

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC TAMPA (137-142) - 415

DATE: 5/20/68

FROM : SA JOHN A. AMBLER

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SUBJECT: TP 41-C-TE

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Dates of Contact		
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LAZZARA	LAFHEY	162-6
ALONSO	"	162-738
HAYES	-C-	91-892
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ROQUE	-C-	87-5210
Purpose and results of contact		
☐ NEGATIVE	CANTRELL	GAFFNEY 92-656
☐ POSITIVE	TRAFFICANTE	AMBLER 92-1
	LO SCALZO	LAFHEY 92-923
	PANIELLO	AMBLER 92-927
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Source remarked that although Attorney MARK HAWES was able to obtain a court order directing State Beverage Department to sign over the Yellow House Bar Liquor License to FAUSTINO GONZALEZ as executor of PRIMO LAZZARA's estate, the license has not been transferred. He stated that according to HAWES, HAWES has sent MIKELJOHN a registered letter warning him that if the license is not signed over by May 15, then he, HAWES, intends to obtain a court order citing MIKELJOHN for contempt of court. He remarked that TONY ALONSO is presently operating the Yellow House Bar as PIC and that because of differences between ALONSO and CONNIE GARCIA, CONNIE has quit as barmaid at the Yellow House Bar.

Source stated that in connection with the bolita operation from Pinellas County which LAZZARA had, it is apparently being brought from St. Petersburg to various locations in Tampa, where a Negro employee of the Yellow Cab Co., meets with the runner from St. Petersburg and then delivers all of the material to CHARLIE MENENDEZ's place, where it is then picked up by ALBANO. Source stated that the Negro runner from St. Petersburg is a heavysset, dark-skinned Negro but as yet, source has been unable to identify this individual by name. He stated that MENENDEZ has commented that the writers in St. Petersburg have been in touch with him by telephone indicating that, on occasions, the calls are placed from St. Petersburg and that, on occasion, he himself, has placed the calls. Stated would continue his efforts to further identify all individuals in the operation. He stated that apparently, in the past, the pickup day has been changed every few weeks and beginning the week of May 13, the pickup day is supposed to be Friday. Source stated that the slips apparently are taken into CHARLIE's place through a side or rear entrance and are kept in the back part of the house until ALBANO arrives to pick them up. Source stated he gathered from talking with MENENDEZ, that the operation, although having been taken over by ALBANO, is actually now a part of SAM TRAFFICANTE's operation.

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Source stated that RICK PAULINE recently had a burglary occur at the Riviera Night Club, in which the burglar obtained \$250 in cash and some apparently very valuable papers. Source stated that PAULINE had contacted SCARFACE RIVERA, telling RIVERA that he, PAULINE, knew that ROQUE and HAYES had pulled the burglary and that he did not care about the money but would like the papers returned and hoped that RIVERA would be able to contact HAYES and ROQUE and advise them of PAULINE's request. Source stated that RIVERA later talked with HAYES about the matter, and HAYES mentioned that he was not the one to see but that maybe someone should talk to JOE BEDAMI. Source stated that RIVERA apparently does not know what HAYES meant by this remark and does not know whether HAYES was implying that BEDAMI was involved in some manner or implying that BEDAMI was a channel through which matters of this sort had to be taken. Source stated that BILLY ROQUE and HAYES continue to be closely associated, and HAYES has mentioned that the FBI heat on him does not seem to be as hot as it was right after the big bank job in Bonita Springs. Source stated that BILLY ROQUE's current girlfriend is a tall brunette, who is employed as a barmaid at the Blue Penguin.

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Source stated that on Sunday night, May 12, BEDAMI had claimed that SANTO TRAFFICANTE was in Tampa, Fla., and that BEDAMI and TRAFFICANTE were planning to meet with another individual on Monday but did not indicate what the meeting was to be about, although source gathered the definite impression that the individual to be contacted was SCARFACE RIVERA. Source stated that BEDAMI mentioned that he was going to later see his girlfriend, JOYCE.

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JOE LAZZARA has returned from Spain and either the day he returned or the following day, had received a telephone call from the owner of the Tahitian Inn, indicating that JOE's station wagon had been parked at the Tahitian Inn for about 3 weeks. Source stated that apparently whoever stole the car was involved in some type of a wreck, as they damaged the left rear fender and the

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left front door. Source stated that apparently JOE had not advised his brothers of his return, as the individual calling JOE claimed that he had first talked with JOE's brother, JOHN, about the car just prior to calling JOE and that JOHN claimed that JOE was still in Spain. Source stated that JOE LAZZARA is very concerned over the fact that the FBI has been making open inquiry about him and seemed concerned that the FBI seemed to know exactly when he had left for Spain, where he was in Spain and the reason for his trip. Source stated that, although has not personally observed JOE's girlfriend, CONNIE, does know that CONNIE is back in the U.S., and that she and JOE made the trip back together.

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Source advised had received a letter sent airmail on Wednesday, May 8, postmarked Paris, France from CANTRELL. Stated had also received a telephone call from CANTRELL's wife, BOBBIE, indicating that she, too, had received communication from CANTRELL and that CANTRELL claimed wanted a divorce as had met a girl in Paris that he was in love with. Stated knows that the person to whom CANTRELL referring is KATHY LITTLE, who is a model from New York, and who is supposed to be in Paris with CANTRELL.

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Source advised that VINNIE LO SCALZO has commented that his brother, NINO, spent a few days in Tampa with him and that NINO had no more been out of town until the FBI had been around asking questions about him. Source stated that VINNIE claims that even on the morning when NINO left, the FBI had been at LO SCALZO's family residence wanting to locate and talk with NINO but that the family had claimed they did not know where NINO was. Source stated LO SCALZO of the opinion that the FBI wanted to talk to his brother because they know his brother works for MARCELLO in New Orleans.

