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The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine this material for any latent impressions and to compare any of value with suspects previously named in this case.

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754PM URGENT 4/11/68 GJM

TO ATLANTA 44-2386 WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ATLANTA APRIL TEN LAST AND
ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND WFO APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT,
BORTH PERTAINING TO ERIC K. C. GAULT.

INFORMATION IN REBUREAU TEL CONCERNING GAULT WAS
OBTAINED FROM TWO I - NINETY FIVE B FORMS. ONLY ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON THESE FORMS INDICATES GAULT ENTERED THE
UNITED STATES AT CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, JULY TWENTY-
SEVEN SIXTYFOUR, ABOARD "M. V. CORNWALL" AND ENTERED
UNITED STATES AT MIAMI JULY TWENTYTHREE SIXTYFIVE ON
"R. M. S. RANGITANE." A RECHECK OF CENTRAL RECORDS,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D .C.,
ON APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT PRODUCED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SUPV. CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

At 7:05 PM SAC JOE GAMBLE, Birmingham, called and stated that ERIC STARVO GALT moved into residence 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, on 8/26/67. A check of cab records reflects that one of the cab companies, which SAC GAMBLE did not identify, picked up a passenger at 2909 Highland on 8/26/67, and took him to 2608. This passenger was carrying three suitcases. The driver of Cab #42 who handled this was RAY JAMES. JAMES is now employed at the Marriott Hotel in Atlanta as a bellboy and lives at 4241 Hendrix Drive, Forest Park, Georgia, Apartment G-7. Mr. GAMBLE requested that when we receive the photographs, that we should interview JAMES to determine if he recalls this event and whether he can identify any of the photographs or composites.

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1:53 AM DEFERRED 4-13-68 JWE

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND BIRMINGHAM 44-1740
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE APRIL ELEVEN SIXTYEIGHT REQUESTING
INTERVIEW OF LEONARD RAY JAMES, CAB DRIVER.

JAMES INTERVIEWED APRIL TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT. ADVISES DUE
TO LAPSE OF TIME SINCE HE REPORTEDLY PICKED UP INDIVIDUAL AT
TWENTY NINE ZERO NINE HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, HE CANNOT
IDENTIFY ARTIST'S CONCEPTION IN THIS CASE. HE IS UNABLE TO
RECALL ANY SIGNIFICANT CIRCUMSTANCES CONCERNING THIS REPORTED
TRIP.

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FBI ATLANTA

3:32 AM DEFERRED 4-13-68 JWE

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND BIRMINGHAM 44-1740
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL APRIL ELEVEN SIXTYEIGHT REQUESTING
ATLANTA ASCERTAIN IF W. J. VERNON, MARIETTA, GA. IDENTICAL WITH
JAY WALLIS VERNON, FBI NUMBER SEVEN FOUR THREE TWO TWO
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WILLIAM J. VERNON, EIGHTY SHERWOOD LANE, MARIETTA,
GEORGIA, INTERVIEWED APRIL TWELVE. ADVISES BORN
 PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

OBSERVED TO BE SIX FOOT THREE, TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN POUNDS,
GRAYING HAIR, BLUE EYES AND HAVING NONE OF THE CHARACTERISTICS
OF PHOTOGRAPH OF JAY WALLIS VERNON FURNISHED ATLANTA BY
LOS ANGELES AIRTEL OF APRIL ELEVEN.

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FBI ATLANTA

4:15 AM 4-13-68 DEFERRED JWE
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE ERIC STARVO GALT:

FRONT RIGHT TIRE ON CAR ABANDONED BY GALT IN ATLANTA
IS FIRESTONE DELUXE CHAMPION, SIZE SEVEN FIVE ZERO - ONE FOUR,
SIX PLY RATING. STAMPED THEREON IS "HECHA - EN - MEXICO"
WITH FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION: TWO - ME - TWO; BD - THREE
THREE FIVE NINE FIVE; N TWO ZERO Z ZERO THREE ONE ONE FIVE
FOUR, TREAD WIDTH FOUR AND SEVEN EIGHTS. TUBE OF TIRE HAS
STAMP THEREON, G SEVEN, GENERAL POPO SEVEN FIVE ZERO X ONE
FOUR. MADE FOR HELKE POC, GENERAL POPO, SA, MEXICO DI.

CLEVELAND OFFICE ADVISED THE TWO INDICATES MOLD; ME TWO BD
INDICATES MOLD TYPE; THREE THREE FIVE NINE FIVE INDICATES MOLD
DRAWING NUMBER; N INDICATES FIRST QUARTER OF NINETEEN SIXTY-
SEVEN; TWO ZERO INDICATES MADE FOR MEXICO CITY; Z INDICATES
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NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN; NUMBERS ZERO THREE ONE ONE FIVE FOUR
INDICATE WARRANTY NUMBER. THERE ARE NO EXCLUSIVE DEALERSHIPS
IN MEXICO CITY AND TIRE RETAILERS SELL ALL DIFERENT TYPES
OF TIRES.

BUREAU, THROUGH LEGAT MEXICO CITY, REQUESTED CONDUCT
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF RETAILER WHERE
TIRE AND TUBE WERE SOLD CAN BE IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED RE
GALT.

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1135AM URGENT 4-13-68 LFB
TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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IN PLANNING THE PROOF IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO ADDUCE IN
ANY PROSECUTION FOLLOWING THE KING MURDER, IT MAY BE
IMPORTANT TO SHOW THAT DATA CONCERNING THE PRESENCES OF KING

IN MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES AND ANY OTHER
PLACE WHERE THE UNSUB MAY APPEAR COULD BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH
PUBLIC SOURCES. WITH THIS OBJECTIVE IN MIND, EACH OFFICE
SHOULD REVIEW PUBLIC SOURCES AND ASSEMBLE DATA READILY

ACCESSIBLE, SUCH AS LOCAL NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, APPEARING IN THESE
CITIES WHEREIN KING'S ITINERARY PLACE HIM.

