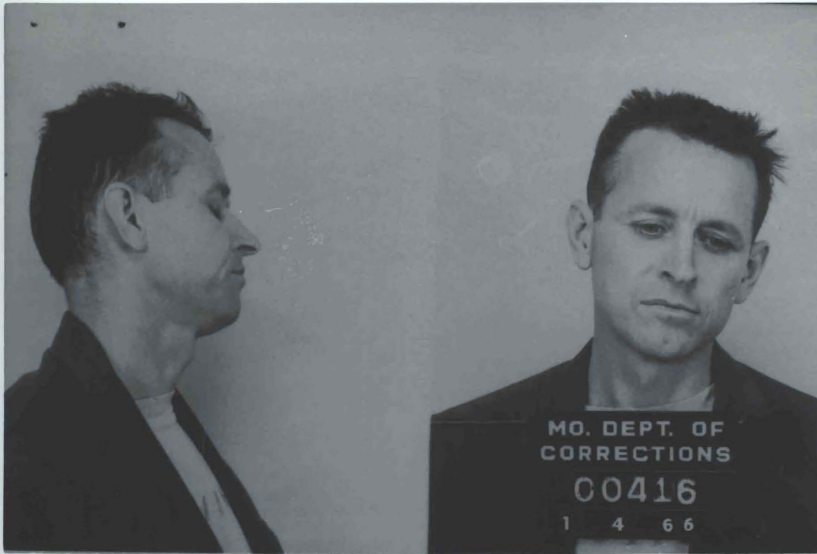


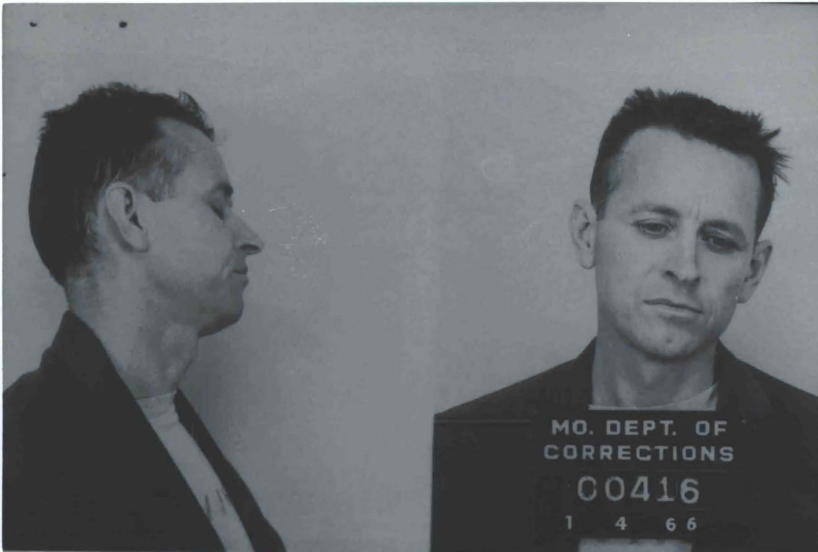
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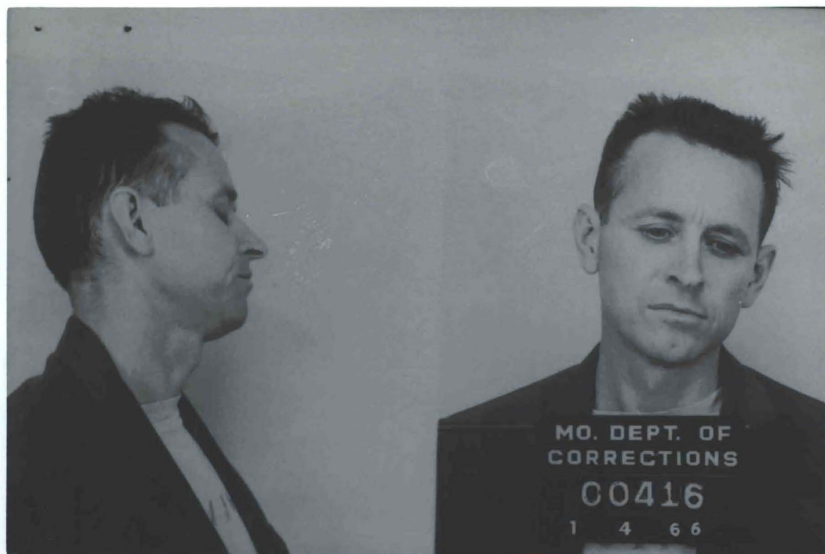
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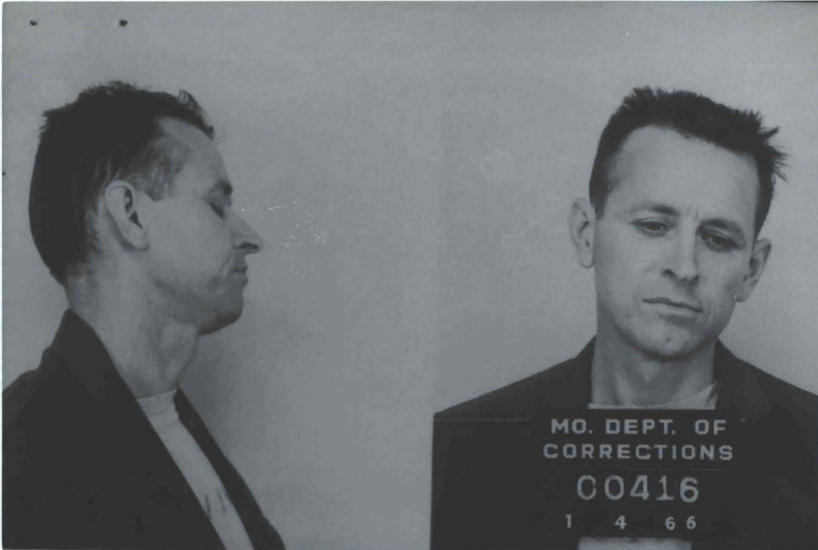
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3 photos James
Earl Ray taken
in fall of 1967



