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FBI NEWARK

1170M URGENT 4-11-68 ELF

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND RICHMOND  
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE: NEWARK TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL NINE LAST, RE SUSPECT  
LESTER FORSYTHE.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED UNDER SUITABLE  
PRETEXT INTERVIEWS WITH JOHN BEHRINGER, GRAND DRAGON, UNITED  
KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA), AND PAT FORSYTHE, SUSPECT'S WIFE,  
BOTH OF WHOM ARE COOPERATIVE.

FORSYTHE IS IDENTICAL TO LESTER IRVING FORSYTHE, JR.,  
FBI NUMBER EIGHT TWO EIGHT FOUR SEVEN FOUR A, AND HAS BEEN  
AN ACTIVE KLAN MEMBER IN NEW JERSEY. HE WAS PRESENT IN N.J.  
ON MARCH TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY, LAST. ON APRIL THREE SIXTY  
EIGHT, FORSYTHE DEPARTED N.J. IN NINETEEN SIXTY BLUE FORD  
FALCON AFTER AN ARGUMENT WITH HIS WIFE. FORSYTHE DEPARTED  
WITHOUT WIFE'S KNOWLEDGE AND TOOK A LARGE AMOUNT OF GEORGE  
WALLACE CAMPAIGN LITERATURE BELONGING TO THE KLAN. FORSYTHE'S  
DESTINATION AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. HE IS NOT KNOWN  
TO BE VIOLENT OR TO POSSESS FIREARMS.

END

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*Suspect*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3310) (P)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA HARRY T. POSEY

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RACIAL MATTERS

On 4/9/68, DON SHUBERT, Manager, National Car Rental, 2328 5th Avenue, North, Birmingham, advised that records pertaining to car rentals made by National Car Rental are presently maintained at the National Car Rental office at 3317 South Memorial Parkway, Huntsville, Alabama.

## LEADS:

### BIRMINGHAM

### AT HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA:

Will review records of National Car Rental for the period of March 1-31, 1968, to ascertain if a rental was made to anyone using the names HARVEY LOWMEYER, W. H. LEHMEYER or JOHN WILLARD. Particular attention should be made to the rental of any Mustang automobile and the mileage or distance traveled in order to determine if the vehicle may have traveled to Tennessee and returned to Birmingham. Destination of the rental contract, if it is shown, should also be noted.

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*Rayton*  
*Huntsville Lead*  
*Hummel assigned*

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TO DIRECTOR

BIRMINGHAM

MEMPHIS

FROM DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO DIRECTOR AND ALL SACS, APRIL TEN  
LAST.

RECORDS, SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, LANSING, MICH.,  
INDICATE SIXTY SIX MUSTANG, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE  
ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN, NOT REGISTERED IN MICHIGAN.

END.

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Date: 4/11/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND MOBILE  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN, CR.

BIRMINGHAM CHECKING ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES SELLING AUTO  
INSURANCE, IN EFFORT TO LOCATE POLICY FOR ERIC STARVO GALT, AND  
SPELLING VARIATIONS OF NAME GALT..

OFFICIALS OF ALABAMA FARM BUREAU INSURANCE CO., BIRMINGHAM,  
STATED COMPLETE COMPANY RECORDS MAINTAINED IN MONTGOMERY, ALA.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY, ALA., REVIEW RECORDS ALABAMA FARM  
BUREAU INSURANCE CO., FOR ANY AUTOMOBILE POLICY PURCHASED BY SUSPECT  
GALT.

END.

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent *wa 118 pm*  
*me 120 pm*  
*mo 122 pm*

Per *[Signature]*

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReButel, dated 4/8/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are five envelopes containing tape samples obtained from the firms listed in referenced Bureau teletype located in San Francisco territory.

No samples were obtained from the Marshall Steel Company, Oakland, California, as they last used Thermo-Seal marking machine seven or eight years ago.

Cherry Chase Cleaners is the successor to the Golden State Dry Cleaners, Campbell, California.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct examination of enclosed laundry tape samples as requested earlier by the Bureau and/or Memphis.

3 - Bureau (Encs. 5)(RM)  
1 - Birmingham (INFO)(AM)(RM)  
2 - Memphis (AM)(RM)(44-1987)  
1 - San Francisco  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (172-65)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 9, 1968, Lieutenant LOURNE PHELPS, Richmond, California Police Department, advised that he received a call from his mother, Mrs. THELMA PHELPS, 2001 Mitchell Avenue, Oakland, California. She requested this information be treated in confidence as to source.

Several months ago an individual, white male, GEORGE EDWARD MURRAY, an ex-convict from California Prison System, was living in her home. He has a record at the California State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (CII) with photograph. He left a few months ago to move to Chicago, other whereabouts unknown. He fits the general description of the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and made a comment before he left that he was going to Chicago to "shoot a nigger." She has no further information.

LEAD

THE SACRAMENTO OFFICE

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA: Will contact CII and obtain a copy of the photograph of GEORGE EDWARD MURRAY referred to above, and furnish copies of this photograph to the Bureau, Birmingham, Chicago, Memphis, and San Francisco.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
  - 1 - Birmingham (INFO)(AM)(RM)
  - 1 - Chicago (INFO)(AM)(RM)
  - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)(RM)
  - 2 - Sacramento (RM)
  - 1 - San Francisco
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

Re: airtel, 4/8/68, relative to suspect Dr. ALVIN  
BROWN FRENCH.

Transmitted herewith is known handwriting  
specimen of FRENCH, obtained from Gowanda State Hospital,  
Helmuth, New York. If handwriting of unsub available,  
Laboratory should compare with handwriting of FRENCH.

Specimen should be returned to Buffalo for  
return to Gowanda State Hospital.

FRENCH diagnosed as dementia praecox type  
paranoid, considered dangerous.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (AM-EM)  
② - Birmingham (AM-EM)  
2 - Memphis (AM-EM)  
1 - Buffalo  
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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

Airtel, 4/8/68, relative to suspect Dr. ALVIN  
EUGENE FRENCH.

