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1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF TAXPAYER
3. SS NO.
4. EI NO.

2. ORIGIN
5. COMMUNICATION PERSON PHONE WRITTEN
DATE ACKNOWLEDGED

6. OCCUPATION

7. SOURCE: DP SA GOV'T PUB TCR

8. ALIASES, DBA, ETC.

9. RECEIVED BY (Name and Title)
Doyle Hammack, R/O, Anson, Texas

10. DATE RECEIVED
10-16-69

11. PLACE RECEIVED
Dallas, Texas

12. NATURE OF TAX
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13. TAXABLE PERIODS
1967 and 1968

14. FORM 211 STATUS: WILL BE FILED FORM FURNISHED
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▷ Mr. Frank V. Hitt
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Post Office Box 1683
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hitt:

Attached is information which might be of interest to you.

Inasmuch as the matter mentioned appears to be one under your jurisdiction, this information is being forwarded for whatever action you deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

D. D. Elliott

D. D. Elliott
Chief, Intelligence Division

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✓ TO: SACs, Atlanta (Enclosure)
 Memphis (44-1987)

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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ReMEairtel 5/8/70 and enclosures.

Enclosed for Atlanta is copy of enclosure to
Memphis airtel, 5/8/70.

SAC should prepare appropriate affidavit refuting
the allegation pertaining to illegal search and seizure, and
furnish original and copies to Memphis. Furnish three copies
to Bureau. Atlanta return enclosure to Bureau.

Memphis should advise appropriate state prosecutor
of action being taken and then furnish original of affidavit to
Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee.

Handle promptly.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - 44-2386

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau 4/14/70 wherein Memphis enclosed a copy of a Petition for Post Conviction Relief filed on behalf of JAMES EARL RAY in Shelby County Criminal Court Clerk's Office, Memphis, Tennessee.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 2 copies of an "Amended Petition for Post Conviction Relief" filed on behalf of JAMES EARL RAY in the Shelby County Criminal Court Clerk's Office, Memphis, Tennessee, on 5/7/70.

The only allegation concerning the FBI contained in this petition is referred to on page 8 wherein RAY, through his attorneys, alleges that the FBI conducted an illegal search and seizure of RAY's rented premises at 107 14th Street N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, and that the fruits of this search and seizure were introduced in evidence at RAY's trial on 3/10/69.

It is noted that, according to this petition, RAY's attorneys of record as of 5/7/70 are J. B. STONER, RICHARD J. RYAN, and BERNARD FENSTERWALD, JR. It is to be noted that FENSTERWALD, JR., apparently replaces ROBERT W. HILL, JR., attorney, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

According to the 5/8/70 issue of the "Commercial Appeal," a daily Memphis, Tennessee, newspaper, FENSTERWALD, who

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is 48 years of age, is from Washington, D. C., and heads a private group called "The Committee to Investigate Assassinations." According to this article, FENSTERWALD worked for the Senate Judiciary Committee from 1957 to 1963.

On 5/8/70 Mr. JESSE CLYDE MASON, Assistant State District Attorney, Shelby County, Memphis, advised that in view of the amended petition for post conviction relief filed on behalf of JAMES EARL RAY on 5/7/70, he does not feel as though a full hearing in this matter will be held until the latter part of June, 1970.

The Bureau will be kept advised of any further pertinent developments in this matter.

May 22, 1970
Atlanta, Georgia

A F F I D A V I T

I, Frank V. Hitt, having been duly sworn, make the following statement to Jack Keith, Jr., who is qualified to administer oaths.

I am Special Agent in Charge of the Atlanta Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and occupied that position on April 15, 1968.

On April 15, 1968, in connection with the Civil Rights investigation following the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., I instructed Special Agents of the FBI to interview James D. Garner, operator of a rooming house at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

On April 15, 1968, Garner advised these Special Agents that Eric S. Galt rented Room Number 2, 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, from March 24, 1968, to April 7, 1968. Garner stated Galt was offered an adjoining storage room in which to place his surplus belongings. This storage room had two doors, one off of the hall and one off of Room Number 2. Garner continued to utilize this room for storage while Galt was using it. Garner last saw Galt on March 31, 1968. On

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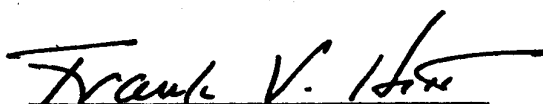
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April 5, 1968, Garner entered Room Number 2 to change the bed linen and found an undated note from Galt, which he destroyed, stating Galt had gone to Birmingham. The note further stated Galt had left his television set and would try to return for it in about one week. Galt left his key to Room Number 2 with the note.

Garner advised that Galt's rent expired April 7, 1968, and Galt had not returned to claim any of his belongings that he left behind. Garner stated after April 7, 1968, the exact date unknown, he had his employees clean Room Number 2 in order to rerent it.

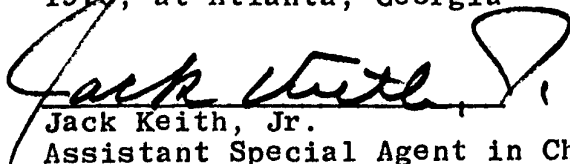
All items left by Galt were placed in the storage room according to Garner.

With Garner's consent and in Garner's presence, Agents searched the storage room, which was under Garner's care, custody and control as landlord. Several items which were located during this search were voluntarily turned over to Agents, by Garner, for transportation to and examination by the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D.C.



Frank V. Hitt
Special Agent in Charge
Atlanta Division, FBI

Sworn and subscribed before
me this 22nd day of May,
1970, at Atlanta, Georgia



Jack Keith, Jr.
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
Atlanta Division, FBI

5/22/70

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-²³⁸⁶~~3986~~)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, 5/18/70.

