

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/24/69

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BROOKS PHILLIPS, Owner, Southern Motel, Highway 72 West, Corinth, Mississippi, made available the motel registration records for the period March 29, 1968, through April 3, 1968. The following individuals were registered during this period:

GLEN M. SWICEGOOD
501 South Cherokee Avenue
Dothan, Alabama
(Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention)

F. C. MCGINNIS
125 Lake Drive, Northeast
Birmingham, Alabama
Alabama license 1-56569, Chevrolet

J. A. SMELLEY
Sheffield, Alabama

L. O. ELLIS
Sheffield, Alabama

JACK CORNELIUS
413 Tia Juania Street
Muscle Shoals, Alabama

EARL CRAWFORD
Route 4
El Dorado, Arkansas
Arkansas license J-5092 (truck)

ERVIN SHERWOOD
118 South Harrison
DeWitt, Arkansas

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by SA FRANCIS G. HONAN /bdb Date dictated 4/21/69

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✓ W. S. BLOUNT
3496 Lenardo Drive, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia
(Wright Contracting Company)

R. C. BOBO
212 North West
Waukegan, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. GRACE
2920 Grail
Wichita, Kansas

GEORGE WALKER
14 Hilby Road
Louisville, Kentucky
License J29-270, Chevrolet

Mr. and Mrs. M. PLATT
P. O. Box 163
Angola, Louisiana

JOHN D. SMITH
2334 Coronet Place
Jackson, Mississippi

M. COLEMAN
9764 McCoughan Avenue
Long Beach, Mississippi

SHIRLEY JACKSON
4 Elm Street
Natchez, Mississippi

JIMMIE L. KIMERY
Byhalia, Mississippi
License 47-504, 1965 Dodge

JAMES L. TERPO
214 Pollard
Batesville, Mississippi
License 54-1293, 1966 Plymouth

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JAMES E. SWOPE
Box 97
University, Mississippi

Reverend WILSON W. BOGGAN
Box 643
Lucedale, Mississippi
George County Baptist Association

JAMES E. WASHBURN
Caruthersville, Missouri

TOMMY LEE JONES
P. O. Box 5552
Raleigh, North Carolina

JOE BEE (illegible) and family
34 Clemson Drive
Aiken, South Carolina

SAM NORRIS
56 North McLean
Memphis, Tennessee

JOE N. SMITH
Memphis, Tennessee

OLIVER HENDERSON
4050 Kenach
Memphis, Tennessee

FLOYD PALMER
427 North Graham
Memphis, Tennessee
License PB 9481

ELIZABETH TRULY
130 North Willomet
Dallas, Texas

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Date 4/24/69

WALTER COUTURE, Manager, Cannoneer Motel,
Highway 45 South, Corinth, Mississippi, made available
the motel registration records for the period March 29,
1968, through April 3, 1968. The following individuals
were registered during this period:

GEORGE GRAHAM
Box 925
Hartselle, Alabama

JOHN M. COLLINS
Box 6227
University, Alabama
Alabama license 63-3013

WILLIAM S. HELMS
3310 Meadow Lane
Montgomery, Alabama
Alabama license 3-42187

CARL COLLEY
102 Colonial Court
Prattville, Alabama

GARWIN DRUMMOND
401 W. Pasades Avenue
Muscle Shoals, Alabama

H. H. ROBBINS
2125 31st Street, Southwest
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. CARSON
945 45th Street
Sacramento, California

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CHARLES BEETS and wife
5805 South Fox Street
Littleton, Colorado

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES BAILEY
751 Northeast 83 Terrace
Miami, Florida

Reverend EVERET BATY
6000 East Colonial Drive
Orlando, Florida
Florida license 7W64305

✓ Mr. and Mrs. JOHN D. CORY
801 North Harding Street
Albany, Georgia
Illinois license HH893

Mr. and Mrs. MACK OMLORFF
1645 Fox Drive
Dubuque, Iowa

✓ GROVER F. FULLER
1432 North Druid Hills
Atlanta, Georgia
Georgia license 2-15080

Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. A. R. SLATTERY
2738 Henry Street
Augusta, Georgia

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE C. ENGEL
Chatham, Illinois
Illinois license 656738

DON SMITH
2145 Lake Avenue
Wilmette, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. OLEN KEISTER
218 Pine Park
Monmouth, Illinois
Illinois license 500-700

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Mr. and Mrs. J. CLANEY and sister
South 7th Street
Fairbury, Illinois
Illinois license FR 3805

C. M. BECKTOL
1201 W. Daniel Street
Champaign, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. J. CLYDE EVANS
1715 South Park
Springfield, Illinois

FRANK J. CLARKE
82 Birch
Park Forest, Illinois

EDWIN LEWIS
Cameron, Illinois
Illinois license 192663

K. RODEEN
423 East Pells
Paxton, Illinois

R. E. HOISINGTON
Stillman Valley, Illinois
Illinois license 211-190, Chrysler

J. BARCUS
315 Ellis Street
Centralia, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. EDWIN SUDBRIUK
281 Division
Virginia, Illinois
Illinois license

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. SCOTT
1601 Oklahoma Avenue
Matloosa, Illinois
Illinois license 47474