SUCH AN ASSEMBLY OF CLIPPINGS COULD BE CONSIDERED AN
ADDENDUM TO THE REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THESE OFFICES.

BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA, AND LOS ANGELES ARE ALSO REQUESTED
TO CONSIDER INCLUDING IN THE REPORTS THEY SUBMIT CHARTS,
MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH WILL GRAPHICALLY DEPICT THE
NARRATIVE MATTERS THE WITNESSES ARE DESCRIBING. THUS, IN
ATLANTA THE PHYSICAL RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARKING LOT WHERE
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GALT'S CAR WAS RECOVERED TO THE ATLANTA AIRPORT WOULD BE OF INTEREST. IN BIRMINGHAM, THE LOCATION OF THE ROOMING HOUSE AND GUN SHOP WOULD BE OF INTEREST. PHOTOGRAPHS OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD BE HELPFUL. IN LOS ANGELES, THE PLACES WHERE GALT LIVED AND RECEIVED SERVICES WHICH MAY BE DOCUMENTED ARE OF INTEREST.

IN VIEW OF THE NECESSITY FOR CORRELATING WIDESPREAD DATA WITH A VIEW TO EVALUATING THE PROSECUTIVE POTENTIAL OF OUR SITUATION WITH REGARD TO GALT, ALL OFFICES SHOULD PLAN ON SUBMITTING REPORTS IMMEDIATELY, AND NO LATER THAN APRIL EIGHTEEN NEXT, UNLESS THE BUREAU SETS A PRIOR DATE. REPORTS SUBMITTED SHOULD AVOID, IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE,

THE INCLUSION OF UNRELATED DATA SUCH AS ELIMINATED MISCELLANEOUS SUSPECTS. TABLES OF CONTENTS AND INDICES ARE REQUESTED IN EACH REPORT SO THAT INDEXING AND LOCATION OF DATA MAY BE FACILITATED.

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LOS ANGELES AND BIRMINGHAM ARE REMINDED THAT THE BEDSPREAD CONTAINING THE MATERIAL DEPOSITED BY THE UNSUB ON THE STREET IN MEMPHIS FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING MAY BE AN IMPORTANT ITEM OF EVIDENCE IF ITS SOURCE CAN BE ESTABLISHED. THEREFORE, SPECIFIC CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE WITH HOTELS, LANDLORDS, AND THE LIKE WHERE GALT MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SECURE A BEDSPREAD.

FIBERS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE BEDSPREAD WERE FOUND IN THE TRUNK OF THE GALT CAR FOLLOWING ITS RECOVERY IN ATLANTA.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE BEDSPREAD LEAD, THE BUREAU SHOULD ALERT LEGAT MEXICO TO OUR INTEREST IN THE BEDSPREAD ALSO. P.

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DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

4/12/68

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MURKIN
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Transmitted under separate cover for the FBI Laboratory is the following evidence recovered from 1966 Mustang, VIN 6T07C190647, which evidence was obtained by SA'S JACK B. SIMPSON, JACK T. RYVENSTEIN, and RICHARD H. DAVIS on 4/12/68 at the FBI Garage in Atlanta, Georgia:

1. Soil sample from right fender well
2. Soil sample from right fender wheel
3. Soil sample from right rear wheel
4. Soil sample from right rear fender well
5. Debris from lower part of left fender
6. Soil sample from left front wheel
7. Soil sample from left rear wheel
8. Scraping from front left tire tread
9. Soil sample obtained from underneath body in front of differential
10. Soil sample obtained from differential

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11. Soil sample obtained from the front of the exhaust pipe
12. Soil sample from underneath vehicle body in front section
13. Soil sample from left fender well
14. Soil sample from left rear fender well
15. Scrapings from left rear tire tread
16. Scrapings from tread of right rear tire
17. Scrapings of two spots (resembling blood) under glove compartment
18. Scrapings from tire tread, right front tire
19. Scrapings from front part of engine
20. One jar of water obtained from windshield washer bag
21. Spare tire and wheel removed from trunk of 1966 Mustang

In view of the serious nature of this case, the Laboratory is requested to conduct any examinations deemed appropriate with respect to this evidence.

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Date: 4/12/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM
OO: Memphis

Re Atlanta telephone call to Birmingham,
4/12/68.

Enclosed herewith for Birmingham is one
silver-colored key about 1 5/8" long, made of light-
weight metal.

For information of Bureau and Memphis,
on 4/12/68 Detective R. L. DAVIS, Auto Theft Squad,
Atlanta, Georgia Police Department, made available
to the Atlanta Office the key enclosed herewith
to Birmingham. Detective DAVIS advised that when
he examined the 1966 Mustang, VIN 6T07C190647 in
Atlanta, Georgia on 4/11/68 he found this key in
this car on the floor board between the front seats.
The key is made of very light-weight metal and
would appear to have been held by a pair of pliers
and heated and would further appear to be handmade.

Atlanta Office Fingerprint Expert
CARL E. CLAIBORNE found no latent fingerprint of

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Special Agent in Charge

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value on instant key. Same initialled by Detective DAVIS and receiving SAs JOHN B. REYNOLDS and JOHN J. LANGSFELD.