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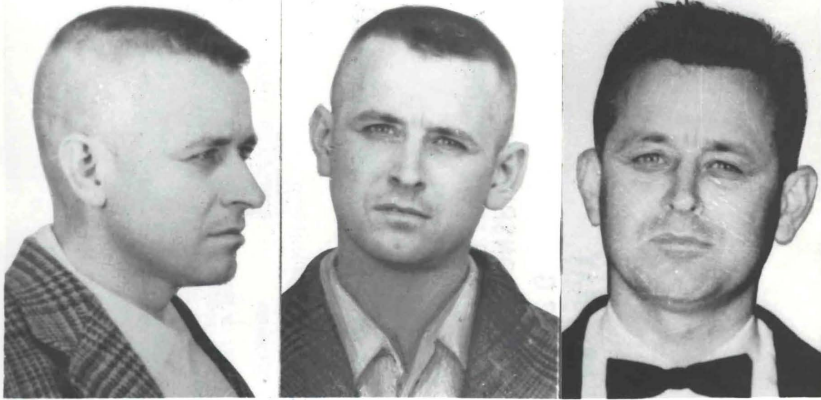
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INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY

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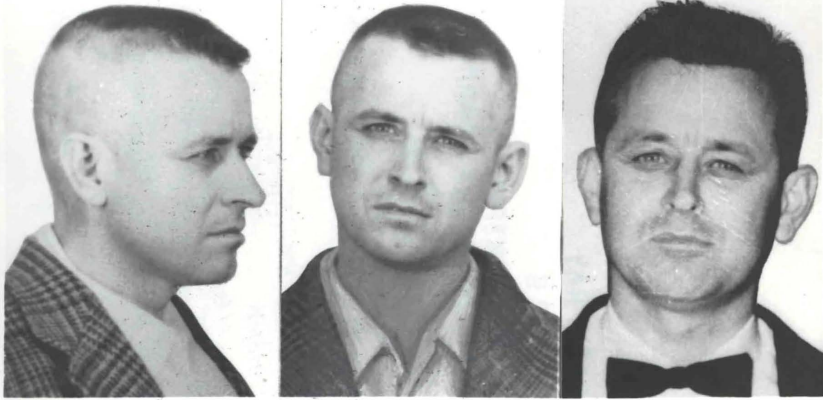
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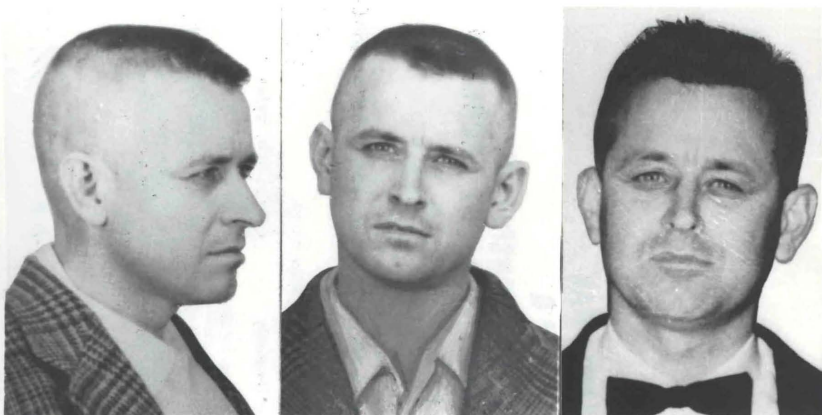
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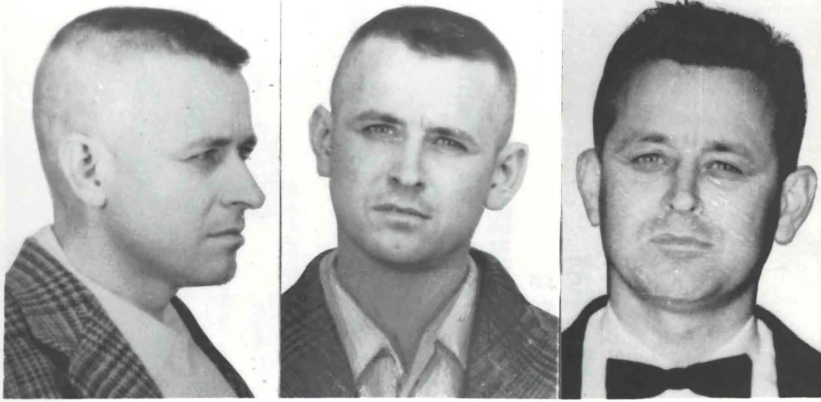
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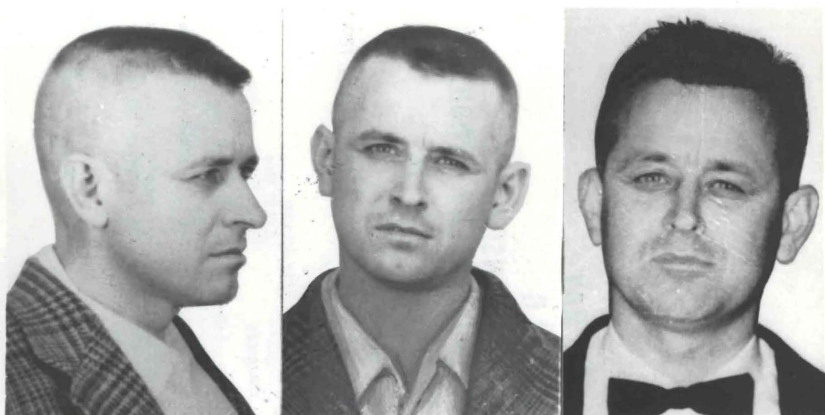
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☐ No

Description:

4 color photos of laundry
marks on shirt +
fed linen for James
Earl Ray.

TO: SAC,

☐ Albany	☐ Houston	☐ Norfolk	☐ Tampa
☒ Albuquerque	☐ Indianapolis	☐ Oklahoma City	☐ Washington Field
☐ Anchorage	☐ Jackson	☐ Omaha	☐ Quantico
☐ Atlanta	☐ Jacksonville	☐ Philadelphia	
☐ Baltimore	☐ Kansas City	☐ Phoenix	TO LEGAT:
☐ Birmingham	☐ Knoxville	☐ Pittsburgh	☐ Bern
☐ Boston	☐ Las Vegas	☐ Portland	☐ Bonn
☐ Buffalo	☐ Little Rock	☐ Richmond	☐ Buenos Aires
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☐ Chicago	☐ Memphis	☐ Salt Lake City	☐ Manila
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☐ Denver	☐ Newark	☐ Savannah	☐ Santo Domingo
☐ Detroit	☐ New Haven	☐ Seattle	☐ Tokyo
☐ El Paso	☐ New Orleans	☐ Springfield	
☐ Honolulu	☐ New York City		

TO LEGAT:

Date May 13, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

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

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

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

Remarks:

Enclosed for assistance of each office in connection with any laundry checks being made are photographs of laundry marks placed on shirt and bed linen for James Earl Ray while using the name of Eric Starvo Galt in the Los Angeles area.