Enclosed for Bureau are three (3) copies of affidavit prepared by SAC, Atlanta in response to instructions re airtel. In addition, enclosure to Atlanta in re airtel is attached.

Original and two copies of above-described affidavit are enclosed for Memphis. Original should be furnished to Criminal Court, Shelby County, Tenn. by Memphis Office.

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FBI Data Released Tying Rifle to Ray

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Justice department released documents Wednesday showing the FBI had identified James Earl Ray's fingerprints on a rifle found near the scene of the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

But the documents also show that the FBI could not prove that the bullet which killed King in Memphis, Tenn., April 4, 1968, was fired from the weapon bearing Ray's prints.

The documents, consisting primarily of sworn testimony by ballistics and medical experts, were prepared last year to win extradition of Ray from London, where he was captured by Scotland Yard officials.

The affidavits presented in London provided only enough information for Ray's extradition and did not necessarily include all the evidence the government might have collected for the

prosecution of Ray had he not pleaded guilty and avoided a trial. He is serving a 99-year prison sentence for the King murder.

Left unanswered by the extradition documents was a question raised in the original FBI warrant for Ray about whether he was part of a conspiracy to kill King.

The FBI said last year it was still investigating the conspiracy angle, but a spokesman said Wednesday the search for possible co-conspirators was no longer active because all available leads had turned up no evidence to support or discount the suggestion.

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ATLANTA, GA.

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Author: -----

Editor: Reg Murphy

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 5/22/70.

Review of this case reflects no additional investigation remains in Atlanta and it is being Ruc'd.

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Ray's 11th Lawyer Challenges Plea

MEMPHIS (AP)—A hearing on post-conviction relief for the imprisoned slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was continued Wednesday to allow lawyers more time to file amendments.

Memphis Criminal Court Judge William H. Williams said the hearing was "continued generally" after listening to more than two hours of legal maneuverings.

James Earl Ray, who last year pleaded guilty to the King killing of April 4, 1968, contends he was coerced into entering the guilty plea. He is serving a 99-year prison sentence.

LAWYERS for Ray and the district attorney's office said they would confer and then inform the court when they will be ready for the hearing to be reconvened.

Wednesday, Bernard Fensterwald, Ray's 11th lawyer since his arrest in the case, contended that Ray was coerced into pleading guilty. He charged that Percy Foreman, who represented Ray at the time of the trial, had negotiated the plea with the presiding judge rather than the district attorney, which is the normal practice.

Judge Williams told Ray's lawyers to provide more specific items in allegations that Ray's constitutional rights might have been violated.

THE STATE has moved to strike Ray's petition on the ground that he pleaded guilty, thus waiving all rights to appeal under state law.

Williams cut short arguments that negotiations on the guilty plea had bypassed the district attorney, stating "we are not going to deal with innuendoes and false accusations against a highly respected judge."

Judge W. Preston Battle, who

accepted the plea, died shortly after sentencing Ray.

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Memorandum

TO : K. William O'Connor
Chief, Criminal Section

DATE: January 25, 1971

FROM : Monica Gallagher
Attorney
Criminal Section

MG:pg

SUBJECT: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At your request Mr. Queen and I met on January 13, 1971 for some four hours with Mr. Ken Smith, a self employed "researcher" and sometime investigator for the "Committee to Investigate Assassinations" which is headed by Attorney Bud Fensterwald. The following is a report of the significant or possibly significant matters which Mr. Smith reported to me. Mr. Smith advised that he can supply addresses and further information in connection with some of the persons referred to if we so desire. Mr. Smith did not interrogate me or Mr. Queen about our knowledge of the case, nor did either of us volunteer any information whatever. Mr. Smith advised as follows:

I. Personal Data

I retired in 1960 from my employment with the U.S. Treasury after 22 years as an investigator with the Alcohol-Tobacco-Tax unit. During my government employment I worked mainly out of Chicago although I also had other assignments. During a portion of my government employment I worked for the Internal Security Division as a supervisor of criminal investigations, and I was a deputy chief of an investigative unit.

After my retirement I opened a real estate office in Washington, D.C., and I still work in real estate part time. Recently I have been spending much of my time as a contract researcher for various clients. For example, I did research for a legislative lobby seeking

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prohibition of the "soreing" of Tennessee Walking Horses; I am now engaged to do research on baby seals in the Alleutian Islands. I accept these projects when my services are not needed by my old friend Bud Fensterwald, who has first call on my time. Also I work for Mr. Fensterwald for \$50 per day plus expenses, whereas my usual rate is \$100 plus expenses.

I met Fensterwald when I testified before Senator Long's Committee on Wiretapping, of which Fensterwald was Chief Counsel. Thereafter I worked as Chief Investigator for the Committee for about three years, until the whole staff resigned when Senator Kennedy assumed the chair.

In checking my references, you will find that a bad report will be given by the Assistant Commissioner for Internal Revenue. Otherwise, I believe my superiors have thought reasonably highly of me and my work.

II. The Ray - Raoul Linkup in Atlanta

I have a source nicknamed Fruitjar, whose full identity I do not care to disclose at this time. Fruitjar (hereinafter FJ) is a former small-time criminal. He is about my age; in poor health (in and out of, mostly in, a government hospital in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area); married to a much younger woman (possibly 30 or so), a former prostitute. FJ got his nickname because he sold moonshine out of a fruit jar during prohibition. I do not believe FJ is presently engaged in any criminal activities.

FJ came to Fensterwald in approximately February, 1970, and volunteered that he had information concerning James Earl Ray's activities in Atlanta. I was asked to and did check out FJ's background. He has in the past been a paid informant for the A.T.U., and an agent whom I knew while working for the government told me this man had sometimes furnished reliable information.