Birmingham utilize instant key for any pertinent value investigation in this matter and if no value apparent, submit key to FBI Lab for possible future value and examination of evidence in this case.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 10, 1968

DERRELL PARHAM, Senior Operator, Delta Airlines Data Processing Center, Atlanta, Georgia, advised on April 7, 1968, that the memory bank "print out of past date passenger name records" at the Data Processing Center revealed the following:

Delta Airlines passenger "LEMEYER - L" made a reservation at the Birmingham, Alabama, Airfield Ticket Office at 6:14 p.m. on March 27, 1968, with Delta Ticket Agent Code Number CCl, for Delta Flight 932 from Memphis, Tennessee, to Chicago, Illinois, on March 27, 1968. In connection with this reservation, passenger L. LEMEYER furnished no place of contact such as a telephone number in Birmingham. At the same time the above travel arrangements were made, LEMEYER made reservations, through Delta, at Birmingham, on Northwestern Airlines Flight 239 on March 27, 1968, from Chicago, Illinois, to Minneapolis - St. Paul, Minnesota, and had these reservations confirmed through Delta.

The above Delta Airlines records further reveal that this passenger was listed as "LEHMEYER - L" on standby for Delta Flight 595 on March 27, 1968, from Birmingham to Memphis, with no place of contact being given by the passenger in Birmingham. This standby reservation was made at 12:54 p.m. on March 27, 1968, with Delta Clerk Code Number FW3 in Birmingham; however, no information was available at the Delta Data Processing Center in Atlanta as to whether this passenger actually made the flight.

PARHAM also furnished "print outs of past date passenger name records" for Delta Flights 595 and 932 on March 27, 1968.

On 4/7/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386 - 154
Memphis 44-1987
by SAs JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN
and CHARLES T. HAYNES CTH:met Date dictated 4/10/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Director, Birmingham, Memphis, Minneapolis, and Chicago, 4/7/68.

Enclosed are 20 copies of FD-302 reflecting interview with DERRELL PARNAM, Senior Operator, Delta Airlines Data Processing Center, Atlanta, Georgia, on 4/7/68, by SAs JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN and CHARLES T. HAYNES.

The enclosed FD-302 reflects information from the DAL Data Processing Center in Atlanta, Georgia, regarding passenger L. LEMEYER on 3/27/68.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
JIMMY E. HAYES:

AT LAGRANGE, GEORGIA:

Miami advised on April 9, 1968, that an anonymous note was received by FBI, Miami, reflecting TOMMY NASH, Jr., LaGrange, Georgia, could be considered a suspect in this matter.

On April 9, 1968, investigation as reflected below reveals TOMMY NASH, Jr., is completely unknown in LaGrange area.

Chief T. E. McCLUNG, LaGrange Police Department,
checked criminal arrest files;
Lieutenant CHARLES BAKER, LaGrange Police Department,
checked traffic accident files;
Deputy JOYCE BRYAN, Troup County Sheriff's Office,
checked arrest and traffic files;
DOT STARR, Credit Bureau of LaGrange, Georgia,
checked her files;
Mrs. SEREPTA MARTIN, Vote Registrar, Troup County,
Georgia, checked files;
PIERCE BRUCE, Tax Commissioner, Troup County, and
Automobile Tag Agent;
LLYOD BRINKS, Manager, Troup County Railway Express
Agency Utility;
LINDA FRIEND, Troup County Criminal and Civil Court
records.

Mrs. L. D. (EMMA B.) NASH, 203 Springdale, LaGrange, Georgia, the only NASH listed in the telephone and city directory for LaGrange, advised she is a widow and the only NASH living in the LaGrange area, insofar as she knows. She has never heard of TOMMY NASH, Jr.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

FROM : SA JAMES R. RIORDAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/12/68

The following investigation was conducted by SAs
JAMES R. RIORDAN and THOMAS J. BARRETT on 4/12/68:

The following hotels were contacted and the indicated
hotel managers were shown the composite photograph of the suspect
in captioned matter. They advised they have no one nor have
they had anyone in the motel resembling the photograph and
neither have they anyone registered since 4/5/68 under the name
ERIC STARVO GALT or GAULT:

Mr. H. D. MC NAIR, Capital Hotel, 73 Pryor St.,
Atlanta, Ga.;

Mr. ROGER SCHWALBE, Gordon Hotel, Gordon St.,
Atlanta, Ga.;

Mr. DAVID LINDS, Scoville Hotel, Gordon St., Atlanta, Ga.;

Mr. OTIS BERKHAM, Sylvan Hotel, Gordon St., Atlanta, Ga.;

Mr. A. H. ST. JOHN, Miller Hotel, 133 Ivey St., Atlanta.

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

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The following laundry operators were contacted with references to use of Thermo Seal Marking tape by SA JIMMY E. HAYES on April 10, 1968.

AT CARROLLTON, GEORGIA.

Mr. ALVIN CHANDLER, Dixie Cleaners, 314 Longview. Negative.

Mr. MOSE BASKIN, Bankhead Dry Cleaners and Laundry. Negative.

Mr. R. E. JONES, Carrollton Laundry. Negative

These state there are no other laundries in Carroll County and no dry cleaning establishments in their area utilize the Thermo Seal marking tape.

AT LA GRANGE, GEORGIA.

LEWIS GOODE, Ideal Cleaners and Laundry, 224 Greenville Street, advised he utilized Thermo Seal marking tapes but the marking on instant tape in this case did not come from his laundry as he uses a different code.

AT NEWNAN, GEORGIA.

Pam Brooks, Dunaway Cleaners, 23 East Wade Street - negative

John Wilkerson, Model Laundry, Temple Avenue - Negative

George B. Addy, Addy Cleaners, 15 Jefferson - Negative

Penny Story, Penny Cleaners, 12 Brown Street - Negative

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AT MANCHESTER, GEORGIA.