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN MOLENSTRA
3628 West 111th Street
Chicago, Illinois
Illinois license G06051

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. HIGGINS
Ellisville, Illinois
Illinois license 437-804

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT HUNT
8 Lourst Hill
Crawfordsville, Indiana
Indiana license 54A8415

R. L. THREIKELD
317 South 8th
Chariton, Iowa
Iowa license 59-2866

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. REYNOLDS
455 Westwood Drive
Ames, Iowa
Iowa license 85-4798

S. G. BERANOK and wife
Solon, Iowa
Iowa license 52-256

JAMES L. MacLOUD
502 East Academy
Jennings, Loisiaana

Mr. and Mrs. MARK E. CONKLIN
17321 Kentfield
Detroit, Michigan
Michigan license AL7744

A. E. WERP
15909 Hubbell
Detroit, Michigan 48227
Michigan license BH 0383

LEO GERCHMAN
137 Spruce
Eveleth, Minnesota
Minnesota license 8FG136

STUART C. STETSON
1232 Winnrose
Jackson, Mississippi
Mississippi license HD10508

W. C. McMASTER
101 Redrich Avenue
Grenada, Mississippi
Mississippi license 22-4226

JOE POLLOCK
18 Monroe, Apartment 9
Grenada, Mississippi
Mississippi license 22-9526

A. J. NEAL
1004 Fulton Avenue
Meridian, Mississippi
Mississippi license F/673686

JAMES E. HUNT
5002 Kendall Avenue
Gulfport, Mississippi
Mississippi license 610661

GERALD RAYMAN
Tupelo, Mississippi

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MARVIN ALFORD
Florence, Mississippi
Mississippi license T-2925

J. A. WAINWRIGHT, JR.
6077 Waverly Drive
Jackson, Mississippi

ROBERT L. BOUNDS
P. O. Box 536
Brandon, Mississippi

LEON ARMSTRONG
Box 299
Verona, Mississippi

Mr. and Mrs. HERBERT W. BERZ
186 East Market Street
Winona, Mississippi

JOE COX
Ripley, Mississippi

RAYMOND YANCEY
Ripley, Mississippi

PRENTISS PEARSON
1110 Fillmore Drive
Tupelo, Mississippi

JOHN SIMPSON
110 Vance Place
Long Beach, Mississippi

P. G. STEELE
Greenwood, Mississippi
Mississippi license N-7153

THOMAS L. McNAMARA and wife
611 East 110th Terrace
Kansas City, Missouri
Missouri license 9-137

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GLENN MUNSON
801 Delchester
Kirkwood, Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. I. SCHOENWALD
615 Wyandotte
Kansas City, Missouri

LOREN ATKINS
3690 James Road
Hannibal, Missouri

L. S. MORTON
7430 Hazel
St. Louis, Missouri

BILL WOOLERY
1717 West 18th Street
Sedalia, Missouri
Missouri license BE9-596

Mr. and Mrs. HARTMAN
5830 Wilshire
Lincoln, Nebraska
Nebraska license 2-F9649

Mr. and Mrs. EATON P. HUTCHINSON
146 Sanford Street
Glen Falls, New York

ROBERT W. VINCENT
320 Park Avenue
New York, New York

MARTIN LANGENBERG
408 East Grand Avenue
Springfield, Ohio
Tennessee license HP9562

EDWARD PILOSKE
10156 Winstead Lane
Cincinnati, Ohio

H. GAEDE
5369 Lauren
Cincinnati, Ohio
License 8-88-CG

R. E. GARLINGTON
5928 East 36 Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Oklahoma license ZA7535

GLENN U. SMITH
2501 Oregon Pike
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania license K82-201

JAMES W. MYERS
219 South Aberdeen Avenue
Wayne, Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania license 196-614

Mr. and Mrs. LEWIS SNEESBY
Lake Preston, South Dakota
License 42-1159

CECIL D. BARTHOTON
975 Illinois Avenue, Southwest
Huron, South Dakota
South Dakota license 4-10226, Imperial

H. D. McCLENDON
540 Vine Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

J. W. CALDWELL
334 Lynn Drive
Nashville, Tennessee
Tennessee license AL8350

ROBERT COLLINS
Nashville, Tennessee

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NICK BINGHAM
500 High
Dyersburg, Tennessee
Tennessee license SD1154

GEORGE W. LOGAN
1250 Cooper
Memphis, Tennessee

ROSS DYSON
4355 Cherrydale
Memphis, Tennessee

W. H. TATE
4880 Spottswood Road
Memphis, Tennessee
Tennessee license K0-3289

JOHN E. JACKSON
1033 Vaughn
Memphis, Tennessee

W. O. CALDWELL, Sr.
1564 Hayne Road
Memphis, Tennessee
Tennessee license BG4770

LOIS WOOD
1314 Summer Street
Union City, Tennessee

JOHNNY SPARKE
1915 Evelyn
Memphis, Tennessee

BARTON C. BROOKS
1437 Yorkshire Drive
Memphis, Tennessee

BILL GREGORY
404 West Grand
Jackson, Tennessee

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TAD SMITH
4537 Tammy Lane
Memphis, Tennessee