When I went to interview FJ I found him difficult to draw out. I thought at first he wanted money - more than I was able to offer; but it turned out what he really wanted was legal representation in some civil suit he wanted to bring. I think it may have been against the government. Fensterwald agreed to represent him; but as far as I know the action has not yet been filed.

FJ said he knew a man in Atlanta called "Starvo" whom he identified from pictures as identical with James Earl Ray. He said that in Atlanta I would find other individuals, frequenters of the 10th and Peachtree area or people who "hang out" there, probably mainly small time criminals, who would remember Starvo and his association with Raoul. FJ said Starvo, Raoul and two girls went away for several days to a fishing camp together. The leads furnished by FJ were checked out by me as follows.

A. Ralph George Dickerson or George Ralph Dickerson, aka Rocky, aka Raoul, is an ex-prize fighter. He is half Norwegian (paternal) and half Indian (maternal), has a swarthy complexion, is a "torpedo" or muscle man, and was or may have been in army intelligence at some time in the past. He is now an alcoholic and on the two occasions I saw and spoke to him he was pretty well gone on alcohol. Accordingly, I got no useful information from him. I do know he speaks Spanish and I have heard him called Raoul, although he is apparently more often called Rocky. Raoul hangs around a bar called "Doc's Place" at 10xx Peachtree.

I understand from FJ that Starvo had let it be known in Atlanta that he was a "safe man", i.e. that he specialized in safecracking. FJ says he tried to interest Starvo in a safe "job" involving \$200,000 in cash, and that Starvo told Raoul he would do it. However, this job never came off.

I do not have a picture of Raoul but I do have a picture of a Mexican friend of Fensterwald's who looks quite a lot like Raoul. Sometimes I show people this picture of the Mexican in seeking an identification of Raoul.

B. Becky aka Be... Mart aka Becky Jones (allegedly after a man named Joe whom she lived with for a while) and Martha aka Martha Palmer. I believe that these two girls went with Starvo and Raoul to a fishing camp for several days. Neither of these girls provided me with any directly useful information, but that did not surprise me greatly.

Becky and Martha are hustlers. Becky is on and off drugs. It was once reported to me that Becky had died of an overdose in St. Louis; but I saw her subsequently. Becky and Martha lived at a rooming house operated by Mrs. FNU Edwards at 107 6th Street, N.E. in Atlanta. Mrs. Edwards told me she remembered the girls' driving a white Mustang, sometimes alone and sometimes with two men who meet the descriptions of Starvo and Raoul.

C. FJ had described to me roughly the place where he thought Starvo and Raoul had gone with the girls. I followed his directions to a fishing camp about 10-12 miles from Perry (phonetic), Florida, where Route 14, a gravel road, goes down toward the gulf and dead-ends. The camp is called Nutall Rise. The operator of the camp, name unrecalled, told me he vaguely remembered a white car, red-headed girl, blond girl, Indian fellow and white fellow being around the area for several days. He did not think they stayed at his camp, but wasn't sure.

As I was walking back to my car on Route 14 I saw what appeared to be a "path" leading to a still, and I found and interviewed the moonshiner, name unknown. He was driving a 1951 or 52 faded blue Chevrolet quarter-ton pickup. He said he remembered these four people clearly, as they were doing a lot of shooting, possibly target shooting, in the area (which made him nervous) and it was after the Turkey season. He identified pictures of Ray and of the Mexican who resembles Raoul. He described the girls as one redhead and one short brunette, and thought they were driving a car with Georgia plates.

D. A person who told me he remembered Raoul (Rocky) and Starvo hanging around together, and going on a fishing trip together, is Henry (I think that is his first name but it could be his last name). He is a "wino" and an itinerant house painter, and possibly a small time criminal, who hangs around 10th and Peachtree.

III. The Overhead Conversation

A. The Substance

██████████ is a boy now 17 years old. His father, a former Deputy Sheriff, was killed in December 1966. His mother, ██████████ is an overbearing individual and the boy's principal companion. The boy is extremely intelligent but in my judgment very strange or "weird". He has been preoccupied since childhood with antiques, relics, rare coins, etc., to the exclusion of usual youthful interests. I understand he is reputed to be one of the most skilled coin appraisers in the United States. He impresses me as a modern but non-hippe type boy, mildly anti-establishment as today's youth tend to be; he reminds me of the fellow on "Laugh In" who carries the flower (Harry Gibson). He does not smoke; uses no drugs (except for his asthma); drinks only wine with dinner. He impresses me asexual with a potential for homosexuality.

In the spring of 1968 ██████████ (then 14) was employed part-time after school and on Saturdays at an establishment in Atlanta called Magellan, 3340 Peachtree Road, apparently a semi-museum and semi-sales outlet for antiques, rare coins, gems, relics, etc. I believe that Magellan or its associates may also have been involved with smuggling, as appears below. ██████████ was being paid \$5.00 per hour plus the opportunity to buy coins at wholesale prices.

On a Thursday in March 1968, which I believe to have fixed as March 28, 1968, ██████████ remembers hearing the noon news about the garbage workers strike), ██████████ reported for work at about 12:30 p.m. There was no school that day. In the building occupied by Magellan there is a room just to the right of the main entrance which was used as the office; it was a "den" when the building was

formerly occupied as a residence. [REDACTED] went into the office where he observed a meeting in progress. Present were Gene Purcell, Larry Meier, Bayne Culley, and five or six other men unknown to him, of which he thinks perhaps one and possibly two were Negroes, although because of the physical layout and lighting he is not at all sure. Gene Purcell handed him \$2.00 and said "Go get yourself some lunch." [REDACTED] told Gene he had just had lunch. Gene said then "go get me a pack of cigarettes, and get yourself a coke, and take your time about it." [REDACTED] left with the \$2.00. Outside in the rear he saw parked a black Cadillac, thought to have had New York license plates, which he associated with the unknown persons inside at the meeting.

