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RE EXTENT OF PUBLICITY COVERAGE:

FOLLOWING POLICE AGENCIES IN MEXICO CITY HAVE RECEIVED VOLUME DISTRIBUTION OF WANTED FLYERS IN SPANISH AND IDENTIFICATION ORDERS: METROPOLITAN POLICE OF MEXICO CITY; FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE OF MEXICO; FEDERAL FISCAL POLICE; FEDERAL SECURITY POLICE; MEXICAN IMMIGRATION. LAST FOUR NAMED HAVE NATION WIDE RESPONSIBILITIES AND REPRESENTATIVES IN ALL PARTS OF COUNTRY TO WHICH DISSEMINATION MADE. IN ADDITION, SEPARATE PHOTOGRAPHS WITH DESCRIPTIVE MATERIAL FURNISHED TO AGENCIES AND SOURCES AND, ON APRIL TWO TWO LAST, FORWARDED BY CONSULAR CIRCULAR TO ALL U.S. CONSULATES IN MEXICO, INCLUDING CONSULATE AT MERIDA, YUCATAN, WHICH COVERS ENTIRE PENINSULA ON GULF OF MEXICO, INCLUDING CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE. CIRCULAR PREPARED IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF PHOTOGRAPHS FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION OF GALT AS RAY BY BUREAU. IDENTIFICATION ORDERS, FLYERS AND ADDITIONAL PICTURES TAKEN TO MERIDA AND CAMPECHE BY AGENT ARRIVING THERE MAY TWO INSTANT FOR CONCENTRATED DISSEMINATION TO POLICE

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AGENCIES ON PENINSULA. ALL MEXICO CITY PAPERS AND THOSE IN MAJOR CITIES THROUGHOUT MEXICO HAVE GIVEN WIDE SPREAD ATTENTION AND PUBLICATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT. STORIES BASED ON COPIES OF BUREAU PRESS RELEASES AND PHOTOGRAPHS FURNISHED TO THIS OFFICE WHICH WERE THEREAFTER DISSEMINATED TO NEWS MEDIA THROUGH EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER AND PRESS OFFICERS IN THE VARIOUS CONSULATES. PAPERS ALSO RELIED UPON WIRE SERVICE DISPATCHES FROM U.S. FOR NUMEROUS STORIES PRINTED.

ADDITIONAL STORIES AND INTEREST WILL BE GENERATED BY INFORMATION CONCERNING REWARD OFFERS MENTIONED IN REBUCAB WHEN DETAILS CONCERNING THESE OFFERS ARE RECEIVED.

RE SUSPECT AT CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA:

DRIVERS OF BUS NUMBER ONE FOUR OF TRES ESTRELLAS DE ORO LINE, WHICH LEFT CIUDAD OBREGON ON APRIL TWO FIVE LAST, HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS JOSE AVALOS AND ENRIQUE MEJIA. THEY ARE PRESENTLY EN ROUTE TO GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, ON CURRENT RUN OF SAME BUS TRIP, AND WILL ARRIVE AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT AM MAY THREE NEXT. COMPANY HAS NOTIFIED THEM THAT THEY ARE TO BE INTERVIEWED IN GUADALAJARA, AND RESIDENT AGENT ALERTED TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW IMMEDIATELY UPON THEIR ARRIVAL THERE.

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RE ANONYMOUS LETTERS FROM HAMILTON, ONTARIO:
(SA MATTHEW D. CRAWFORD)
INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT, ACCOMPANIED BY ~~AGENT~~ PROCEEDED ON
MAY ONE LAST TO SMALL COMMUNITY OF SAN PEDRO (MARTIR), D.F. THIS
IS ON HIGHWAY NINE FIVE, A SHORT DISTANCE OUTSIDE MEXICO CITY ON
CUERNAVACA TOLLROAD. ALL INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED STATED THERE
HAD BEEN NO NORTH AMERICANS IN THE AREA AND THAT THEY HAD NOT
SEEN ANYONE RESEMBLING PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT. JORGE LIMA
VAZQUEZ, SUB DELEGADO (LOCAL OFFICIAL), SAID THE PRESENCE OF A
QUOTE GRINGO UNQUOTE IN THAT AREA WOULD BE NOTORIOUS SINCE THEY
SELDOM COME THERE. HE WAS ALERTED TO ADVISE INFORMANT IMMEDIATELY
IF ANY NORTH AMERICAN RESEMBLING SUBJECT APPEARED.

NO TOWN NAMED CAPILEO COULD BE LOCATED, BUT INQUIRY MADE AT
TOPILEJO, D.F., WHICH IS LOCATED ONE NINE KILOMETERS FROM
MEXICO CITY. INDIVIDUALS IN THIS SMALL COMMUNITY ALSO ADVISED NO
NORTH AMERICANS HAD BEEN SEEN IN AREA. OWNER OF NEARBY MOTEL
STATED HE HAS NOT SEEN ANY NORTH AMERICANS IN RECENT MONTHS, AND
HAD NO GUESTS DURING ENTIRE MONTH OF APRIL,] LAST, DRIVING CARS
WITH U.S. PLATES.

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RE INVESTIGATION AT PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO:

AGENT ON SCENE ADVISES THAT PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT WITH SUNGLASSES TAKEN THERE DURING NOVEMBER LAST HAS BEEN PROMPTLY RECOGNIZED AND IDENTIFIED BY THOSE WHO KNEW HIM THERE AS ERIC S. GALT. IN VIEW OF THIS, ALTHOUGH PHOTOGRAPH MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR WIDE SPREAD PUBLICITY IN U.S., BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER THIS PICTURE CAN BE GIVEN EXTENSIVE DISSEMINATION IN MEXICO; THAT IS, SHOULD DISTRIBUTION BE LIMITED ONLY TO TRUSTED SOURCES AND CONTACTS, OR SHOULD IT ALSO BE PASSED OUT TO POLICE AGENCIES AND OTHERS DESPITE POSSIBILITY IT MIGHT EVENTUALLY COME TO ATTENTION OF LOCAL PRESS.