T. C. FORD and wife
Bristol, Tennessee
Tennessee license CY2100

JAMES B. CASON
1673 Southwall Street
Memphis, Tennessee
Michigan license CN-1162

RUSS FRISBIE
4545 Windward Drive
Whitehaven, Tennessee

A. T. MORGAN
293 Cecilia Drive
Memphis, Tennessee

BARTON C. BROOKS
1437 Yorkshire Drive
Memphis, Tennessee
Tennessee license BF6726

PETER KNOOP
Box 3637
Nashville, Tennessee
Tennessee license JJ8970

HARRY LANE and JACK WRIGHT
102 Mason Street
Jackson, Tennessee
Tennessee license LR1471

DANNY JAMES
213 East Cheatan
Union City, Tennessee

BOB SWITZER
Trimble, Tennessee

DAVID W. WILKINS
5157 Woodlark
Memphis, Tennessee

ROBERT COLLINS
Nashville, Tennessee

HARRY LANE
102 Mason Street
Jackson, Tennessee
Tennessee license LR 4177

J. W. HAWK
Post Office Box 12385
Memphis, Tennessee
(Sunray DX Oil)

BILL MOONEY
1974 Burnham Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

JERRY MacGREGOR
4990 Haleville Road
Memphis, Tennessee

R. A. FAIRCLOTH
3777 Coral Street
Memphis, Tennessee
Tennessee license KP2090

DENT BRANDT
Route 2
Potosi, Wisconsin

WILLIAM HOMOLA, Sr.
Route 2
Stone Lake, Wisconsin
License Z1A-527

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J. H. WICKER, Manager, No-El Motel, Highway 72 East, Corinth, Mississippi, made available the motel registration records for the period March 29, 1968, through April 3, 1968. The following individuals were registered during this period:

RED SHARP
Scottsboro, Alabama

B. H. PLEMONS
Box 385
Steele, Alabama
Alabama license 59-1044

J. A. SMELLY
Sheffield, Alabama

VERA ELKINS
Jasper, Alabama
(Olen Mills representative)

L. O. ELLIS
Sheffield, Alabama

C. D. WRIGHT
Box 939
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. BILL SALMON
Salmon Lane
Harrison, Arkansas

(name illegible)
3530 Minkolo
Sarasota, Florida

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✓ D. H. HATOBETT
Bremen, Georgia
Georgia license 64A591

✓ J. L. YOUNG, Jr.
1002 Forrest Boulevard
Decatur, Georgia

WILLIAM R. PARKER
15 Vine Court
Savannah, Georgia
Georgia license 3-D-889

C. S. CARSON and wife
Route 1
Sadorus, Illinois
Illinois license JE1010, Chevrolet

BOB FORMAN
Evansville, Indiana

Miss MARTHA COSCINO
1205 North Rampart
New Orleans, Louisiana
License 38-B-685

BILL and SANDY FERRELL
Route 1
Grand Junction, Michigan

JAMES D. FERRELL
Grand Junction, Michigan

WALTER PICKWICK
20440 Spencer
Detroit, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. GALE BUTTERFIELD
118 Palmer Street, Northeast
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Michigan license JA45-70

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LOIS HINDMAN
Parker Road
Corinth, Mississippi

JESSIE CLARK
1202 Meggie Street
Tupelo, Mississippi
Mississippi license 21-726

THOMAS R. SMITH
Route 2
Corinth, Mississippi

JOEL EVANS and TOMMY COWART
2212 Bell Avenue
Columbus, Mississippi

GARY LOWE
2212 Bell Avenue
Columbus, Mississippi

SAMMUEL WILLIAMS
805 Cemetery Street
Corinth, Mississippi

C. T. WALKER
1450 West Capitol Street
Jackson, Mississippi
Mississippi license H-44460

BRICKLE
837 Highland Drive
Las Vegas, New Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. LEIGH KETCH
249 Penfield Road
Rochester, New York
New York license MR 866

PAULINE BULLARD and G. L. LAWSON
208 East 11th
Wewoka, Oklahoma

CHARLES WALTERS
1505 Vera Cruz
Memphis, Tennessee
Arkansas license B122-34

P. E. BENNETT
3730 Earls Court Road
Memphis, Tennessee

CHARLES T. BROWN
950 Runyan Drove
Chattanooga, Tennessee

THOMAS J. MYRICK
4530 Almo
Memphis, Tennessee
Tennessee license KP 1493

DAVID F. NABORS
412 Old Hickory Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee

W. H. CARLETON
109 Bellevue
Memphis, Tennessee
Tennessee license KW7890

P.A.S. Talen Company, Incorporated
P. O. Box 349
Trenton, Tennessee

TONY WALKER
301 South Royal
Jackson, Tennessee

4/7/69

Airtel

To: SACs, Birmingham (44-1740)
Jackson (157-9586)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

William Bradford Huie has written a third article for "Look" magazine. The article appears in the issue dated April 15, 1969, but this issue was circulated on April 1, 1969. A review of the article reveals that James Earl Ray allegedly registered at the Travelodge Motel, Five Points, Birmingham, Alabama, on March 29, 1968; at a motel near Florence, Alabama, on April 1, 1968; and at a motel near Corinth, Mississippi, on April 2, 1968. It is to be noted that Ray, using the name Harvey Lowmyer, negotiated the purchase of a rifle at the Aeronarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, on March 29 and 30, 1968. On April 3, 1968, he was registered at the Rebel Motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

In an effort to establish whether or not Ray was in contact with any individuals immediately prior to the assassination, appropriate investigation should be conducted by the Birmingham and Jackson Offices. It should be understood that there is to be no indication made whatsoever that the following investigation has any connection whatsoever with the case involving James Earl Ray.