[REDACTED] returned in about 10-15 minutes with Gene's cigarettes. He found that he had left the door slightly ajar and, as he stood in the entryway, he overheard the following conversation:

Gene said: "I'm going to kill that nigger bastard King next Thursday in Tennessee just like I killed Kennedy."

Larry Meier said: "You sure pulled that one off good. They'll never know in a hundred years who did it."

Gene: "I've got a jailbird set up to take the rap on this one just like the other one."

[REDACTED] became frightened. He rattled the door which had been ajar as though he was just coming in, entered and delivered the cigarettes to Gene. The meeting seemed to be breaking up or broke up shortly afterward.

When the meeting had broken up, Gene and Larry Meier interviewed ██████ about whether he had been eavesdropping. Their manner was very threatening, and although ██████ denied having overheard anything, they seemed to be suspicious. ██████ thinks it is possible someone in the office may have seen him as he approached the house or just before he came in. At one point in the interview Gene threw a bowie knife into the wall near ██████ and said that it could as easily have gone through him, or words to that effect.

██████ claimed he wasn't feeling well, called his mother, and went home with her. He told his mother about the conversation that afternoon. Both became frightened and decided that ██████ should not continue working at Magellan. However, they decided they should go back on Saturday to make an explanation rather than just having him fail to return.

On Saturday Mrs. Watson took ██████ to Magellan where she explained to Gene Purcell that ██████ could not work there any more because it was interfering with his school work. While Mrs. Watson was talking to Purcell in the office, ██████ was taken by Larry Meier to Meier's apartment on the second floor, where he was again interrogated about overhearing the conversation, which he continued to deny. During this interview Meier threatened ██████ saying in effect that if he had overheard anything he had better forget it fast, or a bomb might explode in his mother's car or he could be shot by a high powered rifle from a long way away.

On or about April 1, 1968, Purcell, Meier and Culley left Magellan and are believed to have left

Atlanta. They did not return until June 10 or 11, 1968. During this interval Jean Sayre operated Magellan.

B. Other Accounts

The preceding information reflects what [REDACTED] and Mrs. Watson told me. I understand they have reported substantially identical information to others, as described below. What follows incorporates information received from the [REDACTED], Mr. Fensterwald and Atlanta attorney Lynwood Maddox.

At some point Mrs. Watson became concerned about the fact that the information she and [REDACTED] had concerning the overheard conversation had not been communicated to the proper authorities. She wrote a letter to the White House, possibly addressed to President Nixon, in which she said she had some information. Thereafter she and [REDACTED] were called on by two Secret Service agents, one of whom was named Manning. According to the Watsons the Secret Service agents received this information with open disbelief and hostility, one of them saying to [REDACTED] among other things, "Don't tell me what happened in Dallas; I was there." Mrs. Watson and [REDACTED] were badly frightened by this interview.

Attorney Lynwood Maddox represented Mrs. Watson in connection with a civil suit she wanted to file or filed against William S. Arnett, an individual formerly associated with Magellan and who she claims defrauded her of some \$50,000. Trusting Mr. Maddox, Mrs. Watson reported to him both the substance of the overheard conversation (as substantiated by Maddox to me) and the incident with the Secret Service.

Mr. Maddox arranged for Mrs. Watson and [REDACTED] to have an appointment with Governor Maddox of Georgia, during which, in Attorney Maddox's presence, the story was repeated. According to Attorney Maddox, Mrs. Watson insisted to the Governor during this interview that they were entitled to some reward as a result of furnishing this information; the Governor was unreceptive; and the interview was not successful. The Governor's position was, in effect, that the matter was a federal one and should be taken up with federal authorities.

After this interview Attorney Maddox contacted Congressman Weltner, who knew of the work of the Committee to Investigate Assassinations and referred Maddox to Mr. Fensterwald. This is how we learned of the Watsons' story, and this happened about the first week in August 1970.

Mr. Fensterwald thereafter arranged for [REDACTED] to submit to a polygraph examination. This was done by an expert named (FNU) Baxter in New York. I have listened to the tape recording of this examination and I believe that the results are utterly invalid. It appears from the tape that within a few hours prior to the examination [REDACTED] had had some six shots of isopril (medication for his asthma), which would alone completely negative the possibility of reaching any conclusions from the polygraph. Also in my judgment the examiner used an overbearing tone and manner which would tend to intimidate the person questioned, thus affecting the polygraph results. I understand that Mr. Baxter's report indicates that the examination was "partly inconclusive and partly negative," suggesting that [REDACTED] was lying in certain areas. I think this examination must be regarded as wholly inconclusive. While [REDACTED] may be lying about whether he deliberately eavesdropped (he says it was accidental and not deliberate, whereas I

believe it was probably deliberate), I honestly believe from my interviews and impressions that he is telling the truth about what he heard or thought he heard.

C. Persons Associated with Magellan

The following are people who have been associated with Magellan:

1. William S. Arnett, aka William S. Arnowich, of Columbus, Georgia. Arnett managed Magellan for a period of time on a 10% commission basis until December 1967, when he was "thrown out," possibly because he is Jewish. (This version reported by [REDACTED] and confirmed by Arnett). He is engaged in antique dealing. Mrs. Watson thinks Arnett defrauded her of \$50,000 in connection with antique transactions. Mrs. Watson also claims to have evidence against Arnett of smuggling and income tax violations. (See the [REDACTED] burglary, below). Arnett admitted to me that he has been arrested for smuggling but told me that he beat the rap. Arnett told me Magellan robbed him and that he is now being "extorted" of \$500 per month by Magellan interests. Arnett was financially backed in Magellan by William Moog, a real estate developer. Arnett told me that Adams, Sutherland and Nelson were all admitted John Birchers. He also said he thinks Purcell, Culley and Meier are violent or potentially violent individuals.