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EDDIE CULLAR is now running Paul's Place (PAUL PERZIA's Place) on 15th Street in Ybor City but apparently FRANK FAZA, former Peach Bar owner, is trying to get the license from PAUL's widow. Source does not know why

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CULLAR running the place now and was of the opinion that perhaps FRANK DIECIDUE involved because of the close association between DIECIDUE and CULLAR.

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Source stated that since PRIMO LAZZARA's death, there has apparently been some pressure exerted by FRANK DIECIDUE to have JOE LAZZARA put DIECIDUE's vending machines in JOE's two bars. Source stated that, at the present time, the machines in Castaways and Eden Roc belong to JOE PLESCIA and that, in accordance with the agreement entered into between JOE LAZZARA and JOE PLESCIA when they broke up their partnership several years ago, LAZZARA agreed to allow PLESCIA to place vending machines in LAZZARA's place of business with the agreement expiring in September this year. Source stated JOE LAZZARA does not appear to have very much regard for FRANK DIECIDUE and has indicated that now that his brother, PRIMO, is dead, he, JOE, does not intend to allow DIECIDUE to take over vending machines. Source stated that JOE has indicated that his brother may have had an obligation to DIECIDUE but that he be damned if he did. Source stated that the machines at the Eden Roc and Castaways are not the only vending machines owned by PLESCIA and that PLESCIA does business under the name Rex Vending (or Amusement) Co.

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Source stated AUGIE PANIELLO has contacted numerous places in Tampa during the past few weeks and has indicated was again employed by Key Liquors.

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Source stated that from association with a great number of the hoodlums and gamblers in the Tampa area has obtained no reason to believe that JOHN DE SALVO of Jacksonville, Fla., has recently been in Tampa and has not heard anyone whatsoever mention any associations with JOHN's brother, NICK. Source stated that, as far as he

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knows, MIKE ROMANELLO continues to be in the State Penitentiary and source knows of no one in the Tampa area who has visited ROMANELLO. Source stated that ROMANELLO has many associates in the Tampa area and has a former wife and a sister residing in Tampa but that does not believe MIKE's former wife has any contact whatsoever with him and is of the opinion that MIKE's sister only has correspondence with MIKE. Source stated that MIKE had left Tampa several years prior to his last confinement and had more or less established himself in the Jacksonville, Fla., area.

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Source viewed a photo of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that, to his knowledge, he has never observed subject. Stated would be on the alert for any information concerning this matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel dated 5/9/68.

Re records unidentified deceased.

Mrs. ELSIE HYATT, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville, Fla., advised they maintain a list of unidentified deceased individuals, however, this list is not current. The alphabetical index for the month of April regarding all unidentified deceased individuals in State of Florida will be on file prior to 5/10/68. The index for the month of May will be complete approximately 7/10/68.

County lists submitted as of 5/17/68 reflected only two unidentified deceased individuals to date and both were Negro males.

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Will maintain contact with Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville, and obtain the list of unidentified deceased individuals for the month of April when filed and thereafter conduct appropriate investigation regarding these individuals.

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Date 5-22-68

RE: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

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☐ 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: ReBulet 5-20-68 *Kobadie* *SS*

In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has under-written the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

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FROM : SA WILLIS R. SMITH

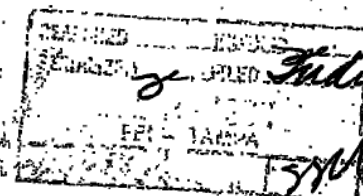
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/23/68, Mrs. TIMOTHY (JANET) PUTNAM, 1110 1/2 Florida Avenue, Sarasota, Florida, telephone number 955-8039, employed as a hair stylist at Andre's Haute Coiffure, 438 Harding Circle, Sarasota, Florida, furnished the following information:

She is off duty on Wednesday's, and usually takes her two children, ages 3 and 5 years, to the beach at Lido Beach, Sarasota, Florida. On 5/22/68, she went to Lido Beach at about 6:00PM, and while at the beach, a white male came over to her and tried to make a date with her. She said the man did not appear to be a complete stranger in the area, and claimed to be a traveling salesman. He was about 40 years of age, 5'9"-10", 165 lbs., medium build, medium brown hair, graying slightly, stained teeth, with one of his upper right molar teeth missing. The man wore a faded olive green bathing suit, and had only a small blanket with him. The man tried to pick Mrs. PUTNAM up, and claimed to have a car parked down the beach from where Mrs. PUTNAM was swimming with her children. The man asked her if she came to the beach every Wednesday at that time, and she told him she does, however she noted that she actually usually goes on Wednesday mornings.

After Mrs. PUTNAM left the beach, she recalled seeing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in the newspaper a couple of weeks ago, and stated she believes the man she saw at the beach resembles RAY. The photographs of JAMES EARL RAY which appear on Identification Order # 4182 were exhibited to Mrs. PUTNAM, and she said the side view photograph of RAY, which is on the left side of the IO, is the one which most nearly looks like the man she saw at Lido Beach on 5/22/68. She said the man she saw had more hair, but he did have it in a crew cut style.

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Mrs. PUTNAM stated that after observing the photographs of RAY as they appear on the Identification Order and Wanted Flyer, she can only say that the man she saw at the beach was similar in appearance, however there were differences in that the man at the beach had more hair on the side of his head, and she did not notice any difference between his ears, as RAY's left ear is obviously protruding more than his right ear.

Mrs. PUTNAM said the man she saw at Lido Beach did not identify himself to her, and did not mention where he was from, or where he was staying, and she has no information as to his present whereabouts. She said she was of the impression that the man would try to locate her at the beach the following Wednesday evening.

The above information has been furnished to the Sarasota, Fla. Police Department, and patrolling officers in the Lido Beach area will be alert for anyone of similar description and appearance to RAY.

Above information telephonically discussed with Supervisor #4 on 5/23/68 by SA SMITH.

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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 #

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

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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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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.

