PERIODS.

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FBI WASH DC

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Date:

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via teletype URGENT
(Priority)TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ALBANY (44-493), ATLANTA (44-2386)
and Memphis

FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS

Re Teletype from Atlanta ten instant.

Today, RICHARD BRISTOW, Textile Marking Machine Co., Gainesville, Fla. advised he sells and services Thermoseal Marking Machines in South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Mississippi as far north as Jackson. After being explained the arrangement of the laundry markings on questioned tape, he suggested that code may not be zero two B dash six but letter O or D followed by two B dash six. According to BRISTOW ~~it is noted that only the~~

laundries run by McFarland Bros., suburban

Atlanta and Sandy Springs, Georgia, use code

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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

WA @ 725P
AT @ 735P
AL @ 744P
MEB1. Send to
2. Keller WK

3. McLaughlin

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RM

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Date:

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

beginning with letters. He suggested for info re exact address of the four McFarland laundries contact WINK DAVIS CO., Atlanta. He further noted that none of the laundries in his territory use a zero as the first number in the code. ~~but use figures one thru ninety-nine.~~

Bristow also furnished from memory a list of laundries in his territory which use the Thermoseal marking machine. This list is being set out by separate teletype.

He also noted that ~~only~~ laundries on West Coast of US utilize codes having two digits, the first digit may be a zero.

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

FBI TAMPA

725PM URGENT 4/10/68 MJR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ALBANY (44-493), ATLANTA (44-2386)

AND MEMPHIS

FROM TAMPA (157-3231) 2P

MURKIN. CR. 00:MEMPHIS

RE ATLANTA TEL INSTANT.

TODAY, RICHARD BRISTOW, TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., GAINESVILLE, FLA., ADVISED HE SELLS AND SERVICES THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES IN SOUTH CAROLINA, ALABAMA, GEORGIA, FLORIDA, AND MISSISSIPPI AS FAR NORTH AS JACKSON. AFTER BEING EXPLAINED THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE LAUNDRY MARKINGS ON QUESTIONED TAPE, HE SUGGESTED THAT CODE MAY NOT BE ZERO TWO B DASH SIX BUT LETTER O OR D FOLLOWED BY TWO B DASH SIX. ACCORDING TO BRISTOW, ONLY LAUNDRIES RUN BY MCFARLAND BROS., SUBURBAN ATLANTA AND SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA, USE CODE BEGINING WITH LETTERS. HE SUGGESTED FOR INFO RE EXACT ADDRESS OF THE FOUR MCFARLAND LAUNDRIES CONTACT WINK DAVIS CO., ATLANTA. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT NONE OF THE LAUNDRIES IN HIS TERRITORY USE A ZERO

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AS THE FIRST NUMBER IN THE CODE BUT USE FIGURES ONE THRU NINETY NINE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT LAUNDRIES ON WEST COAST OF US UTILIZE CODES HAVING TWO DIGITS, THE FIRST DIGIT MAY BE A ZERO.

BRISTOW ALSO FURNISHED FROM MEMORY A LIST OF LAUNDRIES IN HIS TERRITORY WHICH USE THE THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINE. THIS LIST IS BEING SET OUT BY SEPARATE TELETYPE.

END

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FBI WASH DC

LBN

FBI ATLANTA

DER

FBI ALBANY

CAF

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI TAMPA

955PM URGENT 4/10/68 MJR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM, COLUMBIA,
JACKSON, JACKSONVILLE, MEMPHIS MIAMI, MOBILE, AND SAVANNAH
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN. CR. OO:MEMPHIS

RE ATLANTA TEL APRIL TEN INSTANT AND TAMPA TEL APRIL TEN
INSTANT.

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FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING LIST OF LAUNDRIES AND CLEANERS WHICH
USES THE THERMOSEAL MACHINES IN HIS TERRITORY:

ATLANTA DIVISION:

ATLANTA, MCFARLAND BROS., FOUR PLANTS; GAINESVILLE,
GAINESVILLE STEAM LAUNDRY; MACON, BLOOM'S LAUNDRY.

COLUMBIA DIVISION:

PARRIS ISLAND, BASE LAUNDRY; COLUMBIA, DELUX LAUNDRY;

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of receiving officers*

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CHARLESTON, NAVAL EXCHANGE LAUNDRY.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION:

BIRMINGHAM, ALLADIN CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; HUNTSVILLE,
BOB'S CLEANER'S AND LAUNDRY; HUNTSVILLE, PRATT'S CLEANERS AND
LAUNDRY; FLORENCE, ONE HOUR MARTINIZING; TUSCALOOSA, NORTHERNTON
LAUNDRY.

JACKSON DIVISION:

BILOXI, BASE LAUNDRY.