Transmitted herewith are fingerprints of suspect,  
FRENCH, furnished by Gowanda State Hospital, Helmsuth, New  
York. Identification Division requested to compare FRENCH's  
prints with any latents developed in captioned case.

Cards should be returned to Buffalo after exami-  
nation to return to Gowanda State Hospital.

Bureau is requested to reproduce photograph of  
FRENCH on back of fingerprint card and furnish copies to  
Birmingham and Memphis and Buffalo.

FRENCH diagnosed as dementia praecox type  
paranoid, and appropriate caution should be taken  
when making contacts with him.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (AM-EM)  
1 - Birmingham (AM-EM)  
1 - Memphis (AM-EM)  
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)  
MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

Airtel, 4/8/68, relative to suspect, Dr. ALVIN  
MURKIN FRENCH.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis is a photograph of  
suspect, Dr. ALVIN MURKIN FRENCH, furnished by his father,  
Rev. CLARENCE F. FRENCH. Parents desire photograph returned  
at earliest possible date.

Memphis is requested to prepare copies for  
Birmingham and return the original to Buffalo for return  
to parents.

MURKIN described by parents as follows:

|        |                                         |
|--------|-----------------------------------------|
| Race   | White                                   |
| Sex    | Male                                    |
| DOB    | 8/12/27                                 |
| Height | 5' 10"                                  |
| Weight | 170 lbs.                                |
| Hair   | Brown, receding at sides of<br>forehead |
| Eyes   | Brown                                   |

2 - Memphis (Reg. 1) (44-588)  
1 - Birmingham (44-588)  
1 - Buffalo  
MURKIN  
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Scars and Marks

Obvious scars from acne condition, causing pock marks on face

Photograph is several years old.

FRANK diagnosed by doctors at Gowanda State Hospital, Helms, New York, as dementia praecox type paranoid, and appropriate caution should be taken in making contacts with him.

FRANK IS ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA JAMES D. SNYDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: ME

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JAMES D. SNYDER at Birmingham, Alabama, on 4/7/68:

Mrs. ELOISE LA GROUE, Owner, Plaza Motel, 8637 1st Avenue North, made available for review the registration records of her establishment for March 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30, 1968. These records were checked for the names WILLARD, LOWMEYER, LEHMEYER, and logical variations thereof, used by the unknown subject in this case, and the individual who purchased the gun at Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, on 3/29/68. Mrs. LA GROUE was also furnished descriptive data, and viewed an artist's conception of the unsub or subject. She could furnish no pertinent information, nor did the records of her office contain any pertinent entries.

Additional employees of the motel were not available for interview at that time.

JOY BEAVERS, Desk Clerk, Downtowner Motel, 5th Avenue and 23rd Street North, made available for review the registration records of that establishment for the period March, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31, 1968. A review of the records failed to reveal any entries identifiable with the names WILLARD, LOWMEYER, LEHMEYER, and logical variations thereof.

JOY BEAVERS and the following additional employees of the Downtowner Motel were furnished descriptive data and viewed an artist's conception of the individual who purchased the gun at the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, on 3/29/68. They could furnish no pertinent information:

- ② - 44-1740  
1 - SF (Hotels & Motels)  
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WALTER HENRY, Parking Lot Attendant - Bellman, residence 304 B 55th Street, Fairfield, Alabama.

JOHN PEOPLES, Bellman, 2406 8th Court South, Birmingham, Alabama.

Mrs. THELMA MICHAEL, Barmaid, Swinging Cellar Lounge, Downtowner Motel.

POLLY HELMS, Barmaid, Swinging Cellar Lounge, Downtowner Motel.

Mr. A. M. KOONCE, Desk Clerk, Granada Hotel, 2230 4th Avenue North, made available the registration records of that establishment for the period March 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30, 1968. These records were checked for entries in the names of LEHMEYER, LOWMEYER, WILLARD, and logical variations thereof. No such entries could be found.

Descriptive information was given, and an artist's conception of the individual who purchased the weapon at the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, on 3/29/68, was shown to Mr. KOONCE and the following additional Granada Hotel employees. They could furnish no pertinent information:

FRANK PHILLIPS, Night Clerk.

BILL JONES, Bellman.

JOE LAMPE, General Manager, Tutwiler Hotel, North 20th Street and 5th Avenue, made available for review the registration records of the Tutwiler Hotel for the letters "L", "W", during a period from late 1967, through the present. These records were checked for the names LEHMEYER, LOWMEYER, WILLARD and logical variations thereof with negative results.

Mr. LAMPE and the following additional employees of the Tutwiler Hotel were advised of pertinent descriptive data and were shown an artist's conception of the individual who purchased the gun from the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, on 3/29/68. They could furnish no pertinent information:

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DOUG THIENPONT, Desk Clerk.

BILLY HARDING, Bellman.

MARTY MADDOX, Cashier.

TALL WATSON, Bell Captain.

MINNIE HAZEL, Desk Clerk, Redmont Hotel, 2101 5th Avenue North, made available the registration records of that establishment for the letters "L" and "W", covering the entire month of March, 1968. These records were reviewed for any entries in the names LEHMEYER, LOWMEYER, WILLARD and logical variations thereof. No such entries were found.

Descriptive data was given, and an artist's likeness of the person who purchased the gun from the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, on 3/29/68, was displayed to Mrs. HAZEL and the following other Redmont Hotel employees. They could furnish no pertinent information:

CHARLES BUTLER, Bell Captain.

ELIZABETH LEE, Elevator Operator.

NATHANIEL WILLIAMS, Bellman.

On 4/8/68, the following Redmont employees were furnished descriptive data and viewed an artist's conception of the individual who purchased the gun from the Aeromarine Supply Company on 3/29/68, with negative results:

Mrs. E. BELYEU, Manager, Redmont Hotel.

FRANK RICHARDSON, Bellman.

Mrs. B. B. MC KAY, Desk Clerk.

KATHRYN DIACK, Switchboard Operator.