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1 RE: Investigation Columbia, West Columbia and Wagener, S. C., re information furnished by CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, ~~Ill.~~, April 26, 1968.
AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA MO

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 Linden, 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 MULDROW 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 or 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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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

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(OO: MEMPHIS)

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 PARRA, 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)
 - 2 - San Antonio (Encl-1)
 - ① - Tampa (Encl-3) (Info) *df*
 - 2 - Columbia
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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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Print or Type
Full Name

Street and
Number

First Name

Middle or Maiden

Last Name

City or
Postoffice

County

Date of Birth

Race

Color Eyes

Height

Weight

Mo. Day Year

Sex

Color Hair

Occupation

Date of Application

Mo. Day Year

EXPIRES ON LAST

DAY OF

BIRTH MONTH IN 19

CHECK TYPE OF LICENSE WANTED

☐ Restricted Operator

☐ Operator

☐ Chauffeur

AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT: After having read, or had explained to me, the information contained herein, I do hereby certify that such information is true and correct:

Attest:

Examiner

First and Last Name Only

(For Department Use Only)

RESTRICTIONS:

I or We certify that applicant has met all requirements and is qualified for Driver's License:

Inside Examiner

Badge No.

Outside Examiner

Badge No.

FOR PARENTS OR GUARDIAN AND EMPLOYER: (Must be signed by both parents if living and having custody)

We hereby consent that the above minor be granted a license to operate a motor vehicle and do hereby assume the obligations imposed by law:

Father's or Guardian's Signature

Mother's Signature

Employer's Signature

State of Florida,

State of Florida,

State of Florida,

County of

County of

County of

Sworn and subscribed to before me this

Sworn and subscribed to before me this

Sworn and subscribed to before me this

day of

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{ Affix Seal }

Notary Public

{ Affix Seal }

Notary Public

{ Affix Seal }

Notary Public

My commission expires

My commission expires

My commission expires

Note to County Judge: Do Not Issue License Unless Above Has Been Notarized or Witnessed by the Examiner

This Application will be checked against the records of the Department in Tallahassee for suspensions and revocations.

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ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

Answer all questions below by marking squares opposite each. If any answer is "Yes," fill in required details to that question as carefully as you possibly can.

No Yes

☐ ☐ Do you speak English?

☐ ☐ Read it?

☐ ☐ Write it?

☐ ☐ Were you ever licensed to drive? When? (date) 19
What State?

☐ ☐ Have you ever taken any part of an examination for a Florida driver's license? When? (date) 19 Where?

☒ ☐ Has your driving privilege been revoked, suspended, cancelled, or denied? When last? (date) 19 Where? (City and State) Why? Reinstated? When (date) 19

☐ ☐ Have you ever been a patient in an institution for the insane or feeble-minded? When? (date) 19 Name location of institution Were you discharged as cured?

☐ ☐ Have you ever suffered from epilepsy, fainting, or dizzy spells?

☐ ☐ Have you ever been addicted to narcotic drugs or intoxicating liquor? Which?

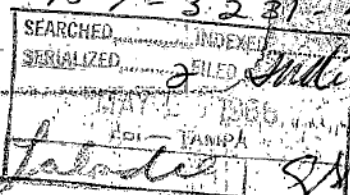
☐ ☐ Do you have any physical defects that would make it difficult for you to operate an automobile safely? What are they?

☐ ☐ Do you wear contact lenses?

☐ ☐ Have you ever been involved as a driver in an automobile accident? When last? (date) 19 Where?

☐ ☐ How long have you known how to drive?

☐ ☐ Have you had Driver Training in public school?



RECORD OF EXAMINATION

Car: Make _____ Year _____ Lights ☐ Horn ☐
R.V. Mirror ☐ Brakes ☐ Windshield Wiper ☐ Muffler ☐
Registration Number _____ Accompanying Driver No. _____
Name _____

Vehicle Handling		Good	Needs training	Road Problems		Good	Needs training
Start	Car readiness Location controls Motor operation			Stop signs	Braking Placement		
Quick stop				Traffic lights	Braking Placement		
Backing	Speed Lane			Left turns	Lane Speed Signal		
Parking	Signal Positioning Backing Placement			Left turn at signal	Lane Speed Signal Turn Waiting		
Turn about	Positioning Maneuvering			Right	Lane Speed Signal Turn		
Stop on up grade	Braking Wheel turn			One way street	Placement Changing		
Start on up grade	Signalling Brake control Motor operation			Multiple lanes	Placement Changing		
Posture	Body Arms			Other signs	Observation Action		
Traffic Problems				Attention	Starts Back and turn Left turn Parking Other		
Following	Distance Observation Placement			Score	Counts		
Overtaking	Judgment Signal Speed Return				%		
Being overtaken	Speed Yielding						
Use of horn	Helpful Unnecessary						
Right of way	Yielding Taking						

PHYSICAL CONDITION

VISION: Breadth _____
COLOR: Red ☐ Green ☐ Normal ☐
Acuity Right Left Both
With Glasses 20/ 20/ 20/
Without 20/ 20/ 20/

NEW PRESCRIPTION
With Glasses 20/ 20/ 20/
INFIRMITIES None Noted ☐
Missing Extremities ☐ Mental ☐
Stiffness ☐ Shakiness ☐ Other ☐
Hearing: Deaf ☐ Poor ☐ Good ☐

RESULTS OF TESTS

Signs: No. Shown
Ones Missed 1st
Second Test 2nd
Third Test 3rd
Fourth Test 4th
Fifth Test 5th

Road Rules: No. Tried
Ones Missed 1st
Second Test 2nd
Third Test 3rd
Fourth Test 4th
Fifth Test 5th

First Test _____
Second Test _____
Third Test _____

Fourth Test _____
Fifth Test _____

733 Riverside Ave.
Jacksonville, Florida

DL FORM 4

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DRIVER'S PERMANENT RECORD

DRIVER'S PERMANENT RECORD

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

5/24/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN
(OO:Memphis)

Re Bureau radiogram dated 5/21/68 regarding Drivers License Bureau checks for all drivers license applications for months of April and May, 1968.