JIM BEAVERS, Guy's Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 240 West Main Street, advised his is the only laundry in town and they do not use thermo seal tape markers. He stated there are no other laundries in Meriwether County with exception of self-service launderettes.

AT WEST POINT, GEORGIA.

ROY SAXON, Modern Dry Cleaners, 507 West Eighth Street, advised there is no laundry in West Point and all laundry is channelled to a laundry in Opelika, Alabama by local dry cleaning establishments.

AT ZEBULON, GEORGIA.

J. A. RIGGINS, Sheriff, Pike County, Zebulon stated there are no laundries in Pike County and laundry operators from Griffin and Thomaston, Georgia, solicit business from his county.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA BERNARD R. BERRY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM
OO: Memphis

Re Bureau teletype to all continental offices,
dated 4/8/68.

The following individuals and agencies were
contacted regarding re teletype with negative results:

AT CHATSWORTH, GEORGIA.

Postmaster R. L. VINING, United States Post
Office

RACHEL HUFSTETLER, Clerk, Local Board 109,
Federal Building

JAMES A. GREGORY, Tax Commissioner and Veter
Registrar

Judge W. W. KEITH, Ordinary Court

Clerk REMBERT TOWNSEND, Clerk, Superior Court

TROY FREE, Clerk, Georgia Power Company

ESTER SHELTON, Clerk, Chatsworth Water
Commission

Sheriff Deputy RAYMOND WELCH

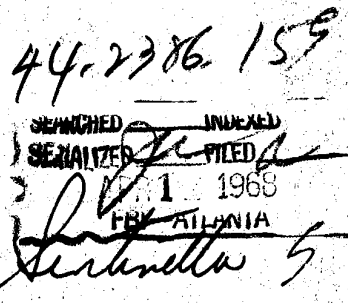
Chief of Police KIRBY PATTERSON

AT GILMER COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Sheriff ROBERT WORLEY

County Commissioner HAROLD HEFNER

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Clerk of Superior Court BILL WESTMORELAND

Postmaster CHARLES POINDEXTER

AT FANNIN COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Sheriff ROY KIRBY

Deputy KEITH ROGERS

ROY PAINTER, Clerk, City Hall

GENEVA BROWN, Clerk, Tri-State Electric

Co-Op

Clerk CURTISTINE FOSTER, Local Board 56

HOOVER HINSON, Tax Collector and Voter

Registrar

ROY CHAPMAN, Ordinary Judge

TED BRUCE, Clerk, Superior Court

BLAKE STYLES, Postmaster

Note there are no credit bureaus covering Gilmer and Fannin Counties, Georgia, and the credit bureau covering Chatsworth, Georgia, is in Dalton, Georgia, and results of this check are being submitted by SA THOMAS R. HENRY, JR.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 12, 1968

Reverend JAMES C. MELSON, 942 Fairburn Road, N. W., was interviewed at the Buffalo Cab Company where he is employed. MELSON voluntarily furnished the following information:

On Wednesday evening, April 3, 1968, MELSON delivered a customer to the Atlanta airport at approximately 8:00 p.m. A white male standing near the last door in the departing ramp near the Delta Airlines counter got into MELSON's cab and asked for a ride. MELSON explained he would have to get a cab from the pool waiting near the end of the ramp and ~~that~~ the customer refused. MELSON then agreed to take him and asked where he would like to go. The person asked what was the next largest town to which MELSON replied, "It must be Rome, Georgia." The customer asked for the rate and after checking with his dispatcher MELSON quoted him a rate of \$26.00 paid in advance. They then proceeded to Rome, Georgia, in MELSON's cab.

The only stop made after departing the Atlanta airport was at a Shell Service Station located on Interstate 85 in Northeast Atlanta. Upon arriving in Rome, the customer said the town looked too small and it could not have been the one he was referring to. He ordered MELSON to drive to the bus station and wait for him. After about ten minutes in the station the customer returned and asked how far it was to Chattanooga, Tennessee. MELSON explained it was about twice as far as they had already gone and quoted a fare of about \$70.00 to which the customer agreed. They then proceeded to Chattanooga, Tennessee. The customer was quite nervous during the entire trip and smoked two packages of his own cigarettes as well as one package of MELSON's. They passed three separate ambulances on the road with red lights flashing and on each occasion the customer ducked his head below the dashboard. Upon leaving the bus station in Rome, Georgia, MELSON motioned to a policeman standing nearby to get directions out of town and again the customer ducked his head as if to avoid exposing his face. He only explained that he was afraid of police in general.

Upon arriving in Chattanooga, the customer instructed

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by SA RICHARD D. RACKLETT :ld Date dictated 4/12/68

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MELSON to proceed to the bus station. He indicated his "people" would be glad to see him inasmuch as it had been four years since he had seen any of them. MELSON thought of this as being unusual at the time inasmuch as the customer indicated he had been in the service for the past eight months. On arriving at the bus station, the customer instructed MELSON to drive around to the back side where it was dark. He stated he would make a phone call and have his "people" pick him up. MELSON suggested he would deliver the customer wherever he wanted to go but he refused.