Birmingham and Jackson Offices should make inquiries of the motels in or near the cities indicated above to determine the identities of individuals registered during the period March 29 to April 3, 1968. Efforts should be made to identify all individuals listed, as well as

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obtaining descriptions and registrations for the automobiles of such persons. A review of such records might indicate whether any one individual might have accompanied Ray or been in contact with him during this period. Pertinent or questionable registration records should be obtained if possible for examination by the FBI Laboratory.

Memphis should insure that the Bureau is kept currently advised of pertinent developments in this case, particularly all aspects of court action since the death of Judge Battle on March 31, 1969.

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Date: 5/7/69

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

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, dated 4/7/69; Birmingham airtel to Bureau, dated 4/15/69, and Jackson airtel to Bureau, dated 4/18/69.

2 - Memphis (Enc. 13) (RM)	2 - Minneapolis (Enc. 6) (RM)
2 - Albany (Enc. 2) (RM)	2 - Mobile (Enc. 6) (RM)
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2 - Birmingham (Enc. 10) (RM)	2 - New Orleans (Enc. 6) (RM)
2 - Buffalo (Enc. 2) (RM)	2 - New York (Enc. 4) (RM)
2 - Charlotte (Enc. 3) (RM)	2 - Oklahoma City (Enc. 5) (RM)
2 - Chicago (Enc. 7) (RM)	2 - Omaha (Enc. 7) (RM)
2 - Cincinnati (Enc. 3) (RM)	2 - Philadelphia (Enc. 3) (RM)
2 - Cleveland (Enc. 5) (RM)	2 - Richmond (Enc. 3) (RM)
2 - Columbia (Enc. 5) (RM)	2 - Sacramento (Enc. 3) (RM)
2 - Dallas (Enc. 8) (RM)	2 - St. Louis (Enc. 8) (RM)
2 - Denver (Enc. 4) (RM)	2 - Salt Lake City (Enc. 3) (RM)
2 - Detroit (Enc. 8) (RM)	2 - San Antonio (Enc. 2) (RM)
2 - Houston (Enc. 3) (RM)	2 - San Diego (Enc. 2) (RM)
2 - Indianapolis (Enc. 9) (RM)	2 - Savannah (Enc. 6) (RM)
2 - Jacksonville (Enc. 4) (RM)	2 - Seattle (Enc. 2) (RM)
2 - Kansas City (Enc. 8) (RM)	2 - Springfield (Enc. 10) (RM)
2 - Knoxville (Enc. 6) (RM)	2 - Tampa (Enc. 6) (RM)
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Enclosed for each office, except for Memphis and Birmingham, is one copy of referenced Bureau airtel, dated 4/7/69.

As directed by Bureau, a review of all motel records for the period March 29, to April 3, 1968, of motels in Corinth, Miss., made and the names of those individuals registered at the motels during this period have been obtained, and their names are revealed on appropriate FD-302s. One copy each of the FD-302s, where appropriate, are being submitted to the appropriate offices, as set out below:

FD-302

Mrs. LOUISE BREWER, Mgr.
Round-Town Motel

Division

Birmingham
Chicago
Dallas
Detroit
Indianapolis
Jacksonville
Kansas City
Little Rock
Louisville
Memphis
Miami
Milwaukee
New York
Omaha
St. Louis
Springfield
Tampa

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FD-302

Mr. DON M. STRICKLAND, Mgr.,
Holiday Inn Motel

Division

Atlanta	Miami
Birmingham	Minneapolis
Charlotte	Mobile
Chicago	Newark
Cincinnati	New Haven
Columbia	New Orleans
Dallas	New York
Denver	Oklahoma City
Detroit	Omaha
Houston	Philadelphia
Indianapolis	Richmond
Jacksonville	Salt Lake City
Kansas City	Savannah
Knoxville	Seattle
Little Rock	Springfield
Louisville	Tampa
Memphis	

WALTER COUTURE, Mgr.
Cannoneer Motel

Albany	Minneapolis
Atlanta	Mobile
Birmingham	New Orleans
Cincinnati	New York
Denver	Oklahoma City
Detroit	Omaha
Indianapolis	Philadelphia
Kansas City	Sacramento
Knoxville	St. Louis
Memphis	Savannah
Miami	Springfield
Milwaukee	Tampa

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FD-302

Division

BROOKS PHILLIPS, Owner,
Southern Motel

Atlanta	Little Rock
Birmingham	Louisville
Charlotte	Memphis
Chicago	Mobile
Columbia	New Orleans
Dallas	St. Louis
Kansas City	