Arnett told me that Sutherland told him that Purcell is now occupied as a part-time gun-runner in or near Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

2. FNU Clifford, financially backed by William Thibodeaux, Atlanta-Decatur real estate speculator and bank president. He leased the premises at 3340

Peachtree and was licensed as Magellan, Blocade Runners, and Southeast Restoration Laboratories.

3. Harold Eugene Purcell, aka Gene Purcell, knowledgeable about guns and relics and in charge of that phase of the Magellan operation, as well as apparently exercising the biggest share of control over the whole Magellan operation. Purcell has bragged of "beating the rap" in connection with the burning of a Negro church in Tennessee in the late 1950's. Also he is proud of having his picture in Life Magazine in connection with the Clinton, Tenn. "school riots" during the same era. He allegedly told Arnett he had been tried and acquitted three times for aggravated assault on "niggers".

4. Jean (Mrs. John) Sayre (phonetic), who managed Magellan for a short time. She and her husband have disappeared from Atlanta and can't be found. Her husband was president of a corporation called "Par-Take-Of-Atlanta" which may have been a non-existent corporation. They are originally from Virginia, she from an old-line Virginia family. After Magellan closed, she also operated the premises for a short time doing business as "Tudor Fair".

5. Lawrence (Larry) Meier, who is now teaching in a high school in Six Flags, Georgia. Meier is a notorious homosexual and has been involved in a car theft ring. He specialized at Magellan in restoration and appraisal of antique pottery.

6. Bayne Culley, a muscle man whose association with the others is unknown.

7. John Seymour, executive at Lockheed in Atlanta, who was involved in an unknown way, and was apparently the largest stockholder (of a total of 22) in Magellan.

8. Jerry Adams, private detective and possible wiretapper, sometimes operating as a TV-radio repairman. Formerly employed Jimmy Kempf, now deceased. Present employer of Buzz McQueen, a bill collector and "tail".

9. Ben Sutherland

10. FNU Nelson

11. FNU Sutton

D. Peripheral Matters Related to Magellan

At 3177 Peachtree Road N.E. there is a building which appears to have four establishments in it. They are: (a) Adams Associates, a private detective agency operated by Jerry Adams; (b) Atlantic Clearing Exchange, allegedly a clearing house for trading stamps; (c) E.E. Inc.; and (d) Answering Northside, which apparently purports to be an answering service but does not seem to be wired to conduct this business. I have gone by there several times but never found anyone there when I knocked on the doors. They are all listed as having the same telephone number, which is also the telephone number which Magellan had when it was in operation.

When I was in Atlanta on August 11, 1970 I called that number (261-4184) and asked for "Gene". The person who answered, who may have been Jerry Adams' employee Buzz McQueen, said he had never heard of Gene. Then he called someone else to the phone who I think may have been Jerry Adams. I told this person that Gene Purcell had given me this number and told me he could always be reached there. I told him I wanted to "do some business" with Gene like I had in the past. He told me Gene was on the West Coast but would be back in about three weeks and would check in with him. I said I would call again.

E. Other Miscellaneous Information from [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] has identified a picture of the Mexican who resembles Raoul as being very like a person whom he saw at least once at Magellan, "except for the pock marks." I noted that Raoul has noticeable pock marks on his face, whereas there are none discernable in the Mexican's picture.

2. [REDACTED] has also identified a picture I showed him of Clay Shaw as a person whom he has seen at least once at Magellan.

3. Gene Purcell once told [REDACTED] he knew how to reactivate a deactivated machine gun.

4. [REDACTED] has seen, in addition to antique firearms, some seven to ten modern rifles at Magellan.

5. Gene had a room in the Magellan basement where he worked on guns.

6. Larry Meier's apartment on the second floor of Magellan was sometimes the scene of homosexual orgies. [REDACTED] has seen some Polaroid pictures reflecting this.

7. Purcell bought a new yellow streamlined deluxe Ford pickup truck in March, 1968, just before the meeting on 3/28. He also had a Firebird.

8. [REDACTED] saw a 24 carat emerald which Purcell may have smuggled into the United States when he went on a trip abroad with Clifford.

F. The [REDACTED] Burglary

On December 23, 1970, [REDACTED] and two friends, Thad Barnes (19 years old) and [REDACTED] (17 years old) drove from Atlanta to Columbus, Georgia. [REDACTED] intention allegedly was to threaten Arnett with exposure of his smuggling and income tax evasion if he did not deliver certain antiques and art objects which [REDACTED] and his mother claim belong to Mrs. Watson. Allegedly, [REDACTED] and companions went to Arnett's mother's house, where they found no one at home; then to Arnett's house, where they found no one at home; then to Arnett's "Museum Shop." There they allegedly arrive about 1:30 p.m., found no one, but found the back door open. They apparently entered and removed some \$26,500.00 worth (Arnett's estimate) of art objects which they loaded into Thad's car. It is alleged that two little boys, aged 7-8, observed this and called Arnett's wife, Judy, who together with a neighbor called the police and went to the store with a gun. The police allegedly found [REDACTED] pocket filled with Jade and other gems.

The three boys were allegedly charged with burglary; afforded a preliminary hearing on 12/24/70 which received extensive news coverage; and released on bail on 12/26/70.

Attorney Lynwood Maddox has allegedly had a falling-out with Mrs. Watson, no longer represents her in any connection, and refused to represent ██████████ in connection with this charge. ██████████ may be represented by Attorney Paul Killpatrick of Columbus, Georgia.