ISAIAH BRYANT, Bellman.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

FROM : SA PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: ME

DATE: 4/11/68

The following investigation was conducted on 4/8/68, by SA PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN. This investigation consisted of the exhibition of artist's conception #2 to the following individuals at the locations set out. No positive information was developed as a result of this canvass:

- 1) Butch's Jiffy Shop, 5303 1st Avenue, North - W. H. LANKFORD
- 2) Mills Restaurant, 5535 1st Avenue, North
- 3) Roebuck Motel #2, 5921 1st Avenue, North - Mrs. CATHERINE DAVIS
- 4) William's Bar-b-que (ABC License), 6200 1st Avenue, North - OPEL PEACE
- 5) Bama Motel, 6712 1st Avenue, North - Mrs. EVELYN FRANKLIN
- 6) Qwik Mart, 7100 1st Avenue, North
- 7) Jitney Jr., 7829 1st Avenue, North - WILLIAM WEATHERLY
- 8) Graves Beverage Store (ABC License), 8151 1st Avenue, North - Mrs. PRECIOUS GRAVES
- 9) El Rancho Motel, 8808 1st Avenue, North - JOHN GRUND
- 10) Qwik Mart, 241 Gadsden Highway - WILMA ALLEN
- 11) Maurice's Lounge, 323 Gadsden Highway - MAURICE MIRANDA
- 12) Willow Leaf Motel, 567 Gadsden Road - Mrs. IRENE ROGERS

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The records of the Willow Leaf Motel were reviewed for the months March and April, 1968, but no record identical with pertinent names in this investigation was found.

Investigation at the above listed motels included specific inquiry regarding the possible recent loss or theft of blankets or spreads, but no such losses were uncovered.

On 4/9/68, the same investigation was conducted at the following locations with negative results:

- 1) Anchor Motel, 4121 3rd Avenue, South - Mr. and Mrs. A. C. COPELAND
- 2) George's Place, 4453 5th Avenue, South - GEORGE E. LOWERY

Inquiry at the Anchor Motel revealed no recent loss or theft of blankets or spreads.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN H. KRESEK on 4/8/68. This investigation included the display of artist's conception #2 and suitable inquiry regarding the possible loss of blankets or spreads, as mentioned previously in this memorandum:

- 1) Hills Grocery, 54th Street and 1st Avenue, North
- 2) Post House Restaurant, 5519 1st Avenue, North - V. C. ODEN
- 3) Nick's Place, 5625 1st Avenue, North - VICTORIA HOHAMIS
- 4) Handy Pack, 6021 1st Avenue, North - ALBERT DAVIS
- 5) Jake's Super Store, 6107 1st Avenue, North - PETE ANTHONY
- 6) Hickory House Restaurant, 7711 1st Avenue, North - MAY HIGGINBOTTOM

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- 7) Williams Beverages, 82nd Street and 1st Avenue, North - Mrs. BURKE
- 8) Shamrock Motel, 8420 1st Avenue, North - JIM ORTELL
- 9) Plaza Motel, 8637 1st Avenue, North - ELOISE McGROVE
- 10) Bar-b-que Place, 313 Gadsden Highway - ROSS MUSSO
- 11) Roebuck Steak House Lounge, 315 Gadsden Highway - CATHY MUSSO
- 12) Silver Slipper, 515 Gadsden Highway - IRENE ROSS and SAM LA SALLE, proprietor

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

FROM : SA RICHARD JOHNSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

## Neighborhood

On 4/7/68, SA RICHARD JOHNSON displayed an artist's conception of suspect in this matter to the following individuals at addresses listed:

1016 19th Avenue South  
LOUIS ARNOLD

1010 19th Avenue South  
Mr. and Mrs. JOHN D. LEE.

612 19th Avenue South  
MARY PARKER

600 19th Avenue South  
CLAUDINE CASEY

917 6th Street South  
SAM J. and EDNA PORTERA

1928 6th Street South  
HUBERT W. BUCHWALD

1932 6th Street South  
WILLIAM F. DODSON.

604 19th Court South  
WILLIAM K. SLACK

608 19th Court South  
HERBERT C. HINES

③ - Birmingham  
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616 19th Court South  
LILLY M. GUY.

620 19th Court South  
JAMES TAYLOR

624 19th Court South  
JAMES MARTIN

636 19th Court South  
EARL MAGNASON

1608 11th Place South  
MARGRATTA HUBBARD

1612 11th Place South  
MARY DENNIS,  
Mr. and Mrs. STIEHL HEINZ.

1616 11th Place South  
is vacant for two months

1624 11th Place South  
VELMA GREEN

1628 11th Place South  
vacant for one month.

1632 11th Place South  
1632 ARTHUR E. TOUCHSTONE

1636 11th Place South  
ROBERT D. and ETHEL WRIGHT,  
KARLA BENNER

1640 11th Place South  
ERMA BRADLEY

1644 11th Place South  
DALE L. and RUTH A. HIGGINBOTHAM  
FLOYD J. RIDEMAN

1430 10th Place South  
SELMA DOMIT

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1431 10th Place South  
RAYMOND JOSEPH  
ESTER MEEKS  
JEAN HAWK

1429 10th Place South  
Mr. and Mrs. JOHNNY D. DAVIS  
Mr. and Mrs. WINSTON EDWARDS  
CHARLES BUTLER  
SARA SHILLINGER.

An artist's conception of subject was  
displayed to the following individuals on 4/8/68:

Park Memorial Branch Library  
1814 11th Avenue South  
ELIZABETH ROBINSON  
KAY CLARK

JAMES THORNTON  
Mail Carrier  
11th Avenue South

GUSTERINE HOWARD  
1017 18th Street South

1714 11th Avenue South  
MARY UNDERWOOD  
DORIS REISS  
DR. WARREN B. WEIL  
MARION STANSELL  
VIRGINIA MANASCO.

1704 11th Avenue South  
D. L. LACKEY  
EUNICE WILLIFORD  
JACKIE TINDLE  
RICHARD KING

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815 Medical Arts Building  
ETTA MAHON  
JESSIE BURRELL  
ABBOTT SMALL, elevator operators at  
Medical Arts Building

1120 15th Street South  
LAWRENCE LADU

1122 15th Street South  
LUCILLE DITTO  
JIMMY NALL  
ALONZO ANESWORTH

1130 15th Street South  
FLETA STEVENS.  
1208 15th Street South  
JESSIE HAN.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA RICHARD JOHNSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

## Hotels and Motels, Downtown Area

On 4/10/68, SA RICHARD JOHNSON contacted the following listed motels and searched records concerning the names GALT and variations of this name for the periods of 8/25-31/67 and 3/25-31/68:

### Grenada Hotel

OCIE SMITH, Desk Clerk, made available records which were checked with negative results. An artist's conception of subject was displayed to SMITH, Bellman FRED D. JACKSON, and hotel guest CORTLAND P. RUTHERFORD.