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN ALL AREAS OF MEXICO WHERE LEADS OUTSTANDING. LEADS IN MEXICO CITY AND ALL OUTLYING AREAS BEING GIVEN CLOSEST SUPERVISION FROM HEADQUARTERS. ALL AGENTS AND INVESTIGATIVE SOURCES UNDER STRICT INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE PRIORITY HANDLING TO ALL ASPECTS OF THIS MATTER.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report NA Date(s) of activity 4-17-68
Brief description of activity or material PCM activities, University of Sinaloa; West coast political matters; and Federal Police investigation, Mazatlan,		File where original is located if not attached 134-850A - 37

Remarks: **Sinaloa, in MURKIN.**

Source orally advised that during the previous week, he and eight other DFS agents from various states in Mexico were ordered by their headquarters in Mexico to proceed to Mazatlan, Sinaloa, and conduct investigation to locate ERIC STARVO GALT. He stated that these instructions apparently were due to the fact that GALT allegedly had obtained a tourist visa from the Mexican Consulate, Memphis, indicating he would like to visit Mazatlan, Sinaloa. He stated these investigators contacted all hotels, restaurants, bars and other tourist attractions, but developed no pertinent information and were subsequently ordered to discontinue.

With regard to political matters in the state, he noted

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MIGUEL LEYSON PEREZ
Lic. AMADO ESTRADA RODRI-
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that a new Governor will be elected on November 3, as well as there being changes in 13 local deputies and 17 municipal presidents. The PRI is considering some 23 candidates for Governor; however, the three leading ones are as follows:

1. ALFREDO VALDEZ MONTOYA - Not particularly popular and strongly supports industry.
2. MIGUEL LEYSON PEREZ - No technical training, is a farmer and popular.
3. Lic. AMADO ESTRADA RODRIGUEZ - The leading candidate so far, is a State Senator, a heavy drinker, popular and very procommunist.

With regard to the pro-Cuban demonstration at the University (written report), he noted that FAUSTO BURGUEÑO LOMELI, PCM student leader, on 4-17-68, date of the demonstration, sent a telegram to the Russian Embassy in Mexico, wishing them success in their forthcoming Sputnik flight; and another message to the Cuban Embassy in Mexico congratulating them on the anniversary of the Bay of Pigs battle.

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Brief description of activity or material MURKIN		File where original is located if not attached 134-53A - 793

Remarks:

ALEJANDRO RIVERA CERVANTES, residence Zacateca #731 Sur, Ciudad Obregon, employed by Liga de Comunidades Agrarias y Sindicatos Campesinos, was interviewed in Hermosillo, Sonora, and related the following information:

On 4-5-68, RIVERA, while in Mazatlan, Sinaloa, about 10 a.m. in the morning, was accosted by an individual whom he later believed to be identical with the individual who assassinated MARTIN LUTHER KING in the United States. This individual held him up with a Luger pistol; however, upon determining that RIVERA had no money, immediately left the area, driving a late-model red Datsun car, bearing no license plates.

RIVERA related that he then returned to his hotel in Mazatlan (name not recalled), picked up his girlfriend, [REDACTED] who resides at Nonualco #45C, Apartment 305, Ciudad Tlaxiela, State of Mexico, telephone 29-46-08. Driving a 1966 Opel, he immediately departed for Mexico, D.F., and by

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circumstance happened to be following the individual in the red Datsun the entire route to Mexico, D.F. He stated that the only time he stopped en route was for gasoline and, upon arriving in Mexico, D.F. he checked into the Hotel York. Shortly thereafter, upon leaving the Hotel York, he went to a taxi stand which uses the telephone numbers 15-50-20 and 15-85-20, where he obtained a taxi to take him to the address of his girlfriend, previously described.

Upon entering this taxi, he noted there were two individuals, the driver and the individual who had held him up in Mazatlan, Sinaloa. The driver was teaching this individual the streets of the city in preparation for his driving a taxi for this company. He stated that, due to fear, he did not report this matter to the local police. He noted that they had arrived in Mexico City around 4 p.m. on 4-6-68, and that he obtained this taxi around 6 p.m. that evening. He stated that this was the last time he had observed this individual.

RIVERA related that he left Mexico City again on 4-8-68 by train at 8:30 a.m., arriving in Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, on 4-10-68. Here he read a local newspaper which contained a drawing of the murderer of KING. He stated he immediately recognized that this was the individual who had held him up in Mazatlan, and whom he had last seen in Mexico City. On this date, he wrote a letter addressed to BAYARD RUSTIN, a Negro leader in New York, which letter he sent to "Director Ejecutivo del Instituto--Phillip Randolphs, New York, USA," informing him of the above information. He spent the entire week in Obregon, and on 4-20-68 arrived in Hermosillo, Sonora.

On 4-21-68 he sent a telegram to the FBI office in New York, stating "I have located the person responsible for the assassination of Martin Luther King. Please call me in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, 3-26-85. I don't speak English," signed ALEJANDRO RIVERA.

RIVERA advised that at no time during this incident did his girlfriend observe the individual whom he has identified as the murderer of KING, nor did he relate any of the foregoing information to her.

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He described this individual as a white male, North American, age 40, 5' 10" tall, weight 180, complexion "yellowish," wearing a western style hat and a gabardine raincoat, both gray in color.

He stated that at no time did he see this individual without the hat or raincoat, and that the individual spoke fluent Spanish. He suggested that the individuals at the taxi stand in Mexico, D.F. probably knew the present whereabouts of this individual.

RIVERA expressed concern that police investigators might contact his wife, ZAZUETA NIEBLAS DE RIVERA in Ciudad Obregon, and inform her of his travel with his girlfriend. He stated that he planned to remain in Hermosillo for three more days and then return to Ciudad Obregon.