HOWARD STARNES, Mgr.,
Illinois Motel

Atlanta	Knoxville
Birmingham	Little Rock
Chicago	Memphis
Cleveland	Milwaukee
Dallas	Mobile
Detroit	St. Louis
Indianapolis	Savannah
Jacksonville	Springfield
Kansas City	Tampa

WILLIAM PHILLIPS, Owner,
Phillips Motel

Atlanta	Little Rock
Birmingham	Los Angeles
Cleveland	Memphis
Columbia	Omaha
Dallas	Sacramento
Detroit	St. Louis
Kansas City	San Diego
Knoxville	

H. C. FREEMAN, Owner and
Operator, Carona Plaza Motel

Birmingham	Miami
Chicago	Minneapolis
Cleveland	Mobile
Dallas	Oklahoma City
Denver	Omaha
Houston	Salt Lake City
Indianapolis	San Antonio
Kansas City	Savannah
Louisville	Springfield
Memphis	

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FD-302

Division

Mrs. FREDDIE GLOVER, Owner,
Merry Acres Motel

Birmingham
Little Rock
Memphis

Milwaukee
Minneapolis
Springfield

Mrs. BERRY (SHIRLEY) SMITH,
Owner and Manager,
El-Ray Motel

Birmingham
Chicago
Cleveland
Columbia
Dallas
Detroit

Indianapolis
Memphis
Miami
New Orleans
St. Louis
Springfield

Mr. PAUL HAYES, Mgr.,
Dixie Court

Memphis
Milwaukee

J. H. WICKER, Mgr.,
No-El Motel

Albuquerque
Atlanta
Birmingham
Buffalo
Detroit
Indianapolis
Knoxville

Little Rock
Memphis
New Orleans
Oklahoma City
Savannah
Springfield
Tampa

Mrs. G. N. PRUETTE, Owner,
Teetotum Motel

Memphis

Mrs. BERRY (SHIRLEY) SMITH,
Nite-Fall Motel

Atlanta
Indianapolis
Little Rock
Memphis
Minneapolis

Omaha
Richmond
St. Louis
Springfield

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A Xerox copy of each motel registration has been made by the Jackson Division, and copies of these registrations are being maintained in the bulky exhibit file of Jackson File 157-9586.

It is noted on the registrations that there is registration from Saskatchewan, Canada, at the Round-Town Motel, and a registration from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, at the Holiday Inn, during the pertinent period. It is being left to the discretion of Memphis, the Office of Origin, as to whether appropriate LHM should be submitted to the Bureau to have these individuals identified in Canada.

The names of those individuals appearing on the motel registrations who reside within the Jackson Division are being identified through indicés check in the Jackson Office and appropriate credit and criminal being conducted within the cities in which they indicate they reside.

LEADS:

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

All offices receiving copies of this communication will review the FD-302s which they have received for names of those individuals who reside within their respective divisions and will review the names through the appropriate office indices and will identify the individual through appropriate credit and criminal check, and if deemed advisable, will interview the individual if there is a possibility of any association with JAMES EARL RAY.

F B I

Date: 5/13/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)**SECRET**Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(100-438794)FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) *44-2386*
(100-149194) *Samuel*SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)COMINFIL SCLC *100-5718*
(OO: ATLANTA) *sent**3x4*RePHairtel to Director, FBI, dated 4/29/69,
captioned as above and requesting NY to locate JAMES BEVEL.

The Bureau has instructed PH to interview Rev. JAMES BEVEL of SCLC for information in his possession regarding his statement in "The New York Times", on 3/18/69, that a letter was turned over to Memphis Police on approximately 4/3/68, which contained information that MARTIN LUTHER KING was to be assassinated.

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- 4-Bureau
(2-44-3886) (MURKIN)
(2-100-438794)
- 2-Atlanta (SCLC)
- 3-Philadelphia
(1-44-1368) (MURKIN)
(1-100-47194)
(1-157-2979) (JAMES BEVEL)
- 2-Memphis (44-1987) (MURKIN)
- 3-New York
(1-44-1609) (MURKIN)
(1-100-149194) (SCLC)
(1-100-157946) (JAMES BEVEL)

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By airtel dated 4/29/69, PH stated that PH 897-R stated that RAYMOND (LNU) said that BEVEL had been in NY for three weeks.

A lead was set out for NY to locate JAMES BEVEL, and if in a hospital, attempt to determine the reason for hospitalization.

§ The New York Operation of the SCLC is concerned with fund-raising, and is under the overall supervision of STANLEY LEVISON. NY has maintained close contact with NY 3810-S*, a source close to STANLEY LEVISON, in an effort to obtain information that JAMES BEVEL is hospitalized in NY. This source has provided no information indicating that BEVEL is in the NY area. §

There are over 100 hospitals in the Greater New York area with no central repository of information concerning patients. NY does not plan to canvass hospitals in view of the lack of definite information about BEVEL being hospitalized in NY.

No further action is being taken by NY as to BEVEL.

SECRET

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 24, 1968

On September 24, 1968, the 1966 white two-door Ford Mustang, Serial Number 6T07C190647, was turned over to Memphis, Tennessee, Police Officers Captain ROBERT A. COCHRAN and Lieutenant GEORGE S. WILLIS.