### Redmont Hotel

CLARA ARCHER, Auditor, made available hotel records which were searched with negative results. In addition, an artist's conception of subject was displayed to CLARA ARCHER, Auditor, EVELYN BELYEU, Manager, BLANCH B. KAY, Desk Clerk, CLIFFORD STILES, Owner, Bellmen FRANK RICHARDSON, CLEVELAND WILLIAMS, ISSAC BRYANT, FRANK BUTLER, HERCULES MITCHELL, and MELVIN DOSS.

### Belmont Hotel

Records were made available by LEON C. HANCOCK, son of owner. They were checked with negative results. An artist's conception of the subject was displayed to HANCOCK and Bellman DAVE JORDAN.

### Abbott Hotel

Records were made available by clerk and

③ - Birmingham

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bellman CHARLIE TOWNSEND. TOWNSEND was also displayed an artist's conception of the subject.

TOWNSEND advised that at the time the new management took over the Ansley Hotel approximately February 15, 1968, he disposed of all records of the Ansley Hotel. It is, therefore, impossible to check any records of the Ansley Hotel.

**Crocker House Hotel**

MARSTON MUIR, Clerk, displayed records for March, 1968, which were checked with negative results. He stated he has no record of guests prior to approximately 2/15/68 at which time the hotel was purchased by the current owner from LEON HANCOCK. He has no idea of the disposition of ANSLEY records. An artist's conception of the suspect in this matter was displayed to Mr. MUIR and Bellman JESSIE LEE BELL, aka Jack Bell.

**Tutwiler Hotel**

WILSON TURNER, Assistant Manager, made available records which revealed the following:

LEE GALT, 3691 Shallowford, Doraville, Georgia, registered in the hotel 7:18 p.m. 8/9/67. Employment shown as nuclear consultant, St. Louis, Folio #9830.

Lead set out by teletype to Atlanta to check GALT.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1740) (P)

FROM : SA PETER JOHN BODKIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: ME

DATE: 4/11/68

At Birmingham, Alabama

The following customers of Aeromarine Supply Company, Airport Road, on March 29 and/or March 30, 1968, were contacted on the dates indicated. They all stated that they did not observe an individual purchasing a rifle with a scope nor did they observe a Mustang automobile in the area of Aeromarine Supply Company. They all stated they did not see anyone at Aeromarine Supply Company that they knew:

Mr. JAMES E. ARMSTRONG  
2019 Highland Avenue  
4/10/68

Mr. WILLIAM A. SCHULTZ  
236 Monterey Place  
4/10/68

Mr. W. D. TROUTMAN  
Regional Director,  
Lincoln American Life Insurance  
2130 Highland Avenue, South  
4/9/68

Dr. J. D. BRANTLEY  
Dixie Optical  
121 South 20th Street  
4/9/68

Mr. RAY MARTIN, Employee,  
Boats and Motors  
4116 1st Avenue, North  
4/9/68

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Mr. H. L. MALPELI, Owner  
East Lake Marine  
8219 1st Avenue, North  
4/9/68

Mrs. RICHARD D. CORNELIUS  
8615 5th Avenue, North  
4/9/68

O. W. IRWIN, JR.  
2328 3rd Avenue, North  
4/8/68

Mr. LAWRENCE L. PERSON  
Valley Trailer Park  
3052 Lorna Road  
4/8/68

JOHN RICHARD SHOEMAKER  
Merrill, Lynch, Fenner & Smith  
1919 Morris Avenue  
4/8/68

GEORGE C. MORGAN, JR.,  
SAE HOUSE  
Birmingham Southern College  
4/8/68

JIM COX  
Gantt Flooring Company  
Home address, 5500 11th Court, South  
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed are a paper sheet and a cloth square, each containing 12 samples of laundry marking printed by a Thermo Seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York. These samples were obtained on 4/10/68 from Miss LUCY PINELA, manager, Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

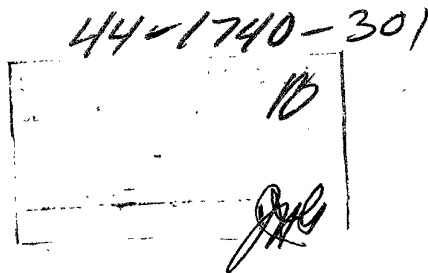
The paper sample was obtained by SA's FRANCIS G. KAHL and LLOYD D. JOHNSON. The cloth sample was obtained by SA's FRANCIS G. KAHL and DENNIS LEMASTER.

The Bureau is requested to compare these samples with markings on the clothing that was apparently abandoned by Unsub in Memphis. Samples need not be returned, and more can be obtained if the Bureau so desires.

Information copy being furnished Memphis, inasmuch as that office is origin.

4 - Bureau (44-38861) (Encs. - 2) (AM-RM)  
① - Memphis (44-1987) (Info.) (AM-RM)  
1 - Los Angeles  
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*Laundry*



SAC, (157-3310)

4/11/68

SA LAWRENCE G. GETTINGS

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
RM

On 4/8/68, writer contacted the following informants and sources, alerting them regarding this matter and they were instructed to immediately advise the contacting agent if they developed any pertinent information:

CS BH 369-E

THOMAS LANKFORD - R(Prob-Ghetto)

BH 333-C

Mrs. HELEN COOLEY, Liaison Source

Mrs. GEORGIA PRICE, Liaison Source

Rev. EDWARD GARDNER, Liaison Source

BH 227-C

1 - 157-3310  
① - 44-1740  
1 - 170-146  
1 - 170-225  
1 - 137-886  
1 - 157-3206  
1 - 157-2898  
1 - 157-471  
1 - 137-508

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)                      DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis are four polaroid copies each of two photographic poses of JAY WALLIS VERNON, aka Jerome Wallis Vernon, taken from Los Angeles file 42-26569-1A. These photos were originally made available on 10/18/63, by Mrs. JAMES VERNON, 785 Skyland Drive, Sierra Madre, California, to SA W. H. SHAW.