Major C. W. KEITH, Department of Public Safety (DPS), Florida Highway Patrol, Tallahassee, Florida, advised on 5/23/68 that approximately nine hundred thousand new Florida drivers licenses were issued in the State each year. For the months of April and May there would be approximately 150 thousand new Drivers licenses issued.

The following is the procedure for the issuance of new drivers licenses in the State of Florida:

There are 110 examining points in the State. An applicant appears at one of these examining points and is furnished an application, a Xerox copy of which is attached. After an applicant has successfully passed his tests, the application and the fee go to the County Judge's Office. At the County Judge's Office, the Florida drivers license is issued. There is an original and two copies of this license. The applicant receives the original and a copy with the application is forwarded to the DPS at Tallahassee. The third copy is filed at the County Judge's Office.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
2 - Tampa (Enc. 1)
2 - Miami (Enc. 1)
1 - Memphis (Enc. 1)
2 - Jacksonville

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The County Judge's Office forwards the copy of the license and application about every thirty days; some of the larger counties are more prompt, others go as long as two months before forwarding same. The licenses at the County Judge's Office, as are those at the DPS in Tallahassee, are filed alphabetically and there is no numerical order of the record. The Department of Public Safety examining points file once a month, usually on the 5th, Form DL 16, which report lists the name of the applicants for drivers licenses for the previous month and if the fee has been paid. There is no other information on this DL 16. A copy of this form remains at the examining point. At this time, the only possible reasonable check that could be made would be as follows:

1. Contact made with the senior examiner, who is an employee of the DPS, at the 110 examining points throughout the State of Florida.
2. With the senior examiner, go to the County Judge's Office and examine all Florida drivers licenses that they have not as yet forwarded to Tallahassee.
3. With a copy of the DL 16 kept on file at the examining point, check the names alphabetically with the drivers licenses on file at the County Judge's Office. For the month of April the DL 16 would be complete, while the month of May would only be partially completed and not complete until around 6/5/62.

Each FBI Field Division in Florida, if the above system is practical, could cover their own leads after checking out the drivers licenses, which would save considerable paper work by one Division.

The above procedure is the only way that a complete search could be made at this time since it will be the end of June or the middle of July before such a search can be made at the DPS at Tallahassee.

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In addition, it is to be pointed out that a search of the names of the DL 16 in the County Judge's Office would be much faster than a search at DPS, Tallahassee, as it would mean fewer licenses to be checked.

It should be noted that not all the names on the DL 16 will be found to have drivers licenses as many applicants file and don't return, while others fail to pass.

Major KEITH advises the following counties have not forwarded their license returns for April:

Bradford, Citrus, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Taylor.

The following counties have already made returns through 5/13/68:

Broward, Dade and St. Johns

Major KEITH advised because of the present work load at the drivers license division of the DPS, it would be impossible for them to pull that many files during the regular work day. The Major explained that their personnel would have to be the ones to pull the files because of their new mechanical and electrical filing system although the FBI personnel could review the licenses.

The Major explained that some plan would have to be worked out to have their personnel work nights, which would mean time and a half or double time, as far as pay is concerned.

He was unable to estimate the length of time, the number of personnel, or cost involved to review these licenses.

Due to the above, and since most counties still have their applications for May, it is suggested that necessary

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information be obtained through examining points and County Judge's Offices rather than attempt to handle the review at the State Capitol, Tallahassee.

For the Bureau's information, both Major KEITH and HOMER SMOTHERMAN, Senior Drivers License Examiner, Jacksonville, Florida, have advised no identification is necessary to obtain a license and therefore a great number of licenses are issued using false names and addresses for faulty identification purposes. Duval County alone had between 3,000 and 5,000 applications submitted for the month of April according to Mr. SMOTHERMAN.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-763)
SUBJ: MURKIN
(OO: ME)

Re Bureau radiogram 5/21/68 and Jacksonville airtel to Bureau, 5/24/68.

Re: DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU CHECKS FOR ALL
DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS - MONTHS OF
APRIL AND MAY, 1968.

On 5/27/68, a conference was held with Major E. W. KEITH, Capt. A. E. REDDICK, Mrs. ELLEN HARRISON and Mrs. CAROLYN MARTIN, of the Department of Public Safety, Drivers License Division, Tallahassee, Fla., to make a more thorough and exhaustive study of details in reviewing all drivers license applications in the State of Florida for the months of April and May, 1968, and a more accurate determination of numbers involved.

Major KEITH explained his figure of 900,000 drivers licenses issued in a year that he had previously furnished was erroneous and that was the number of examinations given, rather than the number of applications received or licenses issued.

He advised this figure is high since several examinations are sometimes given to the same individual and a student or inexperienced driver will be given a visual and written examination before being issued a restricted license or learner's permit and thereafter return for a road test examination each of which is counted as an examination. The survey now reveals the following information:

3 - Bureau
② - Tampa
2 - Miami
1 - Memphis 2 - Jacksonville

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DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS

MONTHS: APRIL AND MAY, 1968

STATE OF FLORIDA

Number of applications for drivers licenses:

70,000

(Source: Major E. W. KEITH.)

LOCATION OF APPLICATIONS:

1. Tallahassee:

April - filed 27,000 (3 counties not yet reported out of 67).

May - 3,000 (none filed since 5/24/68).

All filed alphabetically.

May (unfiled) - Unknown

2. Drivers License Examination Stations

April - 5,500

May - 5,000

Information furnished by Major KEITH from a sampling of Inspection Stations throughout the state.

3. County Judge's Office

to be forwarded to Tallahassee.

April - 4,000

May - Unknown, approximately 26,000 most of which will be in Tallahassee before 6/15/68.