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION:

JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL LAUNDRY; JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; JACKSONVILLE LAKE FOREST LAUNDRY;
JACKSONVILLE, NEW YORK LAUNDRY; JACKSONVILLE, NAVAL EXCHANGE
LAUNDRY; TALAHASSEE, FSU LAUNDRY; PENSACOLA, NAVAL EXCHANGE
LAUNDRY; LAKE CITY, LAKE CITY LAUNDRY; QUINCY, SUNSHINE
LAUNDRY; GAINESVILLE, IDEAL LAUNDRY; GAINESVILLE, CLEAN-A-
MATIC; GAINESVILLE, NEW WAY LAUNDRY.

MIAMI DIVISION:

MIAMI, METROPOLITAN LAUNDRY; MIAMI, CAUSEWAY LAUNDRY;
MIAMI, STAR CLEANERS; MIAMI, PARISIAN CLEANERS; MIAMI,
CROWN CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; MIAMI, AMERICAN HOME LAUNDRY;
PARINE, PARINE CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; FT. LAUDERDALE, COLONY
CLEANERS; FT. LAUDERDALE, IMPERIAL CLEANERS AND TAILORS;
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FT. LAUDERDALE, FT. LAUDERDALE CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY;
FT. LAUDERDALE, BOND CLEANERS; FT. LAUDERDALE, MCEWEN'S
HELPY-SELFY; FT. LAUDERDALE, HAYWORTH'S LAUNDRY; FT.
LAUDERDALE, PARIS CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; BOCA RATON, BOCA
RATON CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; DEL RAY BEACH, DEL RAY BEACH
LAUNDRY; FT. PIERCE, RICE BROS. LAUNDRY;

MOBILE DIVISION:

ALEXANDER CITY, ALEXANDER CITY LAUNDRY; MOBILE, CHINA
LAUNDRY; MONTGOMERY, MAXWELL AFB LAUNDRY.

SAVANNAH DIVISION:

THOMSON, THOMSON HOME LAUNDRY; AUGUSTA, SUPERIOR LAUNDRY;
AUGUSTA, SNOW'S LAUNDRY; AUGUSTA, TAYLOR HULSE'S; DOUGLAS,
SOUTHERN LAUNDRY; BRUNSWICK, BRUNSWICK STEAM LAUNDRY;
SAVANNAH, WINK DAVIS LAUNDRY.

RECIPIENT OFFICES NOTE BRISTOW HAS CONSIDERABLE
KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING MARKING SYSTEMS OF THE THERMOSEAL
MACHINE. HE ADVISED THAT NONE OF THE ABOVE LISTED LAUNDRIES
USE A ZERO AS THE FIRST CHARACTER AND ONLY MCFARLAND BROS.,
ATLANTA USE A LETTER RATHER THAN NUMBER AS THE FIRST CHARACTER.

RECIPIENT OFFICES HANDLE FIRMS LISTED.

END

SVW

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FBI ATLANTA
RCD
FBI COLUMBIA
REM
FBI JKSN MISS

HEP
FBI BIRMGHAM
JLC
FBI JACKSVLE
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FBI SAVANNAH
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FBI MEMPHIS

F B I

Date: 4/10/68

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

TO DIRECTOR (44-3886), ATLANTA (44-2386), Birmingham, Columbia,
 Jackson, Jacksonville, ^{Memphis} Miami, Mobile, ^{and} Savannah
 FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS

Re Atlanta Teletype April Ten instant, and Tampa Teletype April Ten instant.

Today, RICHARD BRISTOW, Textile Marking
 Machine Co., Gainesville, Fla. advised he sells and
 services Thermoseal Marking Machines in South Carolina,
 Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Mississippi as far
 north as Jackson. Bristow, from memory, furnished
 the following list of laundries and cleaners which
 use the Thermaseal machine in **his** territory:

ATLANTA DIVISION:

Atlanta, McFarland Bros., four plants
 Gainesville, Gainesville Steam Laundry
 Macon, Bloom's Laundry

WAK

Approved: (1)

Special Agent in Charge

WA @ 9:55 JK @ 10:37
 AT @ 10:05 NM @ 10:45
 CO @ 10:10 MO @ 10:53
 JN @ 10:20 SV @ 11:03
 BH @ 10:30 ME @ 11:25

Per 7

A. McGough

157-3231-73

F B I

Date:

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

COLUMBIA DIVISION:

Parris Island, Base Laundry
 Columbia, Deluxe Laundry
 Charleston, Naval Exchange Laundry.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION:

Birmingham, Aladdin Cleaners and Laundry
~~Birmingham~~
 Huntsville, Bob's Cleaners and Laundry.
 Huntsville, Pratt's Cleaners and Laundry
 Florence, One Hour Martinizing
 Tuscaloosa, Northerton Laundry

JACKSON DIVISION:

Biloxi, Base Laundry

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION:

Jacksonville, Universal Laundry
 Jacksonville, Florida Cleaners and Laundry
 Jacksonville, Lake Forest Laundry
 Jacksonville, New York Laundry

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 Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

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(Priority)

Jacksonville, Naval Exchange Laundry
Tallahassee, FSU Laundry
Pensacola, Naval Exchange Laundry
Lake City, Lake City Laundry
Quincy, Sunshine Laundry
Gainesville, Ideal Laundry
Gainesville, Clean-a-matic
Gainesville, New Way Laundry