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Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-1)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA Richard S. Clark

SUBJECT: MURKIN

BUS 14 AUTOTRANSPORTES TRES ESTRELLAS DE ORO

On 5/2/68 GUILLERMO DAVILA Traffic Manager for the bus line Autotransportes Tres Estrellas de Oro, Niño Perdido 19, Mexico City, Mexico, R furnished the following information.

He confirmed that their bus No. 14 left ~~Spain~~ Ciudad Obregon, Mexico at 1:55 PM on April 25, 1968 bound for Guadalajara and eventually Mexico City. This bus originates in Tijuana and their passenger manifests list only the passengers who originally boarded at Tijuana. Passengers purchasing tickets at other points appear on another list and only by ticket number, said numbers corresponding to the series of tickets issued to the purchase point. He furnished copies of the original manifest and the supplemental list.

IN addition they have a record of tickets issued by the driver, who is permitted to sell passage on board. On this particular section no tickets are recorded as having been sold by the drivers ~~after~~ after departure from Tijuana.

Four tickets were sold at Ciudad Obregon for passage to Guadalajara. Three were at the discount rate of \$80.40 pesos, indicating they were for Mexican students. The other ticket was for full fare of \$107.20 pesos. He emphasized that this ~~ticket~~ ticket was sold in the station at Ciudad Obregon. The list shows this ticket as No. 3901.

They share the station at Ciudad Obregon with Transportes Norte de Sonora and cooperate with this line. However they would not honor a ticket sold by them and in fact if a passenger bought a ticket to Guadalajara and got off at ~~Spain~~ Ciudad Obregon he would forfeit his right to the remainder of the passage to Guadalajara on a later bus. He would have to purchase another ticket to Guadalajara.

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Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico (173-1)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA Richard S. Clark

SUBJECT: MURKIN

BUS 382 TRANSPORTES DEL NORTE (Re NLF memo 5/2/68)

The suggestion was made that suspect individual who was believed to have been traveling on BUS 359 ~~at~~ of Transportes del Norte and who was reported to have gotten off at San Luis Potosi, might have continued on the same date, April 6, on bus 382 of the same line.

FRANCISCO DAVILA, residence Calle Sierra de Santa Gertrudis #126, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, was interviewed 5/2/68 at the Mexico City Depot of Transportes del Norte.

He advised that he and his companion driver DE LA ROSA have worked together for over a year. He stated that they have not picked up any passengers in San Luis ~~Potosi~~ Potosi for at least a year. He and DE LA ROSA were the crew of bus 382 on 4/6/68.

He noted that it would be very unusual to pick up any such passengers at way stations such as San Luis Potosi and he would have recalled any such incident. He advised that through agreement passengers from San Luis Potosi to Mexico City are supposed to travel by Transportes Chihuahuenses, which uses the same station.

He could not identify photographs of the subject.

In view of the above there appears to be no necessity to locate and interview the other driver DE LA ROSA!

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Mr. Denman F. Stanfield, Consul
Embassy of the United States of America
San Jose, Costa Rica

Dear Stan:

I am unhappy to report that since my last communication, exigencies have arisen which cause the cancellation of my contemplated trip to Costa Rica in May. Accordingly, I shall not be able to enjoy your good hospitality as expected.

So that you will not forget me; however, I am enclosing two FBI Identification Orders in English and six Wanted Flyers in the Spanish language concerning James Earl Ray, who, as you know, is wanted for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King in the United States.

I will appreciate your retaining one copy of each form for display in your office, and furnishing the rest to Major Enrique Granados Moreno, with the request that the English copy containing Ray's sample fingerprints and one wanted flyer be retained by Lieutenant Chacon. Also, that the balance of the Spanish language wanted flyers be made available to personnel at El Coco Airport, as well as to personnel at Penas Blancas and at the Ports of Puntarenas and Limon.

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I have received your letters regarding the other matters and wish to thank you as ever for your good works.

I shall attempt to let you know as soon as possible regarding proposed June, 1968, visit to Costa Rica, so that the luncheon for Costa Rican officials can be arranged.

Thanks again, and best regards,

JAM/2
James A. Miller
Assistant Legal Attache

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : File (173-1)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SA JOHN MILLER, Monterrey, telephonically advised at 4:45 p.m. today:

The flyers and IO's sent to him were received this afternoon and he is now preparing those items along with copies of the photographs to take to Torreon.

UACB by Monday morning, MILLER and EVANS will go to Torreon to distribute that material and to turn over MILLER's contacts to EVANS. If they depart, their itineraries will be available through the headquarters reception desk and they can always be reached by DAVILA in Monterrey.

With regard to the Chihuahuaense bus line out of San Luis Potosi, which it might be desirable later to check in order to see if the unknown subject who got off the Transportes del Norte bus at San Luis Potosi continued on to Mexico City, SA MILLER advised that the Chihuahuaense line runs from Cd. Juarez to Mexico City and, therefore, no record of passengers or drivers is available in the Monterrey area.

SA MILLER requested that when the new photograph of subject RAY is received from the Bureau he be furnished one copy since it will be possible to reproduce that photograph at the Consulate in Monterrey.

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DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA Richard S. Clark

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CREW OF BUS 14 ~~XXXX~~ AUTOTRANSPORTES TRES ESTRELLAS DE ORO.

The following information was received 5/2/68 from GUILLERMO DAVILA, Traffic Manager for the bus line Autotransportes Tres Estrellas de Oro, Niño Perdido 19, Mexico City, Mexico.

The crew for their bus No. 14 on 4/25/68 was JOSE AVALOS and ENRIQUE MEJIA, both of Mexico City. This bus travels between Mexico City and Tijuana. This bus with this crew just left Tijuana and was due to arrive in Guadalajara, Mexico about 8 AM 5/3/68. The crew would remain in Guadalajara to rest for a day and a half. ~~They would then be in Mexico City on May 5th, arriving in the evening.~~ The crew would then be in Mexico City on May 5th, arriving in the evening.