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FBI MEMPHIS

506PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAF

TO ALL SACS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE BUTEL TO ALL SAC'S APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, PERTINENT PERIODS IN INVESTIGATION
ARE MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AND
APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

IN EVENT ANY DATA DEVELOPED RE SUSPECTS, IF INTERESTED
OFFICES CAN ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECTS ON DATES ABOVE,
THIS MAY ELIMINATE SUSPECT. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE, EFFORTS
SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECTS IN QUESTION AND
FORWARD PHOTOS TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION.
PERTINENT DESCRIPTIVE DATA SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH PHOTOS.

IF UNABLE TO ELIMINATE ON BASIS OF ESTABLISHED WHEREABOUTS
IN PERTINENT PERIODS, INTERESTED OFFICES SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS
TO SECURE FINGERPRINTS OF SUSPECT IN QUESTION AND SUBMIT SAME TO
BUREAU FOR ELIMINATION.

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION, BASED ON DATA DEVELOPED IN BIRMINGHAM
AND MEMPHIS, IS AS FOLLOWS:

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SUSPECT MALE WHITE, AGE TWENTY SIX TO FORTY YEARS, HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT TO FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS.; DARK BROWN OR SANDY HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. EYES BLUE OR GREEN; MEDIUM BUILD; COMPLEXION AVERAGE, SMOOTH. GENERAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE; NEAT.

POSSIBILITY EXISTS SUSPECT IS NON-SMOKER. INDICATIONS WERE THAT SUSPECT RENTED ROOM BETWEEN THREE AND THREE THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND DEPARTED ROOM SHORTLY AFTER SIX PM. NO MATCHES OR CIGARETTES FOUND DURING THAT PERIOD, WHICH SUGGESTS SUSPECT MAY BE NON-SMOKER.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION MUST BE PROMPTLY FURNISHED BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM. P.

END

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PM URGENT 4-9-68 BJP
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING, APPARENTLY ABANDONED BY UNSUB, WERE A PAIR OF BROWNISH CHECKERED PRINT UNDERSHORTS AND WHITE JOCKEY TEE SHIRT BEARING CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS. THESE TAGS WERE MADE BY A THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY THE TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. THESE TAGS ARE ONE QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG, RED IN COLOR AND BEAR MARKING WHICH APPEARS TO BE "O TWO B DASH SIX" OR "D TWO B DASH SIX." ONLY A PORTION OF THE FIRST CHARACTER IS PRESENT ON EACH TAG, AND THIS CHARACTER IS CUT ON A SLIGHT BIAS. NO OTHER VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS WERE FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

IMMEDIATE CHECKS OF LOGICAL LAUNDRIES SUGGESTED BY TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY HAVE TO DATE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE. 44-7153
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UPON RECEIPT, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES IN YOUR DIVISIONS TO IDENTIFY
LAUNDRY USING THIS CODE AND THESE TAGS AND PURSUE LOGICAL
LEADS DEVELOPED.

IF PERTINENT LAUNDRY IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATELY ADVISE
BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY HANDLING TO INSURE
THAT THESE CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS
INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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830PM URGENT 4/8/68 GJM

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS
INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A RIFLE ABANDONED NEAR
SCENE OF CRIME WAS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME
HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE
MALE, THIRTYSIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE
HUNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN
HAIR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER
AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR
INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING
YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE

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*Indices checked reg.
ag city directory "d
Tel Dir in Jc.
Auto Reg - Alpha - reg.*

*cc - Murphy
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REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND
CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER
AND LOWMYER, IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES,
DO NOT CONFINE YOUR CHECK TO HARVEY LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER
ONLY. ANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEARING THESE SURNAMES
SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT COVERING THE PERTINENT
PERIOD. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPROPRIATELY CHECKOUT ALL
BOMBING SUSPECTS IN YOUR TERRITORIES. .

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON
HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

END

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1033AM URGENT 4-10-68 SAA
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS.