REVIEW PROCEDURE

1. AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

a) Applications already filed: (Approximately 30,000)
Motor Vehicle Bureau personnel would have to pull individual files from the list of names contained on the Motor Vehicle Bureau form DL 16 as described in referenced Jacksonville airtel. (Names of all applicants for drivers licenses appearing at the 110 examining points throughout the state of Florida). It is noted that ~~not all individuals~~ contained on this list have ~~not~~ passed the examination and therefore their applications are not on file in Tallahassee. A copy of these DL 16's for month of April are on file at Tallahassee.

FBI personnel would thereafter review these individual applications for elimination purposes.

b) Applications Not Filed to Date

All applications received on or after 5/27/68 are being held by MVB and will not be filed. A review of these applications could be made by FBI personnel prior to filing.

2. AT THE 110 EXAMINING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Number - 10,500.

In the event an application is made for a drivers license, this application would not be forwarded to Tallahassee and would be kept at the Inspection Station in following instances:

1. Individual takes only the visual examination and written test.
2. Takes neither the written or road test.
3. Fails either the written or road test.

These applications are retained for a period of 90 days and thereafter destroyed.

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The above applications are filed alphabetical and would be reviewed by FBI personnel from name on the DL 16 on which no application was located in Tallahassee.

3. AT COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

These applications were sent from Inspection Station on individuals having passed their tests and will be forwarded to MVB, Tallahassee, usually once a month and will be reviewed at Tallahassee prior to filing.

COST INVOLVED

Other than Bureau personnel...

Approximately \$3,000

Including 5 Xerox copies each of the 3,000 DL 16 forms.

Five employees working from 7-9 p.m. each night for about 30 days pulling files for review by Bureau personnel and the refiling of these files.

BUREAU PERSONNEL

Major KEITH estimated that it would take five FBI personnel about 40 days to complete the project as he feels that a person cannot examine more than 20 applications an hour.

Bureau personnel would be supplied space and could work days on this project.

AT 110 EXAMINING STATIONS

Undetermined.

ALTERNATIVE

Review of licenses filed at the County Judge's Office as set forth in Jacksonville airtel to Bureau 5/24/68 after obtaining DL 16 from the 110 examining stations.

In this regard Capt. A. E. REDDICK pointed out that for the month of April only, a copy of the licenses would be available at the County Judge's Office where as in Tallahassee, the applications would be filed. This application contains additional information such as the license tag and where the person was previously licensed to drive.

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Capt. REDDICK further advised that his experience has been that a lot of county judge's offices have not kept good records as to the filing of these drivers licenses and in many cases he has found where they are several months in arrears with their filing. He said all the licenses for the month of April will be in file at Tallahassee in the next few days but those for May will not be complete until around the end of June.

RECOMMENDATION

Bureau is requested to approve the payment of approximately \$3,000 to the Department of Public Safety, Tallahassee, Fla., for necessary expenses incurred by them in carrying out the above project.

Major KEITH has requested a decision as to whether he should retain stops with all the applications that are coming in for May and those retained for April be reached as soon as possible. A delay of any length of time would cause his office to "bogs" down with non-filed applications.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA JAMES B. HAFLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: ME)

Re memo 5/15/68 of Supervisor # 4.

It is noted that SA R. C. BALL is handling the lead to exhibit JAMES EARL RAY's photo to the only witness in the unsolved BR in the Orlando RA territory.

On the dates indicated, the Orlando agents named below, contacted the following police agencies, and requested that RAY's photograph be shown to witnesses in their unsolved robberies:

<u>AGENT</u>	<u>LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CONTACTED</u>	<u>DATE</u>
ALLEN	Lt. J. EAST, Maitland PD	5/21/68
BALL	Det. Sgt. DON DOBSON, Winter Park PD	5/22/68
ERWIN	Police Chief RALPH JONES, Apopka PD	5/21/68
GRIMES	Police Chief DON ADAMS, Kissimmee PD	5/20/68
GRIMES	Dep. Sheriff CARL JOHNS, Kissimmee SO	5/20/68
HAFLEY	Capt. J. C. BROWN, Ident., Orlando PD	5/28/68
LIGHTHALL	Dep. J. Q. GALLOWAY, Seminole County SO	5/27/68
MCNALLY	Police Chief C.R. Nelson, Winter Garden PD	5/20/68
O'HARA	Police Chief J. F. McCALL, Casselberry PD	5/20/68
TINDLE	Det. R. RUSSELL, Sanford PD	5/24/68
WILKES	Lt. WALTON BURKE, Orange County SO	5/21/68

All officers contacted advised that this action would be taken immediately in those robbery cases where living witnesses are available, and the Orlando RA will be advised immediately in the event any positive identification is effected.

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

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Date: 5/29/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 OO: MEMPHIS 32-31⁴

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 Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/23/68,
 captioned "MURKIN."

LOUIS CRISPI, Assistant Manager, Portola District Branch, Bank of America, 2485 San Bruno Avenue, San Francisco, California, on May 28, 1968, advised he recalled opening a checking account for a person using the name S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN on April 22, 1968. He advised the following information was furnished by SCHNEIDERMAN on the signature card for account Number [REDACTED]:

Name	S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Residence	245 South Airport (no city shown)
Business or Occupation	Electronics technician
Employer	Equipment Engineers
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Mother's Maiden Name	FLORENCE

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (RM)
 - (1 - 44-2386)
 - (1 - 26-43489)
- 1 - Chicago (44-1114)(INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 1 - Jacksonville (INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 1 - Knoxville (INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(Enc. 1)(AM)(RM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)(INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 1 - Tampa (INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 2 - San Francisco (1 - 173-65)(1 - 87-29695)

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 Special Agent in Charge

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CRISPI stated SCHNEIDERMAN opened a checking account on April 22, 1968, with a deposit of \$5 and stated he expected to receive at this branch of the Bank of America a wire of transfer of funds from Chicago, Illinois. He exhibited to CRISPI as means of identification Eastern Airlines Credit Card and Millionaire Club Credit Card. CRISPI stated he did not obtain the numbers of these cards. CRISPI described SCHNEIDERMAN as a white male, 5'7", 130 pounds, dark hair neatly trimmed, neatly dressed, shirt and tie, dark coat, no hat, 25 to 30 years of age. SCHNEIDERMAN indicated he was staying at the Holiday Inn in South San Francisco, California.