The crew stays in the Hotel San Diego in Tijuana but they stay in various places in Guadalajara. They were advising the station at Guadalajara by Telex and telephone to have this crew contact Mr. OGLESBY at the American Consulate upon arrival there.

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TO : Legat, Mexico (173-1)

FROM : SA Richard S. Clark

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/2/68

POSSIBLE RELATED BANK ROBBERIES IN MEXICO

On 4/30/68 ALFONSO FRIAS, Chief of the Office of Special Investigations of the Bank of Mexico advised that his office would have knowledge of any bank robberies in Mexico since ~~the~~ such incidents are their special responsibility.

He advised ~~me~~ that bank robberies are very rare in Mexico.

He advised that they had no record of any bank robbery in Mexico in Oct. or Nov. 1967 and none in which an American is considered a suspect.

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FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Inasmuch as SA PAGE needs transportation in the Merida-Campeche area, I telephonically contacted Assistant Director AL ROSEN at 9:40 a.m., 5/3/68, and called attention to SAC Letter 67-17, which requires specific Bureau authority to rent a car. It was explained to Mr. ROSEN that PAGE needs a car in that area and, of course, it was not possible for him to take a car from here since it is about a three-day drive and his presence was urgently needed on the peninsula.

Mr. ROSEN advised that he was hereby authorizing rental of a car by PAGE for this purpose. When vouchering this expense, therefore, Mr. ROSEN's telephonic authorization should be quoted as the basis for the rental.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SA JACK PAGE at 11:30 p.m., 5/2/68, telephonically advised that he was staying at room 20, Hotel Colon, Merida.

PAGE has been in touch with MEX-34 who has started working but as of that time had developed nothing in connection with this case.

Consul WILLIAM HARBEN has advised PAGE that Chief MENA of the Campeche police is extremely efficient and although he is no longer connected with the State Highway Police, he has another official position which gives him access to the type of information we need. HARBEN stated that under the set-up in Campeche Chief MENA should be able to know all of the Americans in his area within two days.

PAGE also advised that there is only one small, insignificant newspaper published in Campeche and that most of the newspapers read in Campeche are those published in Merida. There are two newspapers in Merida, one of which has approximately 75% of the circulation in the area. PAGE is arranging through Consul HARBEN for appropriate publicity in order to reach not only the readers in Campeche but also in the other sections of the peninsula.

PAGE is scheduled to contact Father O'BRIEN and the Presbyterian missionary in Merida the morning of 5/3/68 inasmuch as both of those clergymen have been on the peninsula for many years and are extremely well-acquainted with conditions in the area and are in a position to be advised of any newly arriving Americans.

He will establish contact with Chief MENA in the afternoon of 5/3/68.

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PAGE inquired if he could obtain authority to rent a car in Merida since he will need wheels in Campeche and the bus service from Merida to Campeche involves a long wait which would result in a waste of his time. He was told to rent a car unless later advised to the contrary.

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RE EXTENT OF PUBLICITY COVERAGE:

NATIONWIDE DISTRIBUTION OF NEARLY ONE THOUSAND WANTED FLYERS IN SPANISH HAS DEPLETED EXISTING SUPPLY AND BUREAU REQUESTED TO FORWARD BY AIR POUCH AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED MORE OF THESE FLYERS IN SPANISH. SUPPLEMENTARY SHIPMENT OF IDENTIFICATION ORDERS RECEIVED TODAY AND BEING INCLUDED IN DISTRIBUTION TO ALL POINTS.

RE SUSPECT AT CD. OBREGON, SONORA:

DRIVERS OF BUS NO. ONE FOUR OF TRES ESTRELLAS DE ORO LINE, SCHEDULED FOR INTERVIEW MAY THREE INSTANT, DID NOT REACH GUADALAJARA DUE TO DELAY OCCASIONED BY MECHANICAL FAILURE AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED AT APPROXIMATELY TEN O'CLOCK MAY FOUR NEXT IN GUADALAJARA. ADDITIONAL DATA DEVELOPED BY PHOENIX AND SAN DIEGO OFFICES REGARDING THIS ALLEGATION NOT YET RECEIVED.

RE NEW SUSPECT IN DALLAS, TEXAS:

MRS. HELEN PAGE, MARIA CRISTINA HOTEL, RIO LERMA THREE ONE, MEXICO CITY, FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS GUEST AT HOTEL DURING MID-APRIL LAST. SHE DID NOT HAVE CORRECT

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NAME BUT ALLEGES THIS SUSPECT RESEMBLES ONE NINE FIVE TWO PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT WHICH APPEARED IN RECENT ARTICLES OF TIME AND NEWSWEEK MAGAZINES. INVESTIGATION AT HOTEL DISCLOSED SUSPECT REGISTERED AS BERNARD HALFANT, ONE FIVE ONE SIX NORTH PEACH STREET, DALLAS, TEXAS. HE LISTED PROFESSION AS CHEF AND WAS DRIVING AUTOMOBILE BEARING LICENSE KRY FOUR NINE PAREN STATE NOT LISTED END PAREN. HE WAS REGISTERED FROM APRIL ONE SIX TO APRIL TWO ZERO LAST. HOTEL ADVISES HALFANT RECOMMENDED BY STANISTAR FLAWIK, ONE ZERO ONE ONE TWO INWOOD ROAD, DALLAS, AN ESTABLISHED PATRON OF HOTEL.

REQUEST DALLAS CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY HALFANT AND DETERMINE ANY POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT OR THIS CASE.