Captain COCHRAN and Lieutenant WILLIS advised they would drive the car from Atlanta to Memphis on the same date in accordance with instructions received by them from the prosecuting attorney's office.

A receipt for the above-described automobile was received from Captain COCHRAN and Lieutenant WILLIS.

On 9/24/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386 - 2248
 by SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN and SA O. RICHARD HAMILTON ORH:bjc Date dictated 9/24/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Approved: RC Jensen Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge

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In view of the fact that more than a year has passed since these persons stayed over night at Corinth, and since similar investigation of this type in this case has previously been unproductive, and since HUIE has admitted that RAY frequently is untruthful in statements to him, and further since it is not believed that it is of any particular importance to establish whether or not JAMES EARL RAY stayed over night at Corinth on 4/2/68, all offices will disregard the leads set out in Jackson airtel dated 5/7/69, unless specifically advised by the Bureau to cover same.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-23861)

5/27/69

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 3/19/69.

Enclosed herewith for Mobile is one copy of LHM dated 3/11/69, at Atlanta; one copy of LHM dated 3/19/69, at Dallas, both captioned "Anonymous Accusation Alleging Participation of Raymond Polacco in Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr."; and one copy of Dallas airtel to Bureau, 3/19/69.

Numerous efforts have been made to contact Mr. or Mrs. ALFRED CALALAY, 4550 Ridgecrest Drive, Forest Park, Georgia. Mrs. CALALAY was located at that address 5/14/69, and advised that Mr. and Mrs. RAYMOND POLACCO, formerly lived diagonally across the street from him. They moved about 2 months ago and left a forwarding address of 1004 21st Street, Phenix City, Ala. He said that is the residence of Mrs. POLACCO's parents, Mr. and Mrs. (FNU) JENKINS.

The current Atlanta telephone directory reflects telephone number 404-361-7297, is listed to ALFRED CALALAY, 4550 Ridgecrest Drive, Forest Park, Ga.

Mr. CALALAY advised POLACCO was a continuous nuisance to them and frequently used their telephone. He believed he recalled POLACCO one time called or talked with a Mr. GRIFFIN in Texas.

LEADS

MOBILE

AT PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA

Contact RAYMOND POLACCO, 1004 21st St., to determine if he has any knowledge of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and resolve the allegations made in the anonymous letter apparently written by JOHNNIE ERNEST GRIFFIN.

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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 Atlanta File 100-5718
 Bufile 100-438794

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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 5/8/69, captioned as above.

On 6/2/69, AT 1387-R advised the consensus of opinion among SCLC Executive Staff officers as of the present time is that JAMES BEVEL is currently in New York City "recovering" from the recent medical attention afforded him. Informant could furnish no further details regarding BEVEL but advised it was his understanding that BEVEL's SCLC pay check continues to be forwarded to him at his Philadelphia residence.

Information from AT 1387-R, confidential.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 3 - Chicago (RM)
- 3 - New York (RM)
- 3 - Philadelphia (RM)
- 4 - Atlanta
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 - (1 - 100-5718)
 - (1 - 157-656) (JAMES BEVEL)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 2, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

JAMES LUTHER BEVEL

The New York Times on March 18, 1969, carried a story concerning an interview of JAMES BEVEL in which BEVEL stated a letter was turned over to the Memphis Police on approximately April 3, 1968, which contained information that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was to be assassinated while in Memphis.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) activities in the Philadelphia area, advised in April 1969 that BEVEL was in a mental hospital in New York.

On May 18, 1969, a track meet was held at Villanova University, Villanova, Pa., and the proceeds from the track meet were sent to SCLC.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he was present with Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, Director, SCLC, at the track meet. This source advised while with ABERNATHY he met BEVEL at the track meet. Source stated BEVEL was extremely quiet and did not act in his usual manner. Source stated he mentioned this to Rev. ABERNATHY who stated, "BEVEL is in another world." Nothing further was said.

On May 20, 1969, the first source contacted people active in SCLC in Philadelphia and was told BEVEL is no longer in Philadelphia. One person stated "BEVEL is in New York,"

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA
SUBJECT: JAMES BEVEL
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BUfile 100-445914
PHfile 157-2979

MURKIN
BUfile 44-38861
PHfile 44-1368 (C)

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Re Bureau airtel, 5/15/69.

Enclosed herewith are 11 copies of an LHM entitled JAMES LUTHER BEVEL. Enclosed for Memphis is one copy and for Atlanta and New York three copies of this LHM. Copies are being forwarded to NISO, OSI, MI, Secret Service.

First source is PH 897-R. Second source is Captain TOMMIE FRYE, Commissioner's Office, Philadelphia PD, who requested his identity be kept confidential if given outside the Bureau.

Captain FRYE and his squad escort Rev. ABERNATHY whenever ABERNATHY is in town. ABERNATHY did not say where BEVEL was staying but made the statement mentioned in LHM.

UACB, Philadelphia will conduct no further investigation to locate BEVEL for interview.

New York is requested to determine location of BEVEL.

- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 11)
 - 2 - 100-445914 (JAMES BEVEL)
 - 2 - 44-38861 (MURKIN)
- ③ - Atlanta (Enc. 3)
 - 1 - 100-5718 (COMINFIL SCLC)
 - 1 - (JAMES BEVEL)
 - ① - (MURKIN)
- 3 - New York (Enc. 3)
 - 1 - (MURKIN)
 - 1 - (BEVEL)
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- 4 - Philadelphia (157-2979)
 - 1 - 44-1368 (MURKIN)
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**To: SACs, New York (44-1609)
Philadelphia (44-1368)**

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReNYairtel to Bureau dated 5-13-69.

New York and Philadelphia should maintain contact with appropriate sources to determine the whereabouts of Reverend James Bevel in order that he may be interviewed regarding his statement in the "New York Times" on 3-18-69.

If it is determined that Bevel is in a hospital or institution, the Bureau should be advised as to complete circumstances of such confinement, including opinion of doctors and authorities as to advisability of interviewing Bevel before any such interview with Bevel is conducted.

Keep Bureau advised of results of contact with appropriate sources.

**1 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)
① - Atlanta (Info)**

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Post Office Box 1683
Atlanta, Georgia 30301
May 20, 1969

Mr. John F. Hoeft, Jr.
Hoefts Furniture Mart
2224 North Broadwell Avenue
Grand Island, Nebraska 68801

Dear Mr. Hoeft:

This will acknowledge your letter of
May 17, 1969, concerning an article you read in
the "Grand Island Daily Independent".

The matter about which you wrote is
within the jurisdiction of the local courts
in Memphis, Tennessee, and you may wish to
make inquiry of that jurisdiction concerning
this matter.

I trust this information will be
helpful.

Very truly yours,


FRANK V. HITT
Special Agent in Charge

1 addressee (self-addressed stamped envelope rtd to sender)


JAMES EARL RAY CASE file

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA

DATE: 6/20/69

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

44-2386

Offices receiving this communication should
discontinue efforts to locate Rev. JAMES L. BEVEL for
interview in connection with this case.

- ② - Atlanta
- 1 - Charlotte
- 1 - Columbia
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- 1 - Philadelphia
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- 1 - Memphis

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REPORTING OFFICE MOBILE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 7/16/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/1-7/14/69
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA DONALD A. FLYNN	TYPED BY /tdr
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCE: Dallas airtel to Bureau, 3/19/69;
Atlanta let to Bureau, 5/27/69.

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ENCLOSURE:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Montgomery

Report of: SA DONALD A. FLYNN
Date: July 16, 1969 Office: Mobile

Field Office File #: MO 157-2627 Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIMCharacter: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: On 7/14/69, RAYMOND POLACCO advised he has no knowledge of the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. assassination other than that as received through news media. POLACCO believed that the allegation regarding his participation in this murder was instituted anonymously by JOHNNIE ERNEST GRIFFIN, brother-in-law of the sister of his (POLACCO's) former paramour. No evidence found which indicates POLACCO involved in assassination.

- RUC -

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent DONALD A. FLYNN in Phenix City, Alabama, on July 1, 1969:

Mrs. JENKINS T. SMITH, 1004 21st Street, advised that her son RAYMOND POLACCO was not at home and referred interviewing agent to his wife, Mrs. RAYMOND POLACCO. On the same date Mrs. RAYMOND POLACCO advised her husband is at home only on weekends. She advised her husband is a salesman and the only method of contacting him during the week would be to have her advise her husband and have him call the interviewing agent.

On the same date review of the arrest records in Phenix City, Alabama, Police Department and the Russell County Sheriff's Office reflected no files identifiable with RAYMOND POLACCO.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/16/69

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RAYMOND POLACCO, 5038 Seneca Drive (home address), Columbus, Georgia, telephone number 561-0813, and 1004 21st Street, Phenix City, Alabama, telephone number 298-8347, was interviewed in Phenix City Plaza Shopping Center in the presence of Phenix City, Alabama, Detective H. "BRAD" NOLAN. POLACCO was immediately advised as to identity of interviewing agent and Detective NOLAN. He was informed that the purpose of the interview was to determine if he (POLACCO) had any knowledge of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and to resolve the allegations made in an anonymous letter relating to the same substance.

POLACCO was then advised of his rights by Special Agent DONALD A. FLYNN. POLACCO waived them as shown on an executed warning and waiver form. POLACCO was then specifically asked if he wished to have an attorney present to represent him. POLACCO replied in the negative.

POLACCO stated that he had no knowledge of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., except as he received through news media. He denied that he was, or is, in any way involved in any conspiracy or act connected with the assassination. POLACCO said he has no idea as to who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He stated that he never met JAMES EARL RAY.

POLACCO then denied the anonymous allegation furnished by Mr. JIM RANKIN of the Atlanta Constitution on March 7, 1969, postmarked Amarillo, Texas, which alleged that POLACCO was a "key pay-off" man in the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. assassination conspiracy.