Mr. CRISPI advised he had one check dated April 24, 1968, paid to the order of the Holiday Inn in the amount of \$10, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN. On the back of this check was the following identification information:

"Room #108, Eastern Airlines Number 0-350-168M, Illinois DL [REDACTED], paid to the order of First Ruskin Bank, MAC-T.D., Inc., D/B/a Holiday Inn, Appolo Beach, Acct # [REDACTED], for deposit only."

Mr. CRISPI advised his file indicates SCHNEIDERMAN passed checks in the amounts listed below and he has no additional data as these checks have been returned:

\$15.00, \$24.32, \$45.22, \$100.00 to National Car Rental;
\$20.00, \$25.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 to Holiday Inn;
\$12.55 to Travelodge;
\$15.00 to Jacksonville Travelodge;
\$15.00 to Jewish Family Service.

BRUCE LYON, Desk Manager, Holiday Inn, 245 South Airport, South San Francisco, California, on May 28, 1968, advised his records indicate one S. SCHNEIDERMAN checked into this motel on April 20, 1968, and skipped out sometime on April 22, 1968, owing a bill of \$60.48. The registration card gave his residence address as 715 Hope, Los Angeles, California, and firm as Equipment Engineers at 715 Hope, Los Angeles, California, automobile license VRG 245 (California).

Mr. LYON furnished a description of SCHNEIDERMAN which is the same as that furnished by Mr. CRISPI.

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RWJ/sms

The Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, telephonically advised that California license VRG 245 is registered for a 1968 Ford sedan, VIN 8R01C108167, to Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, Los Angeles, California.

An ITSP investigation has been initiated concerning a \$100 check given to National Car Rental; therefore, leads to further identify checks passed by SCHNEIDERMAN are not being set out.

The city and telephone directories of the San Francisco Bay Area were reviewed without locating any listing for Equipment Engineers.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to LYON and CRISPI and both advised that although there was some similarity they did not believe SCHNEIDERMAN could be identical with RAY as he was shorter and several years younger.

Enclosed for the assistance of the Los Angeles Office is a xeroxed copy of referenced Atlanta airtel.

LEAD

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Conduct appropriate investigation at Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, concerning possible rental of 1968 Ford bearing California license VRG 245.

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Date: 5/28/68

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

TO : SAC, TAMPA

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On the evening of 5/27/68, DYRELL DENNIS, previously described as girlfriend of subject JAMES EARL RAY and interviewed by the Milwaukee Division, telephonically contacted the Milwaukee Office and advised she urgently needed to talk to SA WILLIAM Y. DORAN. Upon contacting DENNIS, she advised she had just left a bar known as the New Yorker on 605 North Fifth Street where she had observed three men. She stated that one of the men was familiar to her, and she recognized him as being from the Hollywood Blvd. and Western Blvd. area of Los Angeles, California, and that he was living in that area and frequenting the same bars as she during the same period of time that she knew JAMES EARL RAY to be living in that neighborhood. She stated the man had changed his appearance from that of a stumblebum in California to that of a businessman in Milwaukee. In the conversation with DENNIS, she indicated there may be some connection between JAMES EARL RAY and the above-described man, whom she could not identify by name.

- 2 - Tampa (AM-RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (Info) (AM-RM)
- 2 - Cleveland (AM-RM)
- 2 - Memphis (AM-RM) (44-1987)
- 1 - Milwaukee (44-388)

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On the same date, GEORGE BEMIS, Bartender, New Yorker Bar, 605 North Fifth Street, advised he recalled three men being in his cafe at approximately the time DENNIS had called the Milwaukee Office. He stated the three men were merchant seamen operating on the Great Lakes and had mentioned that they would be shipping out in the early AM of 5/28/68.

Following the interview with GEORGE BEMIS, efforts were made to locate and interview the three unknown males, which efforts were successful.

The man described by DYRELL DENNIS was determined to be ~~ROSS WESLEY STEVENS~~, who gave his home address as 1021 Highview Drive, Lake Wales, Florida. He stated he was a steward aboard the Edward S. Kendrick, a ship belonging to the Wilson Line, Cleveland, Ohio. During the course of the interview, STEVENS denied ever having been in Los Angeles, California, denied knowing DYRELL DENNIS, and denied any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY. STEVENS is further described as a white male, 5'9", 180 lbs., date of birth [redacted], brown hair, brown eyes (note: color of eyes listed as brown on his Florida Driver's License; however, visual observation relates eyes are gray).

On reinterview with DYRELL DENNIS, she stated she does not feel she is mistaken in stating she knew this individual by sight in Los Angeles, California, during early March, 1968.

LEADS

CLEVELAND DIVISION

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will contact Wilson Line Shipping Company and through records of that Company, attempt to determine whereabouts of ROSS WESLEY STEVENS during March, 1968.

TAMPA DIVISION

AT LAKE WALES, FLORIDA

Will conduct credit and criminal re ROSS WESLEY STEVENS and make appropriate inquiries to determine authenticity of his story.

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Date: 6/4/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, TAMPA

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Milwaukee airtel to Tampa and interested offices dated 5/28/68.

Mrs. J. HALE, Ship Personnel, Wilson Marine Shipping Company, 2100 Illuminating Building, Cleveland, Ohio, advised their records reflected the following concerning ROSS WESLEY STEVENS:

Address	1021 Highland Drive Lake Wales, Florida (since April 1, 1963)
Previous Address	610 Hesperides Road Lake Wales, Florida
DOB	
POB	Conneaut, Ohio
Wife	KATHLEEN
Children	one

No military service listed.