MIAMI DIVISION

Miami, Metropolitan Laundry
Miami, Causeway Laundry
Miami, Star Cleaners
Miami, Parisian Cleaners
Miami, Crown Cleaners and Laundry
Miami, American Home Laundry
Pine, Pine Cleaners and Laundry
H. Lauderdale, Colony Cleaners

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Date:

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

Ft. Lauderdale, Imperial Cleaners and Tailors.
 Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Lauderdale Cleaners and Laundry
 Ft. Lauderdale, Bond Cleaners
 Ft. Lauderdale, McEwen's Helpy-Selfy
 Ft. Lauderdale, Hayworth's Laundry
 Ft. Lauderdale, Paris Cleaners and Laundry
 Boca Raton, Boca Raton Cleaners and Laundry
 DelRay Beach, DelRay Beach Laundry
 Ft. Pierce, Rio Blvd. Laundry

MOBILE DIVISION

Alexander City, Alexander City Laundry
 Mobile, China Laundry
 Montgomery, Maxwell AFB Laundry.

SAVANNAH DIVISION

Thomson, Thomson Home Laundry
 Augusta, Superior Laundry
 Augusta, Snow's Laundry

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Date:

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Via _____
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Augusta, Taylor Hulse's
Douglas, Southern Laundry
Brunswick, Brunswick Steam Laundry
Savannah, Wink Wavis Laundry

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Date:

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~~Officer receiving this teletype contact about
laundries in your Division.~~

Recipient officer note BRISTOW has considerable knowledge concerning marking systems of the Thermoseal machines. He advised that none of the above listed laundries use a zero as the first character and only McFarland Bros., Atlanta use a letter rather than number as the first character.

Recipient officer handle firms listed.

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM CLERK RON P. MERRITT

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM

On 4/10/68, Mrs. BARBARA MAXWELL, 3209 Chipco St., telephone 247-2591, Tampa, Fla., telephonically advised this office that she observed a W/M, parked in front of a restaurant located on South Dale Mabry at Cypress at approximately 9A.M., this date. She stated that this W/M got out of his car, and he resembled that of the photo which appeared in the Tampa Tribune of the assassin of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

She stated further that she observed this W/M to be driving what appeared to her to be a 1965 or 1966 Plymouth, beige in color, bearing 1968 Tenn., tag CF 6187.

She described this W/M, which she observed as being approximately 5'8", 145-150 lbs., red hair, medium build, and fair complexion; color of eyes unknown, approximately 45-50 years of age. She stated that this W/M was alone at the time she had observed him.

Writer thanked complainant for her information and advised that same would be furnished to a supervisor for any action deemed necessary.

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RPM:av
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Max Maxwell

*Attempt to contact telephonically
negative @ 334
WHD*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA DENNIS R. DICKSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LAUNDRY MARKING

Mr. ALBERT FONSECA, Manager, Oak Park Cleaners, 3210 East 7th Ave., Tampa, Fla., telephone 248-4197, advised that Oak Park Cleaners and Laundry apparently use the Thermo-Seal marking machine to mark their clothing. He advised that Mr. BRISTO of Gainesville, Fla., is the representative who services these machines and was at the Oak Park Cleaners instant date.

LEAD

Contact Mr. FONSECA and conduct appropriate investigation re Thermo-Seal marking device.

DRD:cj
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1103PM IMMEDIATE 4-10-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR AND ALL SACS

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

ERIC STARVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE SOUTH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, REGISTERED OWNER OF WHITE NINETEEN SIXTYSIX
MUSTANG, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN,
BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE ONE - THREE EIGHT NINE
NINE THREE, IS PRIME SUSPECT IN THIS CASE.

ALL OFFICES CHECK ABOVE VIN FOR POSSIBLE RE-REGISTRATION.

NO INDICATION TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION
WITH MURKIN CASE.

END

MJR

FBI TAMPA

4/11/68

Vehicle re-registration
has to be checked thru Tallahassee
NO recs available TP. RAS

Ritch advised 6:40 AM 4/11/68
Hollstein ~~Kristen~~ advised 6:45 4/11/68
Gorner advised 6:50 4/11/68
Hofley advised 6:55 4/11/68
Bramble advised 7:00 4/11/68
R. Smith advised 7:05 4/11/68
Konce advised 7:15 4/11/68
allard adv. 8:40 am 4/11

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cc 157-8)

SA Donald G. Montegar

MURKIN

Re telephone call from SA John P. Legarty 4/8/68.

On 4/9/68 Robert Treitschwar (protect) 1199, 53rd Ave. E. Bradenton, Fla. an established source advised that he saw James Lawrence Harrison during the evening of 4/4/68 in Bradenton, and has seen him on and off since that time. *and March 29, 30 also PBJ* Harrison has not made any trips out of the area in several months.

James Lawrence Harrison, Jr. is subject of case 157-8 and is included on the list of potential bombing suspects of the Tampa Division.

DGM/

RM