POLACCO advised that it was his feeling this letter had probably been written by JOHNNIE ERNEST GRIFFIN, brother-in-law of the sister of his (POLACCO's) former intimate girl friend, DEBBIE BLACKMAN. POLACCO stated that GRIFFIN and he had a strong mutual dislike for each other which evolved from GRIFFIN's attempt to divorce his wife. GRIFFIN wanted him to take photographs of his wife in the nude with another man in order to facilitate a divorce

On 7/12/69 at Phenix City, Alabama File # MO 157-2627
 by SA DONALD A. FLYNN /tdr Date dictated 7/14/69

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proceeding favorable to GRIFFIN. POLACCO said that he sent GRIFFIN a telegram on or about January 28, 1969, which he signed, "BRUCE MARKS". POLACCO also admitted a conversation regarding the divorce with Mr. DEE MILLER, an attorney in Amarillo, Texas. POLACCO told MILLER he would provide compromising photographs of GRIFFIN's wife if MILLER would send him money for a camera and a \$500.00 fee.

POLACCO stated that the whole matter had come to the attention of GRIFFIN's wife and acrimonious feelings developed among all parties involved.

POLACCO reiterated his denial of any knowledge of the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. assassination. He concluded that GRIFFIN probably wrote the anonymous letter in order to get revenge for POLACCO's participation in the circumstances surrounding the divorce between GRIFFIN and his wife.

The following description of POLACCO was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	RAYMOND POLACCO, also known as Raymond Polacco, Jr., and Raymon Andino Polacio (as shown on current 1969 Georgia driver's license)
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	New York City, New York
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Former Military Service No.	-RA56333971
Driver's license No.	-O-487288
Address (on license)	5038 Seneca Drive, Columbus, Georgia
Height	5'9"
Weight	168 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Current Employment	Salesman for Pennsylvania Life Insurance Company, 1214 First Avenue, Suite 422, Columbus, Georgia, 31901 Supervisor, Mr. HUBERT DAVIS, telephone No. 404-322-4844

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Former Employment

POLACCO advised that he was formerly a police officer in California with the following departments:

Los Angeles County, Security Department from November 1964 to April 1966;

Bell Police Department, Bell California, Badge No. 14, from April 1966 until July 1966;

POLACCO then produced a Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County card dated 1966, No. 488980.

POLACCO was observed in the following vehicle:

Make	Chevrolet
Year	1964
Color	White
Model	Impala, 2-door
License Tag No.	1969 Georgia, 4-18178
Characteristics	Left front fender damaged

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

7/31/69

lwi SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (RUC) *qu*

MURKIN

Re Memphis letter to Atlanta dated 6/20/69.

There are no current outstanding leads for Atlanta, in captioned matter. Inasmuch as it appears prosecution of subject has been completed, and no investigation remains in Atlanta, the matter is being referred upon completion to Memphis. In the event information comes to the attention of Atlanta which has a bearing on this matter, the case will be re-opened and appropriate action taken.

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May 17, 1969

Chief Agent in Charge of FBI Office
Atlanta,
Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regard to the white Mustang used by James Earl Ray in the assassination of Dr. King.

I read in the May 15th edition of the "Grand Island Daily Independent" where the car was impounded by your local office last April 1968.

My reason for inquiring is due to my hobby of collecting unusual automobiles, or ones with history attached to them, of which I have several at the present time; therefore, I would be quite interested in purchasing the white Mustang if and when it was available.

I would appreciate, should the car have been disposed of by now, any information as to where it went to. If it is still impounded, and you are free to disclose such information as to its availability, I would be most grateful. Thanking you in advance for your reply.

Sincerely,

John F. Hoelt, Jr.
John F. Hoelt, Jr.

JFH, JR/jj

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF TAXPAYER Mrs. R.H. Johnston 594 Hill St. SE Atlanta, Ga. 30312 Tele 522-1876		2. COMMUNICATION Johnnie Ernest Griffin PO Box 5165 - 1913 N. ANNATTON Amarillo, Texas		
3. SS NO. unknown	4. EI NO. Unknown	5. COMMUNICATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PERSON <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE <input type="checkbox"/> WRITTEN		
6. OCCUPATION Thought to be involved with night clubs		7. DATE ACKNOWLEDGED About 9 1 69		
8. ALIASES, DBA, ETC. none as far as I know		9. RECEIVED BY (Name and Title) Doyle Hammaok R/O		
12. NATURE OF TAX Income		10. DATE RECEIVED About 9 1 69		
13. TAXABLE PERIODS 168x 1968 possibly 67		11. PLACE RECEIVED Anson, Texas		
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Mr. Johnnie Griffin states that the above party (Johnston) received a \$10,000 payoff from the county Attorney of Atlanta, Ga— Fulton Co. The above party is his wife's sister's mother in law. Mr. Griffin also stated that Charlie Johnston 812 B Eloise Courts, Atlanta, Ga. is reported to have received the same sum, this party is a son of Mrs. R.H. Johnston. Mr. Griffin stated that these payoffs were made in cash at night in an isolated night club and that Raymond Blacco, a Cuban, acted as a contact man, and his last known address 4550 Ridgecrest Dr. 834 C Confederate Courts, Atlanta, Ga. 30312. Tel 627-1429. You will note that 834 C is address given by Griffin's separated wife.

Griffin stated that these pay-offs were related to the murder of Martin Luther King, and personally I put very little faith ~~with~~ in the report from Griffin, he is apparently trying to get revenge on his wife and her relatives. However I am submitting the report as given to me for your consideration.

Griffin asks he be given the reward for furnishing the above information.

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