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Enclosed for Atlanta and Memphis are two copies of a memorandum received from the Department as an enclosure to their memorandum, dated 2/1/71, which is not being forwarded with this communication.

Atlanta and Memphis check all names appearing in the memorandum with the exception of Mr. Queen, Monica Gallagher, Mr. Ken Smith, Bud Fensterwald, Senator Kennedy, Lynwood Maddox, Governor Maddox through your office indices and the records of local authorities.

Atlanta through discreet public sources check the existence of the companies mentioned in the Departmental memorandum.

According to Departmental memorandum it appears that Secret Service in Atlanta made an investigation concerning [redacted] and Lillian Watson. Atlanta should determine if such an investigative report exists and if so if it can be obtained and forwarded to the Department for their information.

The above investigation must be conducted on a most discreet basis and no indication should be given that these inquiries are connected with the investigation of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Atlanta and Memphis submit the information by LHM as this information will be disseminated to the Department. Handle this investigation on an expedited basis.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (MUC)
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Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta and Memphis,
2/5/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM, captioned "ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. dated as above. Enclosed for Memphis are two copies of the same LHM.

The source referred to in enclosed LHM is U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta. The information contained in the Secret Service reports pertaining to [REDACTED] and LILLIAN WATSON was furnished by SA JOHN T. COOK.

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9/12, 13/70

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Date(s) of activity

9/12, 13/70

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Brief description of activity or material

UKA, Inc., S. C. Realm, held state rally at Hartsville, S. C., 9/12/70. Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON and MELVIN SEXTON in attendance. Activities set forth. S. C. State Klonoconvocation held klavern hall, Florence,

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* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE. VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

S. C., 9/13/70. Identity of some present set out and activities set forth.

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- 4 - Memphis (1 - M. L. KING, Jr.)(RM)
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 - (1 - JAMES EARL RAY)
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 - (1 - 157-1172) (SEXTON)
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 - (1 - 105-722) (UKA)
 - (1 - 157) (ART HAYNER)
- 2 - Charlotte (1 - 157-) (BOB JONES)(RM)
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 9/12/70, ROBERT SHELTON and MELVIN SEXTON stayed at the Darlington Motel, Darlington, S. C. Prior to the rally, SHELTON played the tape recording he had in his possession concerning the warrants mentioned in the attached report for the source. The source believed the Congressmen SHELTON mentions as being aware of his request for warrants are Congressmen BUCHANNAN and CRAMER (phonetic).

SHELTON told the source that he had gone to Birmingham to see the U. S. Commissioner. Upon arrival in Birmingham, SHELTON said it was evident that word concerning his request for the warrant had leaked out to the press and he noted the press and TV cameras at the Commissioner's office. However, upon going by the building and looking for a parking place, upon his return to the building none of the TV and press representatives were present.

SHELTON stated the U. S. Commissioner in Tuscaloosa also refused to furnish him with warrants and suggested that he go to the Attorney General of the United States.

The tape recording played for the source also contained news items which were recorded from the radio regarding the request and refusal in connection with the warrants.

SHELTON told the source he had intercepted a message from the Attorney General of the United States addressed to Loyal Members of the White House Staff. SHELTON did not have any such message in his possession but said anything he stated was documented. He said the Attorney General had told the White House staff that the white leadership in the South had been lost to President NIXON and as a result, NIXON will lose the South in the next election because of the school situation. MITCHELL told them that GEORGE WALLACE would get the white vote. MITCHELL suggested that the only course of action now

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was for NIXON to start his appeal to the minority and as a start, had arranged with the Health, Education and Welfare Department to grant loans of \$50,000 per welfare mother for them to purchase homes in white sections of southern cities. Within trade unions still segregated, a tax will be made within the unions to replace whites with Negroes. NIXON will also send 10,000 troops to Israel just prior to the election in order to secure the Jewish vote.

SHELTON further told the source that five charters had been issued within the past 30 days to the S. C. Realm.

Upon arrival at the rally grounds, on 9/12/70, BOB JONES approached the source and had a long discussion with him concerning SHELTON. JONES mentioned that SHELTON should have run for re-election at the last national meeting; however, he did not. JONES noted that MELVIN SEXTON did, however. BOB JONES stated certain people had asked him to run against SHELTON for the position of Imperial Wizard.

JONES mentioned he had been in Tuscaloosa with SHELTON and SEXTON for one week. JONES further stated he had received no correspondence from the national office within the past two months. In reference to SHELTON, JONES also advised he had noted that SHELTON did not belong to any local klan unit.

JONES further stated it was his opinion that the klan defense fund should not only pay the attorneys' fees for those arrested in the North Carolina "shootout", but should also pay the fines for the klansmen who pled not guilty. JONES stated he suspected that MELVIN SEXTON had received a kickback in the attorneys' fees paid to ART HAYNES.

DEAN WILLIAMS has been in contact with the source and asked his opinion and further asked the source to talk to SHELTON regarding the position of the Titans. WILLIAMS said the Titans were not doing the job for which they were

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being paid. However, they were still getting the Titan fees. WILLIAMS suggested making all the Titans Kleagle and then just paying them for the work they do. The source then got in contact with ROBERT SHELTON and presented this matter to him ; however, SHELTON stated he did not want to adopt WILLIAMS' suggestion.

While at the rally on 9/12/70, the source was approached by an unknown man who was only identified as a printer employed by a newspaper or a printing office in Sumter, S. C. This man exhibited to the source a .32 caliber snub nose revolver in a shoulder holster under his coat. This person also had in his possession advertisements for a rally for BOB SCOGGIN to be held in Sumter, S. C., on 9/13/70. The unknown man told the source that the advertisement had been paid for by an unknown female who was having illicit relationships with BOB SCOGGIN.