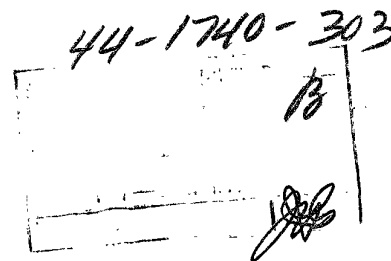
According to the information originally furnished, the photo of VERNON in a military hat was taken in 1961; and the photo of him seated, smiling, wearing an opened sports shirt was taken in 1962.

Also enclosed is one xerox copy of Los Angeles teletype of 4/10/68, to Bureau, Memphis, and Birmingham, for your assistance.

One copy each of the above described photographs and Los Angeles teletype are being furnished to the Birmingham Division for their information and assistance.

- 2 - Memphis (Encls. 9)(RM)
- ② - Birmingham (Encls. 3)(RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles  
    (1 - 42-26569)

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FBI EL PASO

1:19PM 4-11-68 URGENT CEJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN

REBUTEL, APRIL NINE, LAST AND KC TEL TO EP, APRIL TEN, LAST.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE ASCERTAINED FROM MIDWEST FACTORY REPRESENTATIVE  
FROM THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING  
MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, THAT ODESSA LAUNDRY, ODESSA, TEXAS,  
HAD ONLY FIVE CHARACTER THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES LOCATED IN  
EL PASO DIVISION.

RUSSELL NORTON, MAONAGER, ODESSA LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, ODESSA,  
TEXAS, ADVISED APRIL NINE, LAST, THAT HIS LAUNDRY WAS ONLY ONE IN  
ODESSA THAT USED THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE, THAT HIS MACHINE USES  
ONLY NUMBERS AND NO LETTERS AND ONLY WHITE TAGS, EXCEPT FOR ORANGE  
TAGS ON RUSH ORDERS. NORTON SAID MACHINE NOT USED TO MARK ROUGH  
DRY WORK, SUCH AS SHORTS AND T-SHIRTS.

CHECK WITH OTHER LAUNDRIES IN EL PASO DIVISION NEGATIVE.  
CARRIEL NIPP, MAMAGER, SNOWHITE LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, MIDLAND,  
TEXAS, ADVISED THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE USED UNTIL ABOUT THREE  
YEARS AGO, BUT NO RED TAGS WERE USED BY THAT LAUNDRY.

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FBI JACKSVLE

2 58PM EST URGENT 4/11/68 GWC

TO: DIRECTOR; MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 1P

MURKIN. CR.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE APRIL TEN LAST.

DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA,  
NO RECORD OF SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN  
C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN, REGISTERED IN THE STATE  
OF FLA. STOP PLACED. STOP CARD BEING FORWARDED MEMPHIS  
UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

END

J GA

FBI BIRMGHAM

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Bureau teletype 4/9/68 and Albany teletype  
4/9/68.

RE THERMO-SEAL MACHINES MANUFACTURED BY  
TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Enclosed for the Bureau is one piece of cloth with several samples of tape markings, yellow in color, of "02B-6" and "MIF14" and "MIF15." Also enclosed are several strips of dark-red and light-red tape with no lettering and strips of dark-red tapes with black lettering.

ROME A. EMMONS, JR., President, Phoenix Laundry Corporation, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, advised 4/9/68 that his company is the only laundry in Mississippi he knows of which uses the Thermo-Seal laundry-marking machine. He said

4 - Bureau (Enc. 2) (AMRM)  
1 - Albany (44-493) (Info)  
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"02B-6" or "D2B-6" are not markings of his company. His tape is 5/16 inch laundry-marking tape made by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. His laundry purchases this tape from F. H. Ross and Rudolph Ramelli, both of Jackson, Mississippi. This tape comes in eight to ten colors; however, red is not a good color, in that the ink from the machine tends to fade and run on red tape.

EMMONS made available a sample of cloth with several samples of tape markings, yellow in color. He numbered the lettering on the tape as "02B-6", "MIF14," and "MIF15." He made available other items described in paragraph one which are enclosed for the Bureau.

The managers of the Rudolph Ramelli Company and F. H. Ross Company, both of Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the only machine handling Thermo-Seal to his knowledge in the central and southern portions of the state is the Phoenix Laundry in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. They do not handle northern Mississippi.

LEAD:

AT BUREAU

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare lettering and strips of tape enclosed with the two articles recovered at the scene of the shooting 4/4/68, a white Jockey T-shirt and checkered print undershorts, containing cloth laundry tags allegedly made by a Thermo-Seal marking machine manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. Results should be immediately furnished Memphis and interested offices.

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Date: 4/10/68

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(Priority)

TO: NEW ORLEANS  
FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)  
MURKIN

REMYCALL THIS DATE RE SUSPECT ~~EUGENE SMITH~~  
~~MANSFIELD~~, AKA SUNSET.

MANSFIELD, A WHITE MALE, FBI NUMBER THREE ZERO TWO FOUR FIVE FIVE B, FIVE FEET NINE, WEIGHT ONE SEVENTY, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, IS A NATIVE OF TUSCALOOSA, ALA., AND ALLEGEDLY MEMBER OF UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA. BIRMINGHAM ADVISED SUSPECT DISCHARGED FROM RELIANCE STEEL COMPANY, COTTONDALE, ALA., MARCH TWELVE LAST. HE REQUESTED RELIANCE TO FORWARD HIS CHECK TO HIM IN CARE OF L. E. MATTHEWS, ROUTE THREE, BOX THREE EIGHT ONE M, FLORENCE, MISS. MATTHEWS ADVISED JN THREE SIX FOUR - R (PROB) THAT MANSFIELD WAS A FUGITIVE FOR SHOOTING A NEGRO AND WAS BEING HID OUT BY HIM AT HIS FISH CAMP AT BYRAM, MISS. RI LAST SAW MANSFIELD MORNING OF MARCH TWENTY

- ① - Birmingham (AM)  
① - Memphis (AM)  
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NINE LAST, BUT REPORTS THAT L. E. MATTHEWS RECEIVED LONG DISTANCE CALL FROM SUSPECT MORNING OF APRIL TENTH INSTANT FROM BARAS, LA., AND THAT THEY ARGUED OVER THE PRICE OF A "HIT", MANSFIELD HOLDING OUT FOR THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS. MATTHEWS AGREED TO ONLY PAY TWO HUNDRED, LOCATION OF "HIT" NOT LEARNED BY INFORMANT. MATTHEWS TOLD INFORMANT THAT MANSFIELD HAD DONE ONE JOB FOR HIM AND WAS TO DO ANOTHER.