Mrs. HALE advised their records further reflected that ROSS WESLEY STEVENS was sent an appointment and report notice from the Cleveland office to his current address in Lake Wales, Florida, on 3/18/68 requesting him to report to the Wilson Line Ship Edward S. Kendrick on 3/30/68.

- ② - Tampa (AMRM)
 1 - Birmingham (Info) (AMRM)
 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AMRM)
 1 - Milwaukee (44-388) (AMRM)
 2 - Cleveland

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Mrs. HALE advised that R. W. STEVENS has been employed by the Wilson Marine Shipping since 3/7/53 and he has been on the Edward S. Kendrick since 1958. She advised that his position aboard ship is and has been chief cook. She advised their records reflect his work is listed as excellent, sobriety excellent, dependability excellent.

Mrs. HALE stated that R. W. STEVENS was on a layoff status from 11/10/67 until he was recalled on 3/18/68. She advised that records reflect that he reported to the Edward S. Kendrick at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on 3/30/68. She advised that this is the town where R. W. STEVENS had received his layoff notice on 11/10/67. She stated that the Edward S. Kendrick sailed from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Sunday, 4/7 in the p.m., and its first port of call was South Chicago, Illinois, second port of call Silver Bay, Minnesota, to pick up ore and then it returned to Cleveland.

It is noted that records of Wilson Marine failed to reflect whereabouts of ROSS WESLEY STEVENS for the early part of March as requested in above-referenced airtel and Wilson Line records contain no information as to the whereabouts or activities of STEVENS from the time of his layoff on 11/10/67 until he returned aboard ship on 3/30/68.

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Date: 5/31/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 OO: Memphis

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated 5/23/68,
 and San Francisco airtel to the Bureau dated 5/29/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
 SA WILLIAM N. HEARD and SA JAMES R. PACE:

On 5/31/68, Mr. EDWARD MANLEY, Night Manager, National Car Rentals, a subsidiary of Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, Los Angeles, California, advised that he personally rented a 1968 light green Mustang, California License Number VRG 245, to a SAMUEL M. SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 North Richmond, Chicago, Illinois, on the night of 4/18/68. He vividly recalls SCHNEIDERMAN because due to a lack of a driver's license, MANLEY believed SCHNEIDERMAN to be a bad risk. On receiving an approval to rent the car from a superior, he rented the car to

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (RM)
 - (1 - 44-2386)
 - (1 - 26-43489)
- 1 - Chicago (44-1114) (INFO) (AM) (RM)
- 1 - Jacksonville (INFO) (AM) (RM)
- 1 - Knoxville (INFO) (AM) (RM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (INFO) (AM) (RM)
- ① - Tampa (INFO) (AM) (RM)
- 2 - San Francisco
 - (1 - 173-65)
 - (1 - 87-29695)
- 4 - Los Angeles
 - (2 - 44-1574)
 - (2 - 87-New)

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SCHNEIDERMAN whom he described as a White male in early thirties, 5'8-5'9", 140 to 150 pounds, slender build, and wearing glasses, probably prescription type. He was provided a group of assorted pictures containing a photo of JAMES EARL RAY, and he stated that none of the photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN. SCHNEIDERMAN provided a local address of the Holiday Inn, Olympic and Figueroa, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. GENE BERRY, Manager, Holiday Inn, 1020 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, advised on 5/31/68 that a SAMUEL S. SCHNEIDERMAN was a guest at their motel from 1:58 AM, 4/10/68, until his room was found vacant on 4/21/68. SCHNEIDERMAN left owing a \$105.98 motel bill. He described SCHNEIDERMAN as being a white male, age 40, 5'6" to 5'7", 140 to 150 pounds, slender face and with black curly hair. The motel had no record of a car. He was provided a group of assorted pictures containing a photo of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that none of the photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN. Miss MARGE POTTS, who had seen SCHNEIDERMAN several times on desk clerk business, advised that none of above photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN.

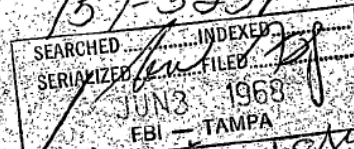
The address - 715 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California - is the address of the YMCA.

The Los Angeles Office is opening an ITSP case inasmuch as individual identifying himself as SCHNEIDERMAN passed at least two out of state checks in Los Angeles.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Los Angeles Office in this phase of MURKIN.

BUREAU OF THE CHIEF POSTAL INSPECTOR
OPEN CORRESPONDENCE CLUB INVESTIGATIONS - MAY - 1968

<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>Atlanta, Georgia Division</u>			
RJS	Columbia, S. C.	364-00188-E	Bullard
The Register	Delray Beach, Fla.	364-00839-E	Marquette
Enterprises of America	Pinellas Park, Fla.	364-01459-E	"
His and Her Club	Savannah, Ga.	364-03123-E	Capps
ABC Publications	Hollywood, Fla.	364-03126-E	Marquette
Jean Marie	Orlando, Fla.	364-03137-E	"
<u>Rebel Florida</u>	Orlando, Fla.	364-41602-E	Richie
Kay Manor	Miami, Fla.	364-48750-E	Marquette
<u>Fort Worth, Texas Division</u>			
Sterling Action Club	Corpus Christi, Tx.	364-39986-E	Marsh
F and T	Fort Worth, Tx.	364-40081-E	"
?	Fort Worth, Tx.	364-40330-E	"
Horizons Correspondence Club	Dallas, Tx.	364-40389-E	"
<u>Boston, Massachusetts Division</u>			
Nutmeg Press	Grosvenor Dale, Ct.	364-23774-E	Allain
Kitten Club	North Adams, Mass.	364-30737-E	"
Action Relationships	Boston, Mass.	364-42967-E	"
Arthur A. Swanson	Boston, Mass.	364-43051-E	"
Jane Weton	Boston, Mass.	364-43137-E	"



OPEN CORRESPONDENCE CLUB INVESTIGATIONS (Continued)