INVESTIGATION AT CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE:

AGENT JOHN PAGE, JR., AND INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT MEX DASH THREE FOUR ON SCENE AND CLOSE LIAISON ESTABLISHED WITH CONSULAR OFFICIALS AT MERIDA AND LOCAL POLICE. CONSULATE ARRANGING FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY IN NEWSPAPERS WITH CIRCULATION THROUGHOUT TO SUPPLEMENT COVERAGE SET UP THROUGH POLICE, PENINSULA. / CONTACT ALSO ESTABLISHED WITH U. S. CLERGYMEN ASSIGNED

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TO AREA FOR MANY YEARS IN MISSIONARY WORK WHO HAVE EXTREMELY
DIVERSIFIED CONTACTS AND ARE IN EXCELLENT POSITION TO ACQUIRE
INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY NORTH AMERICANS WHO ARE NEW ARRIVALS OR
PAST RESIDENTS. ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH POLICE FOR FURTHER
INTENSIFIED DISTRIBUTION OF WANTED FLYERS AND IDENTIFICATION ORDERS.

ALL LEADS RECEIVING EXPEDITE HANDLING WITH CONCENTRATED
ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO CAMPECHE AREA. BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY
ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (173-1)

DATE: 5/4/68

FROM : LEGAT N. L. FERRIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 9:30 a.m., 5/4/68 Assistant Section Chief CLEMENT McGOWAN was telephonically contacted at the Bureau concerning the following points:

(1) With regard to the new picture received 3:00 a.m., 5/4/68, that picture has not yet been released to the press and should not therefore be given circulation in Mexico at this time. Mr. McGOWAN advised, however, that it was permissible to show the picture to sources and to use on leads.

(2) With regard to the photograph of RAY obtained in Mexico showing him with sunglasses, it is alright to utilize this photograph in contact with sources and handling leads, but it has not yet been approved for release to the press.

With regard to both photographs mentioned above, Mr. McGOWAN is trying to get approval to have both pictures released but is encountering some difficulty due to previous criticism regarding the differences in pictures and descriptions which have been released on prior occasions. It was pointed out to Mr. McGOWAN that we consider the photograph with glasses to be significant here since if RAY should return to the tropics, he might well wear sunglasses which many Americans not accustomed to the tropical sun do. Mr. McGOWAN advised he would let us know immediately if and when approval was obtained for release of those photos to the press.

(3) With regard to the reward information, Memphis has not yet furnished the Bureau complete details but is sending in a newspaper article which has those details. As soon as it is received, Mr. McGOWAN will insure that we are advised of the pertinent details. At the present time, however, Memphis has reported that there are rewards totaling \$100,000 outstanding in Memphis - \$50,000 being put up by businessmen in the city of Memphis; \$25,000 by Scripps Howard newspaper chain, and \$25,000 by the "Commercial Appeal" (a prominent Memphis newspaper).

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(4) With regard to the Houston lead relative to bus passenger SMITH, Mr. McGOWAN will check and advise us as soon as Houston's information is received.

(5) With regard to the San Diego and Phoenix leads concerning the bus passenger at San Luis who entered Mexico through Sonoyta approximately 4/22/68, Mr. McGOWAN is aware of no further information from San Diego or Phoenix but will check and advise us as soon as the information is received.

(6) With respect to the 3" scar mentioned in RAY's identification record as appearing on his right hand, Mr. McGOWAN is not aware whether the information has been checked out but will ascertain whether that description has been verified and advise us.

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Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico City (173-1)

DATE: 5/4/68

FROM : SA Jesse C. Parker

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: MATTHEW RICH, age 45,
5'7", green eyes, from
San Francisco, Cal.

At 10:50 a.m, 5/4/68, SA Robert Oblesby called and advised as follows:

This morning the Duty Officer at the Guadalajara Consulate received an anonymous call saying that the subject was leaving Guadalajara by bus at 10:30 a.m. A man with slight resemblance to subject Ray did leave on a bus for Chapala at 10:30. He was identified as MATTHEW RICH, age 45, 5'7", green eyes, from San Francisco, Cal. He was not identical with Ray.

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Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico City (173-1)

DATE: 5/4/68

FROM : SA Jesse C. Parker

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Passenger on Bus 14, Tres
Estrellas de Oro, 4/25/68

On 5/4/68, at 10:50 a.m. SA. Robert Oglesby called from Guadalajara and advised as follows:

Bus 14 arrived at 9:30 a.m. Drivers Jose Abalos and Enrique Mejia were interviewed and said that on day in question only three persons boarded bus at Obregon. All known to both drivers as Mexicans, employed by General Motors to drive cars from Tacubay to Obregon. They make return trips by bus. Abalos and Mejia had no information re subject and responded negatively to photographs shown them. Bus 14 left for Mexico City today at 10:00 a.m.

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BY: [Signature] NO: 217 (Priority)

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MURKIN.

REMYCAB MAY THREE LAST.

ALLEGED SUSPECT IN MEXICO CITY:

AT EIGHT THREE ZERO P.M., MAY THREE LAST, MEXICAN
CITIZEN ROBERTO MURGUIA PERSONALLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE TO
REPORT AMERICAN HERE ATTEMPTING TO SELL ONE NINE SIX SIX CAR
AND HIGH DASH POWERED RIFLE WITH TELESCOPIC SIGHT UNDER SUSPICIOUS
CIRCUMSTANCES THROUGH MIDDLE MAN AND FOR UNUSUALLY LOW PRICE.
IMMEDIATE LOCAL INQUIRY AND ASSISTANCE FROM LOS ANGELES OFFICE
ESTABLISHED THAT SUSPECT IS JAMES E. GIROD OF ONE THREE TWO ONE
EIGHT BUDLONG STREET, GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, BORN DECEMBER ONE FIVE,
ONE NINE NINE THREE TWO. HIS DOCUMENTS SHOW HE CROSSED BORDER WITH
CAR ON APRIL TWO LAST AND HIS MOTHER IN CALIFORNIA DESCRIBES
HIM AS UNSTABLE AND STATES HE HAS BEEN GONE SEVERAL WEEKS AND
PRESUMABLY IN MEXICO; ALSO VERIFIED THAT CAR REGISTERED IN HIS
NAME AND NO STOLEN REPORT. GIROD HAS CRIMINAL RECORD IN CALIFORNIA
FOR MINOR OFFENSES BUT NOT CURRENTLY WANTED. SINCE HE CROSSED
BORDER APRIL TWO LAST AND IN VIEW OF OTHER FACTS DEVELOPED, NO
FURTHER ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO GIROD IN CONNECTION WITH THIS