While in private conversations with ROBERT SHELTON, the source was informed by SHELTON of his attitude concerning BOB JONES. SHELTON stated he had learned that BOB JONES is drinking quite heavily and "is going sour". SHELTON is aware of the information BOB JONES is spreading concerning him.

MELVIN SEXTON mentioned that JAMES SPEARS is now out of the UKA, Inc. SEXTON mentioned that SPEARS was caught stealing \$1,000 from the state office in Alabama.

SHELTON, in private conversation with the source, told the source that the klan in Georgia, the year stated was not recalled by the source, had infiltrated the Communist school in Monteagle, Tenn., and it was this klansman who made the now famous photograph of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., at the school. SHELTON stated the klan then went to Governor GRIFFIN of Georgia and made a deal with him. The photograph was turned over to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in return for a legal charter for the UKA, Inc., within the State of Georgia.

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On Saturday, September 12, 1970, the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKKK), South Carolina Realm, held a state rally at a race track located just outside of Hartsville, S. C.

The rally started at approximately 9:00 p.m., and was opened by Younger MAC NEWTON. Klansman BILLY BARNES gave the opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Afterwards BILLY BARNES gave a short talk. Klansman BOB JONES then gave a short talk prior to the introduction of the Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON.

After being introduced, the Imperial Wizard had in his possession a tape recording which he played for those in attendance at the rally. The tape recording was allegedly a telephone conversation between him, SHELTON, and a representative from the U. S. Attorney's Office in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The date the recording was made was not stated. In the recording SHELTON told the representative of the U. S. Attorney's Office that he would like to obtain some warrants. When asked what kind of warrants, SHELTON told the man he wanted some warrants to make a citizens arrest for violation of a federal statute, a section of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and a section of the 1970 Civil Rights Act, the Whitten Amendment.

SHELTON, on the tape recording, said he wanted to obtain warrants for local judges in and around Tuscaloosa, Ala., who wrote the order to bus school children in order to achieve racial balance. SHELTON also wanted citizens' arrest warrants for the bus drivers, the school board, and all the school officials. SHELTON said he felt all of them had violated the law.

The man to whom SHELTON was speaking on the tape recording said he would not issue any warrants and referred SHELTON to the U. S. Commissioner.

After the recording was played, SHELTON mentioned he had discussed this matter with U. S. Senator ALLEN and other Congressmen.

After SHELTON's presentation, several cakes were auctioned off and raffle prizes were awarded. Fifteen robed klansmen participated in a collection which was taken up. Twenty-three robed klansmen participated in the cross lighting ceremony. Some of the participants in the cross lighting ceremony were women.

The rally was attended by approximately 150 people.

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The South Carolina Realm of the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKKK), held a state klonvocation at the klavern hall in Florence, S. C., on September 13, 1970. The meeting was attended by approximately 40 people and started at 11:00 a.m.

Among those in attendance were the following:

DEAN WILLIAMS

MELVIN SEXTON

ROBERT SHELTON

BUSTER LAMB

BILLY BARNES

CAPERS HIERS

WILLIAM MARTIN

HUBERT MARTIN

H. L. SUMNER

DALLAS CAREY

PELHAM ROSS

E. C. CASH

BRANNON

BONEY

ELIAZER

BEN MORGAN

The meeting was opened by DEAN WILLIAMS and klansman BILLY BARNES gave the opening prayer. The meeting was opened under the veil of secrecy.

Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON was introduced and he told those in attendance that the "Firey Cross" the klan magazine, was being distributed to colleges, universities and congressmen. SHELTON indicated he desired that more klansmen participate in the selling of this magazine.

SHELTON, then as part of his talk, related the following story:

JAMES EARL RAY was a "fall guy" in the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. The reason for this statement was given as because of the fact that KING's wife, CORETTA KING, was having illicit relations with a Negro whose last name was ANDERSON. This relationship allegedly was going on prior to the shooting of KING. At the present time, Mrs. KING and RALPH ABERNATHY are at odds and Mrs. KING is trying to move her boyfriend, ANDERSON, into a position of leadership within KING's former organization. On the day KING was shot, ANDERSON allegedly guided KING into position on the balcony for the kill. Two identical Mustang automobiles were utilized in the escape of the man who did

the shooting. One of the cars was a decoy and the other car was equipped with a two-way radio which allowed them to listen to police broadcasts and thereby evade capture. SHELTON said a lot of arrangements had been made in order to get passports for RAY to go to Canada and then to England. SHELTON said he is now attempting to find out who made such arrangements.

SHELTON said it is his belief that there will be a spontaneous revolution of the black people in this country within a twelve month period. He told all those present to collect all of the ammunition they could obtain and store it in preparation for the revolution. He told them they would have ample opportunity to use it.

SHELTON also stated he believed that if racial equality was going to be a guideline in the schools, racial equality within each and every state should also be a guideline and the government should use buses to transport Negroes into various states in order to achieve a racial balance. He commented the only problem this would produce would be a problem with the Welfare Department in changing the addresses of all the Negroes being transported.

SHELTON apologized to those in the audience because he had produced no financial report. He explained the delay as a delay in his correspondence and the fact that he was behind with a very heavy work load.

After SHELTON's speech, DEAN WILLIAMS furnished a financial report concerning recent rallies. He indicated a profit had been shown.

After these comments by DEAN WILLIAMS, SHELTON then suggested that rallies receive more publicity and suggested the appointment of an advertising committee. This was done and Younger MAC NEWTON and BRANNON were appointed to this committee.