<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>Chicago, Illinois Division</u>			
Carlton Enterprises	Chicago, Ill.	364-01633-E	Hinckley
Social Exchange Publishing	" "	364-01637-E	"
Arnold J. Madiol	Grand Haven, Mich.	364-43568-E	Potts
Martin's	Detroit, Mich.	364-43569-E	"
Random House	Warren, Mich.	364-48063-E	Hinckley
<u>Cincinnati, Ohio Division</u>			
Swinger's Travel & Vacation Club	Fort Wayne, Ind.	364-27059-E	Herzog
Vigo Villa	Terre Haute, Ind.	364-28234-E	Herzog
<u>Kansas City, Missouri Division</u>			
Swinging Set	Kansas City, Mo.	364-11096-E	Fay
Club Lolita	Kansas City, Mo.	364-38211-E	Fay
<u>New York, New York Division</u>			
Ram Enterprises	New York, NY	364-32101-E	Miller
Pace Setter Corp.	Brooklyn, NY	364-32705-E	Miller
Black Book	New York, NY	364-32822-E	Dolan

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE CLUB INVESTIGATIONS (Continued)

<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Division</u>			
Mixer	Trenton, NJ	364-00460-E	Similes
Select Club	Camden, NJ	364-22100-E	Ferguson
Frenchy	Chinchilla, Pa.	364-44883-E	Similes
Swinger's Life	Enola, Pa.	364-45329-E	Ferguson
The In Crowd	Philadelphia, Pa.	364-45370-E	"
Club Ecstasy	York, Pa.	364-45500-E	"
Stonehill Studios	Berkeley Heights, NJ	364-48312-E	Kallies
<u>Saint Louis, Missouri Division</u>			
R J S	Davenport, Iowa	364-46385-E	Wensman
Ron Williams	Saint Louis, Mo.	364-46572-E	"
<u>Saint Paul, Minnesota Division</u>			
The Group	Wayzata, Minn.	364-39222-E	Gosnell
Action	St. Paul, Minn.	364-47443-E	Gosnell
<u>San Francisco, California Division</u>			
A to Z Club	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-21863-E	Poindexter
Ad Reply Service	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-38729-E	"
The Group	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-38802-E	Vanden Bosch

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE CLUB INVESTIGATIONS (Continued)

<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>San Francisco, California Division (Continued)</u>			
The National Close Up	North Hollywood, Cal.	364-38870-E	Poindexter
Jan	Reno, Nevada	364-38993-E	Lawrence
Reynolds Machinery	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-39006-E	Poindexter
Tape Club	" " "	364-41205-E	"
Swinging Sam Young	Ontario, Cal.	364-41386-E	"
Swingers Club	Santa Monica, Cal.	364-41403-E	"
United World Publications	San Diego, Cal.	364-41409-E	"
Sincerely Yours Club	La Puente, Cal.	364-44006-E	"
Phi Pi Epsilon	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-44144-E	"
Modern Enterprises	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-44296-E	"
Japan International	Newport Beach, Cal.	364-44297-E	"
Remco	Las Vegas, Nevada	364-44337-E	"
Blue Star	Reno, Nevada	364-44412-E	Vanden Bosch
James L. Hubbel	Strathmore, Cal.	364-44539-E	" "
The Local Swinger	Downey, Cal.	364-44606-E	Poindexter
Donald Fickes	Norwalk, Cal.	364-44660-E	"
Sir, Inc.	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-44661-E	"
Le Group	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-44686-E	"
Roberta Perkins	Santa Rosa, Cal.	364-44696-E	Vanden Bosch
Kinsey Club	San Diego, Cal.	364-44745-E	Poindexter

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE CLUB INVESTIGATIONS (Continued)

<u>Correspondence Club</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>Washington, D. C. Division</u>			
Richard Stanley	Charleston, W. Va.	364-28406-E	Bradley
David C. Bohner	Washington, D. C.	364-28571-E	Bradley
Mr. and Mrs. E. King	Hagerstown, Md.	364-29026-E	Bennett

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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ReAirtel to Bu dated 5/23/68 requesting WFO obtain from Postal Inspector, WDC, a list of all obscene pen-pal clubs in the United States presently under investigation by the Post Office Department.

- 3- Bureau (Encl. 2)
- 2- Atlanta (44-2386) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Baltimore (44-669) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Boston (Encl. 2)
- 2- Chicago (44-1114) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Cincinnati (157-1893) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Columbia (Encl. 2)
- 2- Dallas (44-2649) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Detroit (44-989) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Houston (44-1509) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Indianapolis (Encl. 2)
- 2- Kansas City (44-760) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Las Vegas (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Los Angeles (44-1574) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Miami (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Memphis (44-1987) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Minneapolis (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Newark (44-854) (Encl. 2)
- 2- New Haven (157-818) (Encl. 2)
- 2- New York City (44-1609) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Omaha (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- Philadelphia (44-1368) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Pittsburgh (44-578) (Encl. 2)
- 2- Sacramento (100-427) (Encl. 2) (AM)

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- 2- St. Louis (44-775) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- San Diego (Encl. 2) (AM)
- 2- San Francisco (173-65) (Encl. 2) (AM)
- ~~2- Savannah (Encl. 2)~~
- 2- Tampa (157-3231) (Encl. 2) (AM)

Enclosed herewith for each office listed below having leads in their division are two copies each consisting of five pages which contain list of correspondence clubs under Post Office investigation.

Also enclosed for information is one copy each for Bureau, Memphis and Atlanta.

Offices covering Headquarters divisions of Postal inspectors will contact division chiefs for addresses and other identifying information regarding the clubs listed and furnish such information to other FBI field offices for further investigation where appropriate.

All offices having clubs within their division will thereafter conduct appropriate investigation to determine if subject JAMES EARL RAY is a member or has ever corresponded with that club.

Discretion should be used with lists being furnished and source of agency furnishing list should not be disclosed.

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