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INVESTIGATION AT CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE:

AGENT ON SCENE REPORTS MAXIMUM COOPERATION BEING RECEIVED FROM CAMPECHE STATE JUDICIAL POLICE AND STATE HIGHWAY POLICE. THESE TWO AGENCIES HAVE BROADEST JURISDICTION AND EACH COMMUNITY IN A A RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR USE IN COVERING/ A STATE WITH SOME ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND INHABITANTS AND AN AREA SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, CONSISTING OF ABOUT TWO ONE SEVEN ZERO ZERO SQUARE MILES. CAMPECHE CITY HAS OVER FIVE FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO PEOPLE AND THERE ARE SEVEN OTHER MUNICIPAL AREAS IN THE STATE WHICH ARE ONLY MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS BESIDES CITY OF CAMPECHE. SOME PUBLICATIONS HAVE ALREADY PRINTED NEW ITEMS CONCERNING CASE SINCE ARRIVAL OF AGENT IN AREA AND ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY EXPECTED IN MAJOR EDITIONS THIS WEEKEND. RELIABLE AMERICANS WITH ESTABLISHED RESIDENCE IN AREA ALSO BEING ALERTED FOR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT.

MEX DASH THREE FOUR HAS CHECKED ALL HOTELS, MOTELS, BARBER SHOPS, LIQUOR STORES, GROCERY STORES AND HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION IN CITY OF CAMPECHE. NO ONE YET LOCATED WHO CAN RECALL ALLEGED EARLIER VISITS BY SUBJECT SOME YEARS AGO OR

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HAS SEEN ANYONE ANSWERING HIS DESCRIPTION IN RECENT PAST.

RE SUSPECT IN CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA:

DRIVERS OF TRES ESTRELLAS DE ORO BUS NUMBER ONE FOUR INTERVIEWED AT GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MAY FOUR INSTANT AND STATE THAT ON APRIL TWO FIVE LAST ONLY THREE PASSENGERS BOARDED BUS AT CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA. ALL THREE WERE MEXICANS AND PERSONALLY KNOWN TO DRIVERS AS FREQUENT PASSENGERS ON THIS RUN.

INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT AT CIUDAD OBREGON WILL COMPLETE INTERVIEWS OF LOCAL TAXI DRIVERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY CAN RECALL A PASSENGER ANSWERING DESCRIPTION ~~RE~~ OF THIS SUSPECT. MEX DASH TWO SEVEN TWO, WHO APPREHENDED MONTOYA BROTHERS IN QUOTE BOPAT UNQUOTE CASE, IS MAKING THOROUGH SEARCH OF GUAYMAS, SONORA, AND NEARBY AREAS, SINCE SUSPECT COULD HAVE OBTAINED TAXI OR BUS TRANSPORTATION TO GUAYMAS FROM CIUDAD OBREGON.

ALL LEADS AND ~~XXX~~ POSSIBLE SUSPECTS BEING GIVEN VIGOROUS INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION.

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ESTE PERMISO VENCE EL Julio 2 del 1968

A D U A N A San Luis R. C. *Son*

FOLIO 1 121657 PERMISO No. 691

1.- AUTOMOVIL;

*Dir del Reg.
Fed de Auto*

A.-MARCA: PLYMOUTH.-	G.-FRAC. ARANC 87.02 A003.-
B.-AÑO: 1966	H.-CON RADIO si
C.-MODELO Vagoneta.-	I.-CALEFACION si
D.-MOTOR: RH46F65158265.-	J.-REFRIGERACION no
E.-SERIE: WaGRH46.-	K.-LLANTA EXTRA si
F.-PLACAS TAR 547.-	L.-RUEDA EXTRA si
M.-OTROS: _____	

2. TURISTA

N.-NOMBRE	JAMES E. GIROD.-
O.-DOCUMENTOS MIGRATORIOS	Forma F.M. 5 No. _____
P.-VENCIMIENTO	Julio 2-68.-
Q.-FECHA DE NACIMIENTO	Diciembre 15 de 1932.-
R.-PROCEDENCIA	E. E. U. U.-
S.-DOMICILIO EXTRANJERO	13218 Budlong. Gardena California
T.-DOMICILIO EN MEXICO	_____

SAN LUIS R. C. SON a 2 de abril de 1968

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Legat, Mexico City (173-1)

DATE: 5/4/68

FROM : SA Jesse C. Parker

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/3/68, at approximately 8:30 p.m., at the writer was leaving the Embassy, near the rear gate, he was approached by a Mexican who said he wanted to talk to someone in the Embassy because he had information which might have a connection with the murder of Martin Luther King. The man was taken into the office. During interview he identified himself as: ROBERTO MURGUIA, Mexican citizen, residence, Pistillo 34, Col Reloj, ZP 22. He displayed Mexico drivers license # [redacted], as well as credentials showing membership in the National Association of Correnpondants. He said he is self employed, working occasionally, from his home, by dealing in the sale and re-sale of cars. He claimed formerly to have been a taxi driver, which he had to give up due to an injury to his leg. He related the following:

That evening, at about 6:10 pm, he went to visit his friend, JUAN MUNGUIA (similar last name, but no relation), who lives nearby at Pistillo #6. This friend is Chief of the night Police at Medico Centro.