MELSON described the customer as a white male, aged 33, 6' 0", 175 pounds, narrow shoulders and heavy hips, blond to light brown hair - medium long and combed up in front. He was wearing a dirty, wrinkled khaki Army uniform and an olive-drab hat and regulation Army shoes. He had a few ribbons and medals on the pocket, some of which indicated "Sharpshooter." During the trip the customer discussed his several brothers and indicated he had grown up on a farm in the country. He was carrying a roll of money in his left pants pocket containing mostly \$10.00 and \$20.00 bills. The customer paid for the initial trip to Rome, Georgia, from money in his wallet and concealed his wallet when removing the money from it. MELSON explained it was about 8:00 o'clock when he picked up the customer at the Atlanta airport and they arrived in Rome, Georgia, about 9:40 p.m. He recalled the time in Chattanooga, Tennessee, at which he let out the customer as being 12:35 a.m. on April 4, 1968. MELSON could not recall any other details in the conversation with the customer concerning his past activities or his proposed destination. The customer had no luggage and when asked by MELSON, stated he had sent his luggage ahead. MELSON viewed two composite sketches and could only say there was some similarity. He recalled that the customer had a long, pointed nose which was thin and boney. He could recall no scars, tattoos, or other identifying data concerning the customer. After learning of the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, he began to wonder if there might have been some connection with the customer of the previous night. He was unable to recall any other information concerning that trip.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/68

DOUGLAS SMITH, Apartment 504, Building 165, Capitol Homes, advised that on April 11, 1968, he was standing outside his residence observing FBI Agents inspect a white Mustang in the parking lot down the mall from his home. He stated that a man, whose name he did not know, approached him and began to talk with him. This man informed him that he was in Memphis on the day MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed, and was within half a block of the hotel when the shooting took place. The man stated he saw four men come running out after the shooting. SMITH stated that at this time that he, SMITH, went into his house, and the man continued to talk to his wife, MARY SMITH. SMITH stated that he had asked the man why he did not go to the Agents and explain what he knew about the situation, and the man told him he didn't want to get involved. It is SMITH's belief that the man was frightened while he talked.

SMITH further learned that the man after speaking with his wife went up the walkway with a Mr. BISHOP who is a maintenance man at Capitol Homes. SMITH added that he believes BISHOP knows the name of the man, and that the man had lived or still lives in Capitol Homes. SMITH stated that he has seen the man on numerous occasions walking on the sidewalk in front of SMITH's home while proceeding to the store. He added that on several occasions the man had a young boy under five years of age with him.

SMITH furnished the following description of the man:

Height	5' 6" to 8"
Weight	160 pounds
Age	25 to 35 years of age
Hair	Brown sandy hair
Characteristics	Walks with a limp, stutters when speaking
Clothing	Wearing black and white checked sports shirt,

On 4-12-68 at Atlanta, Ga. File # AT 44-2386 -161
 by SAs DONALD F. TACKITT and JOHN M. PALFINGER :mel Date dictated 4-12-68

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with elbow length sleeves,
brown corduroy trousers

SMITH stated that he did not believe the man
to be intoxicated at the time, but he felt the man possibly
was "hopped up".

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 12, 1968

LLOYD W. MARSHALL, Apartment 553, 166 Woodward Avenue, Capitol Homes Apartments, advised he first recalled seeing the white Ford Mustang bearing the Alabama license plate parked in the parking lot behind his apartment house on, he believes, Wednesday, April 3, 1968, and he has no recollection of this car being moved since that date.

He advised he feels quite sure the car was there since Wednesday, inasmuch as that is the day that the people in the apartments get their welfare check, and he feels that that is the day he first saw this vehicle in the parking lot.

He advised he did not see anyone get in or out of the car, and could furnish no further information with regard to this matter.

On 4/11/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386 762
by SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN :bjc Date dictated 4/11/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4-12-68

Mr. AMOS A. BISHOP, Maintenance man, Capitol Homes, advised that he has been with the company for the past twenty-two years. He stated that on April 11, 1968, at approximately 5:00 p.m. while he was putting on the lights at apartments 658 and 501, a man whom he knew to be named HOLCOMB, approached him, called him Mr. BISHOP, and shook his hand. He stated that HOLCOMB began talking about the car that the FBI Agents were inspecting at the end of the mall in the parking lot. HOLCOMB advised him that that was not the car that they were looking for and that the actual car had a red streak across the back of the car from fender to fender. HOLCOMB told him that he was within twenty feet of the car in Memphis when he saw it drive away after the shooting. HOLCOMB further advised that he saw a man raise a rifle from a window, but he thought he was just shooting at a Negro and not KING. HOLCOMB added that he had been approached by a man who offered him one hundred thousand dollars to help him get away and to remain quiet about the incident. BISHOP stated that he does not recall HOLCOMB saying if he had met the man before or after the shooting. HOLCOMB continued by saying that the man that shot KING had the same name as HOLCOMB, but was going under a different name at the time. HOLCOMB said he took the one hundred thousand dollars, but BISHOP stated he didn't believe it. However, BISHOP added that HOLCOMB indicated that he had helped the assassin get away for he said "he got away, didn't he".

At this time BISHOP got into his car on the mall by Memorial Drive and drove off.

BISHOP furnished the following description of
HOLCOMB:

Name	(FNU) HOLCOMB
Race	White

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JOHN M. PALFI :mel 4-12-68
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Sex	Male
Age	About 26 years old
Height	5' 8"
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Black
Clothes	Brown khaki pants.

BISHOP believes that HOLCOMB had lived with his mother in Capitol Homes until his father had died. At this time his mother had remarried and moved into Apartment 48 and had lived there until approximately one month ago. He stated that HOLCOMB has been away from the Capitol Homes area for some time; however, he returns on occasion.

BISHOP added that he believes HOLCOMB to be living in the Grant Park area of Atlanta and that after hearing his story he connected HOLCOMB's description with the artist's conception of the assassin as printed in the newspaper.

