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- This report is being submitted to outline the investigation conducted at this point concerning the request of "O" Div. on Raymon George SNEYD (DB: 8-10-32), Paul BRIDGEMAN and Paul BRIDGMAN suspected aliases used by RAY @ SNEYD.
- 2. Montreal City Police (MCP), Quebec Provincial Police (CPP) Expo 67, Man and his World, Montreal Credit Bureau and Montreak Office of the U.I.C. records were checked for the name SNEYD, Paul BRIDGEMAN and Paul BRIDGHAN with negative results.
- 3. As far as the Montreal Post Office Department is concerned nothing can be obtained in regards to the name SNEYD, Paul BRIDGEMAN, Paul BRIDGEMAN as no addresses are available this point.
- 4. In checking with Expo 67 and Man and his World the following information was obtained concerning the name BRIDGEMAN and BRIDGMAN:
 - a) BRIDGEMAN, Philip N.
 DOB: 2 MAY 49 5' 165 lbs
 Expo Passport
 4 Campbell St. Montreal West, Que.
 Phone: 486-0574
 - b) BRIDGMAN, Donna
 DOB: 28 JUN 44 5'8" 123 lbs
 Expo Passport
 122 Hepworth Ave., Ville LaSalle, Que.
 Phone: 366-9405
- The above photos of BRIDGEMAN and BRIDGMAN are held by Expo 67 and at this time Ex. R.C.M.P. Cst. R. CODERE is unavailable. First opportunity to contact CODERE is awaited at which time the photos will be obtained.
- 6. The following information was obtained from the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, Montreal Office concerning the BRIDGEMAN and BRIDGMAN is mentioned in para. #4 above.
 - a) 486-0574 subscriber is P.J. BRIDGEMAN of 4 Campbell St., Montreal West, Quebec since 1958. During last billing date the following long distance them calls were made or received:

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- 1) 20 MAR 68 collect call to Dusolona Kasenta from Rita MACKEY at Area Code 516-273-??? (coin box) 2:28 Ph (no further info available).
- 2) 23 MAR 68 call to Mrs. ROSENTA at 486-0574 from Rita MACKEY. Area Code 516-273-????(coin box) 10:37 AM (no further info available).
- 3) 24 MAR 68 call to Angi BRIDGMAN at 486-0574 from Rita. Area Code 516-276-????(coin box) 10:35 Ali (no further info available)
- 4) 2 APR 68 call to Angl at 486-0574 from Rita. Area Code 516-273-???? (coin box) 9:50 AM (no further info available)
- 5) 2 APR 68 collect call from 486-0574 to 516-231-8000 for Dr. GRENBERG. 9:52 AM (no further info available)
- 6) 9 APR 68 call to Rockville Center New York #516-RO-4-9114 (subscriber T.J. MARCHI- 6 Willard Avenue, Oceanside, N.Y.
- 7) 10 APR 68 call to Attleboro, Mass. U.S.A. #617-222-0065 (subscriber Mr. Armand PELLETIER 26 0'Donnell Drive, Attleboro, Mass.
- 8) 11 APR 68 same as 7 above.
- 9) 13 APR 68 collect call from Sarnia, Ont. lasting - 4 minutes from 344-1679 (subscriber R.M. BURTON, 641 Highbury Park Sarnia, Ont.
- 10) 15 APR 68 call to Brentwood, N.Y. #516-231-8000 (subscriber PILGRIM STATE HOSPITAL MENTAL HOSPITAL Brentwood, N.Y. (See #5 above)
- 11) 18 APR 68 call to Rockville Center New Work #516-R0-4-9114 lasting 14 minutes (subscriber see #6 Above).