MUNGUIA told him that one of his men, who also works as a policeman at night at Medico Centro, named GALAN, was trying to sell a 1966 "camionetta" for an American who claimed he needed money to return to the United States. The American also wanted to sell a high-powered rifle with telescope lens. He would sell the car and the rifle for 10,000 pesos.

MURGUIA indicated he would be willing to contact GALAN, posing as a prospective buyer, in order to obtain more information and try to identify the American as well as locate the car. He would recontact the writer the following morning at the Embassy, between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m.



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MURGULA appeared at the Embassy at 8:45 a.m., 5/11/68 and was interviewed by the writer, at which time he related the following:

On the previous night he returned home, ate and then contacted JUAN MUNGUIA. They proceeded to Medico Centro where they contacted GALAN. GALAN showed them the 1966 Plymouth "camionetta" and agreed to let them try the car. They drove to MUNGUIA's home, dropped him, then returned to Mexico Centro.

In negotiating with GALAN for the car MURGULA obtained from him what GALAN claimed was a copy of the entry paper for the car. (This was made available to the writer) GALAN said that the American, whose name was shown as JAMES E. GIROD, of 13218 Budlong, Gardena, Cal., was presently staying on Rhin St. in Mexico City. He wanted 10000 pesos for the car and the rifle. (Apparently GIROD still had the rifle, because GALAN did not indicate he had it, and it was not seen by source. He also thought it best not to be too inquisitive.) The rifle was 30-30 caliber, with 250 cartridges and case. MURGULA told GALAN he would have to think about the deal and see if he could raise the money. He promised to contact him the following night (Sat., 5/11/68)

MURGULA was told by the writer that his information would be given to the proper authorities in the Embassy and he would be contacted sometime latter during the day. MURGULA said he could be reached through the telephone of a friend, Fausto Canseco-Canseco, of Pistillo 32, telephone # 49-86-49.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (173-1)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 1:15 p.m., 5/6/68, SA JAMES WILSON, Resident Agent, Brownsville, Texas, telephonically furnished the following information:

No such person as MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA or MATEO GARCIA LOPEZ has ever been heard of in Brownsville and Port Isabel. All inquiries in those areas concerning such an individual were negative.

SA WILSON suggested that MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA or MATEO GARCIA LOPEZ might be what is known around Campeche as a "cayucero" (one of the local boatmen who bring beer, women, etc., out to the shrimp boats anchored off Campeche). He referred specifically to the "ENRIQUE" mentioned in our airtel of 2/12/68 in our file 45-21 as sounding like this kind of a person. It was pointed out to SA WILSON that all inquiries in Campeche had failed to develop any information concerning MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA or MATEO GARCIA LOPEZ.

SA WILSON also advised that his office had received a subsequent wire pointing out that part of the former inmate's story had been verified and, therefore, it was considered that the rest of his story might be true. The wire specifically stated that, according to the former inmate, in late 1966 the subject had arranged for another inmate to send out \$15 from the prison to purchase stationery but that no stationery was later received and RAY claimed that he had merely used this channel to send money out of prison without the knowledge of the prison authorities. Further checks had shown that the other prisoner had actually sent out \$15 and some odd cents as claimed by the source. The conclusion was, therefore reached that the rest of his story might be true.



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Memorandum

TO : File (173-1)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 4:00 p.m., 5/6/68, SA JACK PAGE telephonically furnished the following information from Campeche:

SA PAGE has rechecked with the six Americans resident in Campeche and ascertained that they have no information concerning the previous visit to that area by subject RAY or his current presence there. SA PAGE has also rechecked with the Highway Police concerning the inquiries being conducted by that agency in all parts of the state of Campeche where they have installations. The checks made by the Highway Police showed that there was a newly arrived American at Champoton; however, a check by SA PAGE showed that that individual is a college professor who is crippled and is not identical with RAY. Highway Police checks in all other zones were negative.

SA PAGE will recheck with the Judicial Police and the State Police concerning the results of their inquiries in the outlying areas of the state of Campeche.

SA PAGE also advised that he had made inquiries at the shrimp freezing establishment in Campeche which has been in business for several years and they had no information concerning either RAY or MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA, aka Mateo Garcia Lopez. People at the freezing plant admitted that they frequently place orders for small items to be smuggled into Campeche but those are small appliances, such as transistor radios, and they claim that no one in Campeche smuggles large appliances, such as television sets.

SA PAGE noted that wide distribution has been given by the police to the flyers and IO's. At Champoton one of the flyers was posted at the police cuartel and at the bus station. SA PAGE advised that he keeps running into MEX-34's trail, which

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is an indication of the extensive nature of MEX-34's inquiries. SA PAGE also advised that MEX-34 had checked into the possibility that MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA might have been a "cayucero" as suggested today by Brownsville, but that all of those checks were negative regarding RAY or MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA.

The file on PAPROKI should be checked for pertinent information to be furnished SA PAGE, although Consul WILLIAM HARBEN was very cognizant of the PAPROKI case.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (173-1)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 5:30 p.m., 5/6/68, SA KAISER telephonically furnished the following information:

At Cd. Obregon MEX-156 obtained a list of all the buses leaving Cd. Obregon on 4/25/68 (which terminate in Mexico City) and the names of the drivers, as follows:

<u>Bus No.</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Drivers</u>
14	1:55 p.m.	AVALOZ and MEJIA
80	3:20 p.m.	PEREZ and LOPEZ
81	3:45 p.m.	MONROY (1 driver)
125	5:30 p.m.	LOPEZ (1 driver)
952	7:15 p.m.	LOPEZ (1 driver)
134	6:50 p.m.	ALFONSO and LUBERCIO
117	9:45 p.m.	SURITA (1 driver)
82	11:00 p.m.	AGUILAR (1 driver)

The above buses all belong to the Tres Estrellas de Oro line and information concerning the drivers should be available at the headquarters station in Mexico City.