Klansman BRAZELL from the Florence Klavern in which the klonvocation was being held, then took the stand and stated he built the klavern hall in which they were meeting and now found himself unable to keep up with the payments. He solicited some help and told those in attendance that the klan could buy the hall, that is, his interest in the hall for an amount of approximately \$500 and then take over the payments. This amounts to the klavern hall and approximately 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land. DEAN WILLIAMS then appointed a committee to look into this and appointed

BILLY BARNES, Younger MAC NEWTON, ROBERT SHELTON, MELVIN SEXTON, STEVE BROADWAY and BRANNON to a committee to look into the acquisition of the building for the state organization. DEAN WILLIAMS he will be willing to borrow the money if the need arises and hold the building for the South Carolina Realm under the terms of a perpetual auction.

An announcement was made concerning a rally which is scheduled for the Blythewood area. There was also mention made of a new klavern to be started at Smoaks, S. C., after a forthcoming rally is held at that location.

Prior to the end of the meeting, DEAN WILLIAMS announced that \$36 had been collected at the rally at Hartsville, S. C., on the previous day.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Jerris Leonard
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 16, 1971 at Atlanta and to previous communications in the captioned matter.

It appears that [redacted] may have information pertinent to the captioned matter. Please interview [redacted] fully with respect to all details of this matter and with respect to his background, education, employment, criminal record if any, and any other matters which may cast light on the creditability of his statements in connection with the captioned matter.

If the statement furnished by [redacted] is substantially similar to that attributed to him and his mother by your source (pp. 3-5 of your memorandum of 3/16) or to the statement attributed to him by Ken Smith (my memorandum of 2/1/71, pp. 5-8 of attachment), please provide full background information on [redacted] and his parents, and, in addition, please conduct the investigation requested in paragraph III (4.) of my memorandum of February 1, 1971.

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Enclosed for Atlanta are two copies of a Departmental memorandum dated March 25, 1971. Two copies of the Departmental memorandum are enclosed for the information of Memphis.

Atlanta will immediately locate and interview [redacted] in accordance with Departmental memorandum. In addition, Atlanta will interview [redacted] mother of [redacted] for any additional information she may possess. These interviews must be in depth and resolve all aspects of issues involved.

As stated in the Departmental memorandum, if the statements furnished by [redacted] during the interview are substantially similar to that attributed to him by prior memorandum, you should conduct the investigation as requested by the Departmental memorandum of February 1, 1971, paragraph III, Item 4. This memorandum was enclosed to Bureau airtel of February 5, 1971.

Conduct the requested investigation and submit LHM to the Bureau within seven days of receipt of this communication.

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**ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

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Reference is made to Atlanta memorandum dated March 16, 1971.

On April 7, 1971, [REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence, 764 Wildwood Road, Atlanta. [REDACTED] was referred to the information he had previously furnished concerning his overhearing several individuals discussing the assassination of King and the assassination of Kennedy. [REDACTED] stated that the information was untrue. He stated that William S. Arnett, who worked at the Magellan Art Gallery in Atlanta, had defrauded his mother out of \$50,000. He stated she has not gotten any of her money back from Arnett and he has not furnished her art objects which she paid him for. [REDACTED] stated he believed that Gene Purcell, Larry Mier and Bane Culley, whom he identified as persons present when the remarks about the assassination were made, had conspired with Arnett in defrauding his mother. He stated he felt that by telling this story he would receive a reward and his mother would thus be partially reimbursed.

[REDACTED] further noted that on December 22, 1970, he was arrested by the police department in Columbus, Georgia for burglary. He is presently out on \$5,000 bond. He stated that he went to Columbus in order to obtain some art objects in the possession of William S. Arnett which rightfully belonged to his mother. He entered a shop owned by Arnett

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and was arrested while removing objects from the shop. He stated that after he was arrested he told his mother that the story about the alleged assassination plot was untrue and the reason that he had made it up.

On April 7, 1971, [REDACTED] mother of [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] told her after his arrest that the story concerning the alleged assassination plot was untrue and that he told the story in order to get a reward and reimburse her for losses she incurred in connection with business dealings with William Arnett. She stated that she has retained attorney Frank Blankenship, who is Legal Aide to Lieutenant Governor Lester Maddox, to assist her in her suit against Arnett. He stated that after [REDACTED] told her the information he furnished was untrue she has not contacted any individual or organization she formerly furnished informatin to advise them that the information was not correct.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 3/29/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM; two copies of said LHM are being submitted to Memphis, which is office of origin.

In view of the information furnished by [REDACTED] indicating that the information previously furnished by him was not true, UACB no further investigation is being conducted by Atlanta.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 7/13/73

FROM : SUPV. LESTER G. DAVIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Attached are bulky exhibit sheets reflecting evidence being retained in captioned case.

Agent should immediately review the file and these bulkies to determine whether they should be retained or whether they may now be disposed of.

If the bulkies must be retained as evidence so indicate on this serial. If they may be disposed of, Agent should handle this, obtaining any necessary authority from USA and, of course, obtaining receipts where necessary.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386) (C)

DATE: 8/31/73

FROM : SA O. RICHARD HAMILTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Captioned file has been reviewed regarding the bulky exhibits being retained.

Inasmuch as this was one of the Bureau's major cases and subject, who is presently serving his sentence in the Tennessee State Prison, makes efforts to have his sentence overruled, it is felt that the evidence in this case should be retained until such time it is certain it will not become necessary to use it again. Also, in the event information should come to the Bureau's attention that others were involved in the killing or the planning of the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. the evidence now being retained may be necessary in such prosecutions.

No further investigation remains and this case should be closed.

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Date Property Acquired 4/7/68	Source From Which Property Acquired DERRELL PARHAM, Senior Operator, Delta Airlines Data Processing Center, Atlanta, Georgia
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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit bulky room	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same possible evidence
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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

"Print out of Past Date Passenger Name Records" for DAL
Flight 932 from Memphis to Chicago, 4/27/68, and DAL
Flight 595 from Birmingham to Memphis, 4/27/68.

submitted by SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN

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