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1Date 4-12-68

MRS. MARY MARGARET SMITH, Apartment 504, Building 165, Capitol Homes, advised that on April 11, 1968, she approached her husband and another man while they were engaging in conversation outside of their home at the same time FBI Agents were examining a car in a parking lot. She stated that she assumed the man was speaking with her husband about the car and the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. She stated that the man advised that he was in Memphis, Tennessee at the time of the shooting, and saw a man drop a gun which she described as a short rifle and get into a car and drive off. She stated that the man said the car was a white one such as the one the Agents were presently inspecting. She stated that she had asked the man why he did not report this and he told her that he did not want to get involved. The man then walked to Memorial Avenue with Mr. BISHOP, maintenance man, Capitol Homes, and BISHOP got into his car. The man continued to talk to BISHOP for awhile and then BISHOP drove off. She added that she did not see which way the man left. She further advised that Mrs. WEBB, Apartment 503, had also heard what the man had said, but she stated that she did not believe that WEBB would be willing to discuss the incident with anyone.

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Date April 12, 1968

Mr. D. D. MORGAN, Apartment 55, 166 Woodward Avenue, Capitol Homes Apartments, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that he first recalled seeing the white Ford Mustang bearing the Alabama license plate in the parking lot at the Capitol Homes Apartments on April 3, 1968, on Wednesday morning. He advised he feels quite sure it was there on Wednesday morning because that is the day his welfare check arrived and he went to pay his rent, and he recalls seeing the Mustang in the lot on that date. He stated he has never seen anyone get in or out of the car, but knows it to be a car that does not belong to the residents of the apartments. He advised, however, that it is not unusual for many non-resident cars to be parked in the lot, as apparently during the day, many people from nearby offices park in the lot of the apartments to avoid paying parking fees in the downtown area.

MORGAN advised he could not furnish any additional information in this matter.

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by SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN :bjc Date dictated 4/11/68

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Date April 12, 1968

SHIRLEY SHEFFIELD, Apartment 570, 170 Woodward Avenue, Capitol Homes Apartments, advised that the earliest she recalled seeing the white Ford Mustang with the Alabama license plate in the parking lot in the Capitol Homes Apartments was on Friday, April 5, 1968, at approximately 8:30 a.m. in the morning. She advised she did not see anyone leave the car, but stated the car did not appear to be a car familiar to her in the parking area. She advised she could furnish no additional information with regard to this vehicle.

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by SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN :bjc Date dictated 4/11/68

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Date April 12, 1968

On April 11, 1968, SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN accompanied Reid's Body Shop wrecker of 952 Memorial Drive, Southeast, Atlanta, Georgia, which towed a 1966 Mustang, white in color, two-door, bearing 1968 Alabama License 1-38993, from the Capitol Homes Apartments parking lot two the FBI Garage, located at 275 Peachtree Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia.

The driver of the wrecker was DAIRL KIMBELL.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN on April 11, 1968, at the Capitol
Homes Apartments on Memorial Drive and Woodward Avenue,
Atlanta, Georgia:

The following individuals were contacted and
could not furnish any information of value concerning
a 1966 Mustang, two-door, white in color, bearing 1968
Alabama License 1-38993:

Mr. T. GRINDELL
Apartment 552

Mr. S. B. BISHOP
Apartment 558

Mr. ROBERT C. HARVEY
Apartment 562

Mr. ROY HANIE
Apartment 721

MATTIE BRADFORD
Apartment 720

CORA LEE HOWE
Apartment 544

Mr. L. R. SMITH
Apartment 547

RUBY JOHNSON
Apartment 549

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CHARLOTTE CHAMBERS
Apartment 568

DIANE BROOKING
Apartment 567

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Date: 4/11/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via

Airtel
~~TELETYPE~~

URGENT

(Priority)

TO: SAC's ATLANTA (44-2386)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL APRIL TEN.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL
FINGERPRINTS JACK DEMPSEY BOSLEY, FBI NUMBER ONE SIX
TWO SIX TWO FIVE A. NO PALM PRINTS HERE FOR DEMPSEY.

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Date April 12, 1968

Mrs. EARNEST PAYNE, a resident of Apartment 551, 166 Woodward Avenue. S.E., advised that at about 8:30 or 9:00 a.m., the morning of April 5, 1968, she observed a white automobile drive into the parking area which is located adjacent to her apartment. She said that her particular attention was brought to this automobile as she noted that it had an Alabama license plate on it. She made a remark concerning this to her husband.

She continued to watch the automobile and the driver seemed to be familiar with the surrounding territory in that he made no hesitency in the parking of the automobile. When he got out of the car he proceeded north on the walkway between the two apartment buildings located near the parking area toward Memorial Drive. She does not know in which direction this individual might have gone when he reached Memorial Drive as she is unable to see this particular street from her apartment.

She described this individual as a white male, approximately 25 - 30 years of age, who was wearing a sport coat with dark colored trousers with sandy hair, weighing approximately 160 pounds, and possibly 5' 10" in height. She further described him as a nice, clean looking individual with sandy hair, dressed as though he were a businessman and carrying a small pad of some type in his hand. She estimated this pad to be approximately five inches wide and possibly ten to twelve inches in length. He impressed her as being a type of insurance man and after he got out of the automobile, he locked it and proceeded up the path as previously noted.

She does not recall ever having seen this individual in the area before, neither does she recall having seen an automobile such as the one that was parked near her apartment bearing an Alabama plate being parked in this area before. She could furnish no further information concerning the automobile nor the individual that got out of it.

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by SA EDWARD U. CRIM *ECM* :cjm Date dictated 4/12/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SA ARTHUR L. MURTAGH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/12/68

Re Birmingham tel to Director, 4/11/68, 6:44 p.m.;
and Birmingham tel to Director, 4/11/68, 4:41 p.m.

Referenced tels requested investigation at Retail
Credit Corp., Atlanta, Ga., to obtain additional info re J.E.
WILLARD and J.D. WILLARD

Inquiry in area of Retail Credit Corp., 1600 Peach-
tree, revealed that Retail Credit Corporation is closed for
Good Friday and will not reopen until Monday.