KAISER advised that MEX-156 is rechecking the girl at the bus station but when originally interviewed, she felt positive that the look-alike had been at the bus station on 4/25, basing her opinion on her work schedule and other documents available at the bus terminal.

MEX-156 is contacting all taxi drivers and other methods of transportation around Hermosillo. He noted that



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all of the above-listed buses go from Cd. Obregon to Guaymas en route to Guadalajara and Mexico City.

KAISER was instructed to give Guaymas a "BOPAT" shake, including the "zona" and areas where RAY could find someone who speaks English to talk to.

At 6:00 p.m., SA KAISER again telephonically contacted headquarters office and advised that he had just finished talking again to MEX-156. When MEX-156 reinterviewed the girl at the bus station she now admits that she could not be sure if the look-alike had appeared at the bus station on 4/24/68 or 4/25/68. She was positive, however, it was not any other day.

SA KAISER obtained from MEX-156 the following list of buses which transited Cd. Obregon en route to Guadalajara and Mexico City on 4/24:

<u>Bus No.</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Drivers</u>
186 (This is the significant bus since it would have been the one that the look-alike inquired about if the incident occurred on 4/24)	1:55 p.m.	PEREZ and LOPEZ
141	2:45 p.m.	RUIZ and GUTIERREZ
114	2:40 p.m.	PEREZ and ANZALDO
119	7:45 p.m.	VAZQUEZ and CASTRO
116	11:20 p.m.	MACIEL (1 driver)

SA KAISER advises that this cleans up the inquiries to be made at the terminal.

MEX-156 rechecked the "zona" last night with negative results.

MEX-156 is continuing to check cab drivers but has developed nothing positive yet, although several of the cab drivers claim to recognize the photograph although this is a feed-back from the pictures which appeared in the newspapers. He will continue to check the remaining cab drivers.

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MEX-59 is in Guaymas trying to give that area a good shake-out.

With regard to the efforts to get San Diego to ascertain the date when the suspect bought a ticket at San Luis Rio Colorado, KAISER will send MEX-156 to San Luis day after tomorrow, as soon as he finishes checking out the cab drivers in Cd. Obregon.

With regard to newspaper publicity, KAISER advised that through USIS the available material had been furnished to the following enumerated newspapers (KAISER is sending by mail the long list of newspaper names):

<u>SINALOA</u>	Mazatlan	4 newspapers
	Culiacan	3 newspapers
	Los Mochis	2 newspapers
	Guasave	2 newspapers
<u>SONORA</u>	Nogales	2 newspapers
	Cananea	2 newspapers
	Santa Ana	1 newspaper
	Obregon	2 newspapers
	Navajoa	2 newspapers
	Guaymas	2 newspapers
	Hermosillo	1 newspaper
<u>BAJA CALIFORNIA</u>	Mexicali	2 newspapers
	Tijuana	3 newspapers
	La Paz	1 newspaper

SA KAISER advised that the two packages of material which had been sent to him have been received.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (173-1)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 9:40 a.m., 5/6/68, SAC COLE and Field Supervisor JOHN KEMMY of San Antonio were telephonically requested to furnish any information developed concerning the allegation that RAY had previously engaged in smuggling activities with one MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA or MATEO GARCIA LOPEZ out of Brownsville to Campeche. They advised that the information had not yet been received from Brownsville but they would telephonically contact the Resident Agent in Brownsville to find out what information had been developed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (173-1)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

With regard to the inquiry concerning JAMES E. GIROD who was trying to sell a car in Mexico, as reported in SA PARKER's memo of 5/4/68, the following information was furnished at 4:30 p.m., 5/4/68 by Supervisor NOLAN and SA FRED BECKER of the Los Angeles office:

JAMES E. GIROD is an actual individual who resides in Los Angeles. He has a criminal record for passing bad checks and an extortion investigation was previously conducted concerning him based on a threat he made to his wife over the telephone.

The 1966 Plymouth is legally registered to GIROD and there is no stolen report recorded concerning it. GIROD is not wanted for any crimes at the present time.

GIROD's mother advised that he is unemployed, is a compulsive gambler, and his mother believes that he is at present on a trip to Mexico accompanied by his uncle, DONALD GRAY, 53 years of age, who speaks Spanish and is an alcoholic.

Mr. NOLAN inquired what had been the results of investigation based on the information Los Angeles had previously furnished obtained from a Mexican guide that KING's murderer was then at a hotel in Puerto Vallarta. The Los Angeles office has not been advised of the results of those inquiries.

Mr. NOLAN also requested that if we send any "paper" into the Bureau concerning GIROD a copy be furnished to Los Angeles.

A copy of our cablegram to the Bureau of 5/4/68 and a copy of the cablegram reporting the results of the inquiries at Puerto Vallarta based on Los Angeles' previous information should be sent to Los Angeles by mail.

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Memorandum

TO : File (173-1)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : Legat Nathan L. Ferris

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 2:00 p.m., 5/4/68, Supervisor JAMES PEELMAN telephoned from the Bureau to advise that, according to Dallas, a telephone call was made 12/17/67 at 1:52 p.m. to telephone number "2-JERO" at Ojinaga, Chihuahua, and that on 12/7 at 2:47 p.m. a telephone call was made from Alpine, Texas, to telephone number 7441002 (no city designated) and to Piedras Negras telephone number 691. It was stated that the person making those calls actually talked to Piedras Negras number "6NIE1."

SA PEELMAN was advised that the lead for Ojinaga should be referred to El Paso and the lead for Piedras Negras should be referred to San Antonio since those communities are in the immediate border area.

With regard to telephone number 7441002, Mr. PEELMAN was advised that number is inaccurate since the largest telephone numbers in Mexico are those of Mexico City which have six digits instead of seven. He stated that he would re-check with Dallas and if there was any indication that the call had been made to Mexico City we would be advised.

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