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- 12) 18 APR 68 call to Sarnia, Ont. #344-1161 lasting 14 minutes. (subscriber GUILDWOOD Inn The Motor Motel - 40 Hwg, Foint Edward.
- 13) 19 APR 68 collect call from Brampton, Ont. from n⁴+59-1875 lasting 11 minutes.
 (subscriber Rog BROWN 327 Bartleg Parkway S.E. Brampton, Ont.
- 14) 23 APR 68 call to Rockville Center same # as #6 above call lasted 6 minutes.
- 15) 6 MAY 68 Same as #14 above lasting 8 minutes.
- b) 366-9405 subscriber G. BRIDGMAN of 122 depworth Ave., Ville Laballe since 1965. Nachinist with Northern Electric for last 8 years previous phone number was 489-0372 no long distance calls during last billing period.

The following information was obtained concerning:

- a) BRIDGEMAN, Philip works for BROWN and ROOTE, as project engineer, 5256 Ferrier St. Montreal QPI and LCP no record UIC advises that subject went to Ottawa SIN on 19 APR 67 employed by Expo 67 Administration Building.
- b) BRIDGMAN, Donna (nee HIGGS) in 1964 SIN # in 1962 employed
 Northern Electric at 1600 Dorchester Blvd. on 15 APR 65 was under name BRIDGMAN at 2066 Clairmont Ave. At 66 no employer U.I.C. advises that subject went to Ottawa.
- 8. The above information is being submitted for information purposes at this time. Should it be found necessary that a complete investigation be required on the BRIDGEMAN and BRIDGEMAN family same will be done upon instructions.

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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There are enclosed the following reports of Special Agent

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JOHN L. PUDDISTER	5/2/68
HOWARD H. RICE	5/13/68
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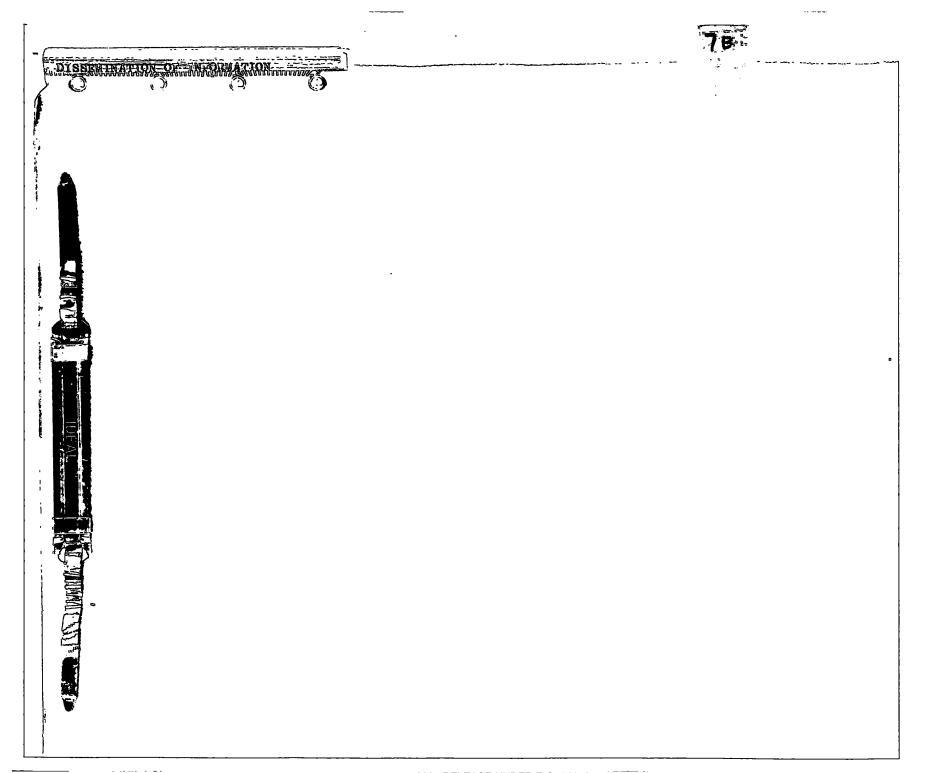
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FROM: BAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P*)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, 8/28/72.

Inasmuch as JAMES EARL RAY is now serving a 99 year sentence following a plea of guilty to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and since the information contained in referenced letter appears to have no basis and fact; no action is being taken by the Memphis Office.

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