LAUDE E. MATTHEWS, JR. IS AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR AT FLORENCE, SUBURB JACKSON, MISS., AND IS HEIR APPARENT TO LEADERSHIP OF WHITE KNIGHTS OF KKK, WHEN SAM BOWERS INCARCERATED. MATTHEWS, PRESENTLY PROVINCE GIANT OF WKKKKOM, IS BEING ARRESTED THIS DATE BY HINDS COUNTY AUTHORITIES FOR ACCESSORY IN THE BOMBING OF BLACKWELL REALTY COMPANY AT JACKSON IN NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

NEW ORLEANS AT BARAS, LA. LOCATE MANSFIELD AND INTERVIEW. ACCOUNT FOR WHEREABOUTS OF MANSFIELD MARCH TWENTY NINE - THIRTY, LAST, DATE GUNS PURCHASED

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IN BIRMINGHAM, AND APRIL FOUR, LAST. OBTAIN CURRENT  
PHOTOGRAPH FOR DISPLAY TO WITNESSES AND OBTAIN ANY  
INFO SUSPECT WILL FURNISH REGARDING L. E. MATTHEWS.

AIRMAIL TO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS. END.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/9/68

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(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND, MEMPHIS  
FROM CINCINNATI 157-1893

MURKIN. CR OO: ME

RE BUREAU TEL, APRIL EIGHT, LAST.

RECORDS OF BCII, LONDON, OHIO, CONTAIN RECORDS  
FOR FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WITH LAST NAME PHONETICLY  
SAME AS HARVEY LOWMEYER. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE:

ROBERT FRANKLIN LOHMIER, WM, BORN  CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO, FIVE FEET EIGHT

AND ONE-HALF INCHES TALL, ONE SIXTY TWO POUNDS, BROWN  
HAIR AND EYES, FBI NUMBER NINE FIVE EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT  
SIX A, RESIDENCE ONE FOUR NINE SEVEN MEADOWBROOK BOULEVARD,  
END PAGE ONE

① - Birmingham (RM) (AM)  
1 - Cincinnati

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STOW, OHIO, NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE, SIX FIVE TWO FOUR WEST  
SHORE DRIVE, BRADY LAKE, OHIO JUNE ONE, NINETEEN  
SIXTY-SEVEN HE WAS CONVICTED OF FORGERY.

JOHN D. LOHMIER, WM, BORN 

PLACE UNKNOWN, SIX FEET, ONE NINETY-ONE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR  
AND EYES, FBI NUMBER THREE SEVEN ONE EIGHT FOUR EIGHT  
TWO, RESIDENCE ONE ONE TWO FOUR LAIRD STREET, AKRON,  
OHIO.

CLEVELAND AT BRADY LAKE AND AKRON, OHIO, WILL  
CONDUCT INVESTIGATION INDICATED BY REFERENCED BUREAU  
TELETYPE.

AM COPY BIRMINGHAM.

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND SALT LAKE CITY  
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

TODAY WILLIAM CLYDE MILLSAPS, GASTONIA, NC, FURNISHED  
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS:

HIS NEPHEW, JOHN CLINTON MILLSAPS, WHITE MALE, AGE TWENTY,  
SIX FEET ONE INCH TO SIX FEET TWO INCHES, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY  
POUNDS, BLOND HAIR, WHO RESIDES EIGHTYSEVEN WEST SOUTH NORTH,  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, UNLISTED TELEPHONE THREE FIVE NINE FOUR  
EIGHT NINE SEVEN, WAS DISCHARGED U. S. ARMY SUMMER OF SIXTYSEVEN.  
NEPHEW INHERITED CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY AND IS INDEPENDENTLY  
WEALTHY. IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY LAST, JOHN MILLSAPS AND WIFE  
VISITED WILLIAM MILLSAPS FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS. DURING  
VISIT, JOHN MILLSAPS STATED HE WAS GOING TO PURCHASE A HIGH-  
POWERED RIFLE TO SHOOT NEGROES WITH. HIS NEPHEW DID NOT INDICATE

1 - Richmond (44-657) (AIRMAIL)  
1 - Atlanta (AIRMAIL)  
1 - Birmingham (AIRMAIL)  
1 - Charlotte  
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HE WAS A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION. NEPHEW REPORTEDLY A CRACK SHOT WITH RIFLE.

WILLIAM HILLSAPS DID NOT HEAR FROM HIS NEPHEW AGAIN UNTIL APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK PRIOR TO MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, AT WHICH TIME HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM NEPHEW WHO WAS IN RICHMOND, <sup>VA</sup> WORKING FOR A SIGN COMPANY, NAME UNKNOWN. JOHN HILLSAPS INDICATED HE WAS COMING TO VISIT FOR THREE DAYS AND THEN WOULD GO TO ATLANTA, GA. WHEN NEPHEW FAILED TO ARRIVE, WILLIAM HILLSAPS CALLED HIS RESIDENCE IN SALT LAKE CITY AND TALKED WITH HIS WIFE WHO STATED NEPHEW EMPLOYED WITH A MACHINE COMPANY, NAME NOT MENTIONED. HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM HIS NEPHEW SINCE THAT TIME.