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

**REPORT
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Date: **April 12, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560380 JK
D-560340 JK
PC-A5564 JV
PC-A5571 JV**

Specimens received **4/9/68, from FBI, Atlanta**

K1 Five sample laundry tapes bearing Code #02B-6, from machine used by Blum's Individual Laundry and Dry Cleaning Co., Macon, Ga.

Specimens received 4/9/68, from FBI, Boston

K2 Four pieces of paper each containing laundry marks on red tape obtained from four separate thermo-seal machines manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc. and used by Superior Laundry Co., Inc.

K3 Partial roll of unused red tape obtained from Superior Laundry Co., Inc. 625 Concord Ave., Cambridge, Massachusetts

Result of examination:

The printing on the K1 and K2 tags was found to differ from that appearing on the laundry tags affixed to the Q69 shorts and the Q70 T-shirt.

The fabric tape in K1, K2 and K3 is similar in color, construction and composition to the fabric tape used on the two laundry tags attached to Q69 and Q70. The submitted items have been retained.

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JH JR



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 12, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: **Atlanta, Boston**

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560380 JK
D-560340 JK
PC-A5564 JV
PC-A5571 JV**

Reference: **Letter 4/8/68, Airtel 4/8/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Microscopic
(Hair and Fibers)**

Remarks: **Miscellaneous**

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Boston (157-644) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Albany Enclosure (Lab report)

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of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To: **SAC, Miami**

April 11, 1968

Re: **MURKIN**
CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR NO. **44-1854**
 FBI FILE NO. **44-38861**
 LAB. NO. **D-560410 JK**

Reference **Airtel dated April 9, 1968**

The material described below has been searched in the following file without effecting an identification: **Anonymous Letter File**

Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

The submitted material is **temporarily retained.**

MATERIAL SUBMITTED:

- Q87 Air Mail envelope postmarked "MIAMI BEACH FL 5A 7 April 1968" bearing the address "F. B. I. Miami Fla"**
- Q88 Slip of paper bearing handwritten message beginning "Get Tommy Nash..." and ending "...Kings Killer"**

Remarks: A separate report will be forwarded concerning the fingerprint examination and disposition of the submitted evidence. Physical characteristics of the evidence have been taken and will be maintained in Bureau file.

- 1 - Atlanta**
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 11, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560449 JK

Specimens received 4/10/68

Kc7 Photocopy of Liberty National Bank Dealer Plan-
Purchaser Statement bearing purported known hand
printing and signature of DR. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH

Result of examination:

Because Kc7 is almost entirely hand printed and not adequate for comparison with the questioned writings, it could not be determined whether the material in this matter was prepared by DR. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH, Kc7. However, the style of writing of FRENCH differs from the other writings which have been submitted in this matter.

Kc7 has been retained.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **April 11, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560449 JK**

Examination requested by: **Buffalo**

Reference: **Airtel 4/8/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- ① - Atlanta Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Jacksonville Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Buffalo (44-374) Enclosure (Lab report)

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO : MEMPHIS

FROM: RICHMOND

MURKIN - CR. OO ME

WILLIAM HACKNEY, FIFTEEN HUNDRED STARBROOK DRIVE, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, TELEPHONE, FIVE TWO FIVE DASH THREE NAUGHT NINE FOUR, PASSING THROUGH RICHMOND, VIRGINIA ADVISED HAD JUST SEEN ARTIST CONCEPTION OF UNSUB. AND BELIEVES INDIVIDUAL ANSWERING THIS DESCRIPTION SEEN BY HIM LAST FRIDAY, APRIL FIVE LAST.

HACKNEY SAW INDIVIDUAL ON EASTERN AIRLINE FLIGHT LEAVING ATLANTA, GEORGIA TEN THIRTY AM, ARRIVING CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA JUST BEFORE NOON. INDIVIDUAL SITTING ON ^{1ST} ISLE EIGHT TO TEN SEATS FROM FRONT OF FOUR SECTION PORT SIDE. DESCRIBED, WM AT LEAST SIX FEET, PERHAPS SIX FEET TWO INCHES, SLENDER BUILD, FAIR COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR COMBED TO RIGHT, WEARING EXPENSIVE LIGHT BROWN SUIT WITH NARROW WHITE STRIPE AND EXPENSIVE BROWN SHOES. HANDS WELL MANICURED, INDIVIDUAL OBVIOUSLY TRAVELING ALONE. APPARENTLY JOINED FLIGHT AT ATLANTA AND DEPARTED CHARLOTTE. ONLY DISCREPENCY HACKNEY NOTED BETWEEN ARTIST CONCEPTION AND INDIVIDUAL WAS UNSUB. APPARENTLY HAS ^{BULB NOSE} BUBBLY NOSE WHEREAS INDIVIDUAL HAD SHARP POINTED NOSE. INDIVIDUAL IN LATE TWENTIES

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1 - Charlotte (Air Mail)
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IN VIEW OF EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION REQUIRED TO ELIMINATE THIS SUSPECT, BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION OF OFFICE OF ORIGIN AS TO WHETHER OR NOT LEAD SHOULD BE SET OUT TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED BY HACKNEY.

HACKNEY REQUESTED THAT ANY CONTACT WITH HIS RESIDENCE BE DONE DISCRETELY AS HIS WIFE IS RECOVERING FROM SERIOUS CANCER OPERATION.

MAIL COPIES SENT ATLANTA AND CHARLOTTE.