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICIES, ALL STATE SELECTIVE
SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES,
DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISIONS, FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS, CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECK AND
CONTACT OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION
WHATSOEVER RE SUSPECT GALT. DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED IN
ALABAMA DESCRIBES GALT AS WHITE MALE, BORN SEVEN TWENTY,
THIRTY-ONE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-
FIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND ALL LEADS MUST BE
COVERED BY TELETYPE TO THOROUGHLY RESOLVE. NO INDICATION
TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MURKIN CASE.
END

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TO ALBUQUERQUE

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703 2P

MURKIN.

JOHN W. DOLLAR, JR., NINE ZERO TWO COMMONWEALTH AVENUE,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONE FIVE FOUR EIGHT TWO NINE
SEVEN TWO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE TELEVISION
PICTURE AND DESCRIPTION OF ASSASSIN VIVIDLY FIT FORMER HUSBAND OF
FRIEND ARTIE MC MINN, MOTEL MANAGER IN RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO,
WORK PHONE THREE SEVEN EIGHT FIVE FIVE ONE ONE. HUSBAND,
HENRY MC MINN, FORMERLY EMPLOYED AS SALESMAN-MANAGER NATIONAL
FOUNDATION LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA,
WHO SHOULD HAVE PICTURES OF HIM. MIXED IN NEGRO CROWD IN
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, WHILE EMPLOYED THAT COMPANY. IS OLDER
THAN DESCRIPTION, BEING ABOUT FORTY BUT LOOKS YOUNGER. NOSE
AND HAIRLINE NEARLY IDENTICAL WITH PICTURE. LAST KNOWN TO
LIVE WITH PRESENT WIFE IN MEMPHIS BUT LAST SEEN ON MONDAY
BEFORE ASSASSINATION BY FORMER WIFE, ARTIE, IN RUIDOSO.
AT TIME WAS BROKE, CLAIMED TO HAVE COME FROM LOVETT TEXAS.
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AND HEADING FOR PHOENIX, ARIZONA. DOLLAR SAYS TELEPHONED
ARTIE WHO HAD NOT BEEN FOLLOWING NEWS BUT WOULD CHECK PAPERS
TO VERIFY RESEMBLANCE.

ALBUQUERQUE CONTACT ARTIE MC MINN.

COPIES TO RICHMOND, MEMPHIS, LITTLE ROCK, AND
OKLAHOMA CITY FOR INFORMATION.

BUREAU ADVISED. P.

END

TMO

FBI ALBUQUEE

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Memo to SAC AQ

4/8/68

From D A Byrnes, SA

Re: MURKIN

Joe Wesley Irvin, probationary racial informant (ghetto) on 4/4/68 was contacted 4/4/68 re any racial activity known. Irvin stated he knew of none.

On 4/8/68 Irvin stated he knew of no leads which may lead to identity Dr. King's murderer.

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Memo to SAC AQ

4/9/68

From D A Byrnes, SA

Re: MURKIN

The following contacts were made by SA D. Arthur Byrnes Jr., on 4/9/68. Each stated he had no record for any LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and he never heard of a person by that name.

Mrs. Eva Sanchez, Credit Bureau of Belen, Belen NM.
Felix Quintana, Chief of Police, Belen NM.
Cecelia Otero, Valencia County Clerk of Courts, Los Lunas NM,
who checked voting records for Valencia County.
Ken Elkins, Valencia County Undersheriff, Los Lunas NM.

Mary Ann Zimmerly, Credit Bureau of Socorro, Socorro NM.
Socorro County Sheriff Slim Fullingim, Socorro NM.
Mr. Kippy Olguin, Socorro County Clerk, Socorro NM, who
checked Socorro County voting records.

Telephone books for Belen, Los Lunas, and for Socorro and surrounding towns.

There are no city directories in Belen or Socorro, the larger towns within 100 miles south of Albuquerque.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

906PM IMMEDIATE 4-10-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR AND ALL SACS-

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

✓ 44715-5
ERIC STAVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE SOUTH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, REGISTERED OWNER OF WHITE NINETEEN SIXTYSIX
MUSTANG, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN,
BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE ONE - THREE EIGHT NINE
NINE THREE, IS PRIME SUSPECT IN THIS CASE.

ALL OFFICES CHECK ABOVE VIN FOR POSSIBLE RE-REGISTRATION.

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

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