AFTER MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS KILLED, WILLIAM HILLSAPS OBSERVED DRAWING OF ASSASSIN WHICH STRONGLY RESSEMBLES HIS NEPHEW. HE STATED HE IS AFRAID THAT THE KILLER OF KING COULD BE HIS NEPHEW DUE TO RESEMBLANCE OF THE BOY TO THE PICTURE AND THE FACT THAT HIS NEPHEW STATED HE WAS GOING TO PURCHASE A HIGH-POWERED RIFLE TO USE ON NEGROES.

AT ONE TIME, JOHN HILLSAPS OWNED A CADILLAC AND LATER PURCHASED A NEW CHEVROLET BUT DOES NOT KNOW WHAT KIND OF AUTOMOBILE HE HAS AT THIS TIME. HIS NEPHEW POSSIBLY USES COMMERCIAL

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AIRLINES INASMUCH AS HE INDICATED HE WOULD CALL WILLIAM MILLSAPS FROM AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL.

SALT LAKE CITY, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JOHN CLINTON MILLSAPS AND INTERVIEW OR OTHERWISE DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT DATES OF MARCH THIRTY AND APRIL FOUR LAST.

NO LEADS BEING SET OUT FOR RICHMOND TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE PENDING RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION AT SALT LAKE CITY.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, AND RICHMOND.

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END.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA COLEMAN D. GEARY, III

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Louisville teletype to Birmingham dated 4/11/68, serial 258, which is attached for information of Agent conducting this investigation.

On 4/11/68, a review of the Birmingham file 134-302 determined that IRA NATHANIEL EVANS, JR., white male, born [redacted] at Cordova, Alabama, was at one time carried as a bombing suspect by Birmingham. He was involved in a shooting incident on 1/22/57 at the Central Park Theatre in Birmingham which was a meeting place of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of the Confederacy, then headed by ASA CARTER, wherein two Klansmen were shot. Efforts were made to develop him as a potential security informant in 1958 without success as he claimed to have severed all connection with any Klan group at this time.

He was interviewed on 4/23/65 at his home, 5001 Quincy Court, Ensley, Alabama, in connection with the Greenbomb case and denied possessing any knowledge concerning this case. He also advised that since 1957, he has not had anything to do with any type of association or group regardless of their aims and purposes.

EVANS is described as 5'7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall, 198 lbs., black hair, blue-green eyes, employed past 15 years as new and used car salesman for Steel City Oldsmobile Company, Birmingham.

A review of the Birmingham City Directory for 1968 reflects EVANS apparently still resides at 5001 Quincy Court, Ensley, telephone number 786-6194, and is still employed as salesman for Steel City Oldsmobile.

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AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

Although it does not appear that EVANS is identical with UNSUB in this case, he should be located and interviewed in order to establish his whereabouts during the pertinent period.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA ROBERT M. BARRETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs ROBERT M. BARRETT and WILLIAM A. SAUCIER:

The below-listed persons were contacted on the designated dates. Each one of these persons had been previously identified as having been a customer at the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, on 3/29/68. Each of these persons has advised that they could not recall any customers in the shop during the times they were there who match the description of the unknown subject, who was wearing a business suit, or who was observed by them purchasing a rifle with a scope site. Neither could any of these persons recall observing any Mustang automobile parked in front of the Aeromarine Supply Company.

WILLIAM J. PERRYMAN  
2313 Vestavia Drive  
Vestavia, Alabama  
4/8/68

ROBERT H. STEPHENSON  
904 29th Avenue, NE  
4/8/68

Dr. DAVID B. GRAVES  
3828 Holbrook Lane  
Vestavia  
4/8/68

ALFRED JAFFE  
211 North 28th Street  
Birmingham  
4/8/68

ALVIN WOODROW GEORGE  
901 South Ridge Drive  
Vestavia  
4/8/68



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ARTHUR BAGBY  
4115 Churchill Circle  
Birmingham  
4/8/68

BASIL SMITH, 2468 Rocky Ridge Road, Birmingham,  
was contacted on 4/8/68 and denied ever having been to  
Aeromarine Supply or authorizing anyone to make any pur-  
chases in his name or use his checking account to make any  
purchases at Aeromarine Supply at any time.

CARY BECK, son of JOHN BECK, 2798 Montevallo  
Road, Mountain Brook, Alabama, on 4/9/68.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-1740) (P)

FROM : SA DAVID B. ZWIRN

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

DATE: 4/11/68

On 4/10/68, at approximately 9 p.m., the writer entered Mammy's Pancake House, Highland Avenue, Birmingham. Towards the rear of the restaurant, seated at a table with a woman in her late twenties, was a man who bore a very strong resemblance to the artist's conception of the suspect in this case. The writer sat at the counter about 15 feet from this table and observed them for the next 15 minutes, at which time they left the restaurant. The writer followed the couple into the parking lot, noticed that the man helped the woman into the car on the driver's side and then entered on the passenger's side. The car was a white Chevrolet, Impala. The car had 1968 Alabama license #1-99666. They left the parking lot which is located on the south side of Highland Avenue and to the immediate east of the restaurant and drove east on Highland. The writer followed three cars behind; they pulled off to the side of the road near John Carroll High School. The writer drove around the block and when he returned they were gone. It was thought that shortly thereafter they were driving on 24th Street about two blocks north of Highland. The writer returned to the restaurant and talked to the two waitresses. They both seemed to know the man and said our artist's conception was not a likeness of him. They further advised the woman was named CAROL and the couple had been coming there often for the past month and a half. It was further stated that he worked for the telephone company and was well mannered.

Highway Patrol records reveal the car is registered to CAROLE BARR, 2543 Beverly Drive. The car is a 1961 Chevrolet.

At approximately 9:40 p.m. the writer called the SAC and informed him of these events. From 10:05 until 10:43, the writer made a written record of his observations.