END

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-3861)

FROM: RICHMOND (44-637)

MURKIN; CR OO: MEMPHIS

RE JOHN CLINTON MILLSAPS, POSSIBLE SUSPECT. MILLSAPS LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT DANVILLE, VA. HE DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF INSTANT CRIME AND CLAIMED TO HAVE NOT LEFT VA. BETWEEN MARCH TWENTY FIVE LAST AND PRESENT, EXCEPT FOR ONE DAY HE SPENT IN ROCKY MOUNT, N.C. MILLSAPS STATED HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY PLASTIC VAC CORP., RICHMOND, VA., SINCE MARCH TWENTY SIX LAST AND HAS SPENT MOST OF THIS TIME WITH HIS BOSS, LLOYD PETERSON.

LLOYD PETERSON, DISTRICT MANAGER, PLASTIC VAC CORP., RICHMOND, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT MILLSAPS WAS IN HIS, PETERSON'S PERSONAL IN HAMPTON, VA., ON MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY LAST AND AT HAMPTON, VA., ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT MEMPHIS, CHARLOTTE, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND SALT LAKE CITY. END P

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1 - Charlotte (AM) (44-1365)
1 - Richmond
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1 - Memphis (AM) (44-1987)
1 - Salt Lake City (44-253)

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS (44-2386)
FROM COLUMBIA (44-299)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND COLUMBIA
DATED APRIL NINE LAST.

PD RECORDS, CHARLESTON, S. C., REFLECT BOBBY DEAN MEDLIN
PD NUMBER SIX THREE SEVEN FOUR THREE, FBI TWO ZERO SIX TWO
SIX THREE C BORN [REDACTED] AT
MILLEDGEVILLE, GA., ADDRESS ONE ONE TWO SIX PAULING AVENUE,
JAMES ISLAND, S. C., HAS SEVERAL ARRESTS FOR DRUNK AND
DISORDERLY CONDUCT, RECKLESS DRIVING AND STATUTORY RAPE
FOR WHICH HE SERVED ONE YEAR IN JAIL.

OWNER JAMES ISLAND GARAGE, JAMES ISLAND, S. C., ADVISED
MEDLIN WORKED FOR HIM AS MECHANIC ABOUT ONE WEEK PRIOR TO
MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST. HE LAST SAW MEDLIN AT HIS GARAGE
APRIL SIX LAST.

BOBBY DEAN MEDLIN INTERVIEWED AT ONE ONE TWO SIX PAULINE

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AVENUE, JAMES ISLAND, S. C., APRIL NINE LAST AND HE ADVISED ON MARCH TWENTY NINE DASH THIRTY LAST HE REMAINED AT HIS RESIDENCE BOTH DAYS. ON NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTY EIGHT LAST HE WENT TO BAR AT CHARLESTON, S. C., WITH NEIGHBOR, DANIEL THOMAS YOUNT. ON NIGHT MARCH TWENTY NINE LAST YOUNT VISITED HIM AT HIS HOME AND ON NIGHT OF MARCH THIRTY LAST HE AND YOUNT WENT TO OLD HEIDELBERG RESTAURANT, CHARLESTON, S. C., AFTER VISITING BRIEFLY AT FOLLY BEACH, S. C. ON APRIL ONE LAST HE WENT TO S. C. EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION, CHARLESTON, S. C., TO APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION. FOR REMAINDER OF WEEK HE WORKED AT HIS MOTHER'S HOME, JAMES ISLAND, S. C., PAINTING HOUSE AND WORKING IN YARD. HE DENIED BEING OUTSIDE CHARLESTON, S. C., AREA SINCE JANUARY SEVENTEEN SIXTY EIGHT, WHEN HE WENT TO GEORGIA TO VISIT RELATIVES. HE MADE AVAILABLE A SEVEN POINT SIX FIVE CALIBER RUSSIAN CARBINE RIFLE BOLT ACTION TYPE, WITH CONVENTIONAL SIGHTS

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WHICH HE ADVISED HE HAS OWNED ABOUT ONE YEAR AND HAS NEVER SHOT GUN. HE OWNS NINETEEN SIXTYSIX PONTIAC GTO BLACK TWO DOOR HARD TOP BEARING S. C. LICENSE WHICH HE CANNOT DRIVE AS LICENSE SUSPENDED.

DANIEL THOMAS YOUNT, ONE ONE THREE FIVE PAULINE AVENUE JAMES ISLAND, S. C., SALESMAN FOR NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY, CHARLESTON, S. C., ADVISED APRIL NINE LAST HE HAS SEEN MEDLIN EVERY NIGHT AT HIS RESIDENCE FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS AND HE KNOWS MEDLIN WAS IN AREA ON MARCH TWENTY NINE DASH THIRTY LAST AND APRIL FOUR LAST. HE WAS VISITING MEDLIN AT HIS RESIDENCE ON EVENING OF APRIL FOUR LAST WHEN THEY LEARNED KING SHOT IN MEMPHIS. HE WAS OUT WITH MEDLIN AT CHARLESTON, S. C., ON NIGHT MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST, SAW HIM AT HIS RESIDENCE NIGHT MARCH TWENTY NINE LAST AND WENT TO OLD HEIDELBERG RESTAURANT WITH MEDLIN ON NIGHT MARCH THIRTY LAST. MEDLIN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET

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NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, DARK BROWN
BUSHY HAIR HEAVY ON SIDES, BLUE EYES, MEDIUM COMPLEXION,
AND BUILD, WIFE FAYE A. MEDLIN SEPARATED TWO CHILDREN,
USM CORPS MARCH FIFTYSIX DASH FEBRUARY FOUR FIFTYNINE,
MCSN ONE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN TWO THREE ZERO.

NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING
MEDLIN. INVESTIGATIVE INSERT AND PHOTO BEING SENT MEMPHIS.

AIR MAIL COPY FURNISHED ATLANTA.

END