DBZ:bgs

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The description of the man is as follows:

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| Height        | 6' 1"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Weight        | 165 - 170                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Hair          | Dark brown with light highlights, combed straight back from forehead with two or three waves. No evidence of a receding hairline.                                                                                                                                            |
| Eyes          | Dark blue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Complexion    | Tan, ruddy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Age           | 29 - 32                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Speech        | Slight southern accent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Nose          | Straight, slightly on the long side                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Deportment    | Courteous, with a pleasant, well-modulated voice                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Miscellaneous | In comparison to SA MOYNIHAN the man was two to three inches taller, about the same weight, and slightly thinner. His hair was darker and wavier with a fuller hairline. His complexion was very much like that of Agent MOYNIHAN but with a good tan. His cheeks curved in. |
| Clothing      | Light weight blue-green suit with color more on the green side. Trousers were cuffless. He wore a white shirt with a straight collar not buttoned down and a dark tie that appeared to be black. He wore plain black shoes that were more pointed than rounded at the toe.   |

It is suggested that it would be worthwhile to locate this man as his resemblance to suspect is very strong.

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2:27PM 4-11-68 URGENT LDG  
TO DIRECTOR AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM JACKSON (157-9586)  
MURKIN.

BILLY RAY WHITE, AKA - FUGITIVE; UFAP - MURDER; ARMED ROBBERY  
OO: ALBUQUERQUE.

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH

JASPER COUNTY, HEIGHT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE  
HUNDRED FORTYSEVEN, EYES BLUE, HAIR BROWN, SEX MALE, RACE  
WHITE, PRESENTLY WANTED ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, FOR ARMED  
ROBBERY OF PUEBLO LOAN COMPANY AND AS PERSON BEING RESPONSIBLE  
FOR DOUBLE HOMOCIDE BUDVILLE, NEW MEXICO.

WHITE KNOWN TO BE EXTENSIVE TRAVELER HAVING LIVED  
IN OKLAHOMA CITY, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, AND THOUGHT TO HAVE  
AT LEAST VISITED ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AS WELL AS HAVING LIVED  
IN STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND POSSIBLY STATE OF ALABAMA.

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ON NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN WHEN SUBJECT LEFT SCENE  
OF DOUBLE MURDER WAS OBSERVED IN LIGHT COLORED COMPACT AUTOMOBILE.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF BILLY RAY WHITE,  
FBI NUMBER NINE NINE ZERO SPACE THREE NINE FIVE D WITH ANY LATENTS  
SUBMITTED IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

BIRMINGHAM REQUESTED TO EXHIBIT PHOTOGRAPH OF WHITE UNDER  
BIRMINGHAM FILE NUMBER EIGHT <sup>87</sup> SEVEN DASH SEVEN <sup>7</sup> ZERO <sup>0</sup> TWO <sup>2</sup> SIX <sup>6</sup> THROUGH  
LOGICAL WITNESSES TO ELIMINATE WHITE AS SUSPECT, CAPTIONED MATTER.  
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIR MAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS AND ALBUQUERQUE.

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Date: 4/10/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
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TO: SACS BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS  
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re El Paso teletype to the Director dated  
April 9, 1968.

Enclosed for the Birmingham and Memphis Offices  
is one copy each of three photographs of the individual  
identified as ROSWELL S. MONROE.

These photographs of MONROE were taken in a  
surreptitious manner at the airport in El Paso, Texas,  
on January 24, 1967. The woman with MONROE in the  
photographs apparently was not his wife and had no  
official connection with him. MONROE evidently struck  
up an acquaintance with this woman while waiting the  
departure of his airplane.

LEADS

At Birmingham, Alabama and Memphis, Tennessee

DISPLAY photographs of MONROE to witnesses in  
this case in an effort to ascertain if he is  
identical with the unsub.

- 2 - Birmingham (Encls. 3) (AMSD) *File*  
2 - Memphis (Encls. 3) (AMSD)  
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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN; CR.

FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN  
THE MEMPHIS DIVISION APRIL TEN, INSTANT:

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION:

MEASUREMENTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN IN THE VICINITY  
OF LORRAINE MOTEL AND FOUR TWENTY-TWO AND ONE-HALF S.  
MAIN STREET, MEMPHIS, IN ORDER TO SECURE MATERIAL NECESSARY  
FOR EVIDENTIARY EXHIBITS.

WITNESSES, WHO WERE IN THE VICINITY OF FOUR TWENTY-TWO  
AND ONE-HALF S. MAIN STREET AT THE TIME KING WAS SHOT, AND  
INDICATED A DEPUTY SHERIFF THAT APPEARED IN THE IMMEDIATE  
VICINITY DURING THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SHOOT-  
ING. DEPUTY IDENTIFIED AS LT. VERNON D. DALLAHITE. HIS  
OBSERVATIONS WERE SECURED BUT CONSTITUTED NO MATERIAL  
ADDITION TO DATA PROVIDED BY OTHER WITNESSES.

THE WIFE OF WALTER LAYNE BAILEY, OWNER OF THE LORRAINE  
MOTEL, FOUR ZERO SIX MULBERRY STREET, MEMPHIS, SUFFERED

A HEART ATTACK FOLLOWING THE KING ASSASSINATION AND

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DIED ON APRIL EIGHT, LAST. DUE TO HER ILLNESS AND DEATH, WALTER BAILEY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO WORK WITH AGENTS TO ANY SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE. HE HAS PROMISED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE TO SECURE AND MAKE AVAILABLE ALL THE RECORDS AND IDENTATIVE DATA WE REQUIRE TO COMPLETE INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS.

REBEL MOTEL :

CONTINUING INTERVIEWS WITH EMPLOYEES OF THE REBEL MOTEL WHERE ERIC SARVO GALT RESIDED APRIL THREE, LAST, DEVELOPED NO NEW INFORMATION. LIST OF GUESTS AT THE MOTEL ON APRIL THREE AND FOUR, LAST WAS OBTAINED.

RECORD CHECKS CONCERNING JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, AND ERIC SARVO GALT, TENNESSEE STATE RECORDS, SELECTIVE SERVICE, VITAL STATISTICS, DRIVERS LICENSE DIVISION, ALL CHECKED, NO SIGNIFICANT IDENTIFICATIONS INDICATED IN THESE RECORDS.

LAUNDRY MARK INVESTIGATION:

MEMPHIS DIVISION INVESTIGATION AT LAUNDRIES TO IDENTIFY TAPE APPEARING ON CLOTHING BELONGING TO UNSUB WAS NOT SIGNIFICANT.