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SUNGLASSES IN SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT DID NOT RESEMBLE THE MAN HE MET IN NEW ORLEANS. HE ADVISED THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN A BUSINESS SUIT RESEMBLED THE MAN HE MET IN NEW ORLEANS.

DURING THE ENTIRE INTERVIEW OF RUSSELL, HE APPEARED VAGUE, RAMBLING, INDECISIVE, INCOMPLETE, AND WHEN ASKED TO REPEAT VARIED HIS STORY SUFFICIENTLY SO AS TO WARRANT SKEPTICISM AS TO THE HONESTY AND ACCURACY OF HIS STATEMENTS.

SAN FRANCISCO CONTEMPLATES REINTERVIEW OF RUSSELL AFTER INFORMATION IS RECEIVED FROM OTHER OFFICES WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS TO HAVE SOME AWARENESS OF HIS CREDIBILITY.

THE IDENT DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH SAN FRANCISCO WITH A CURRENT IDENT RECORD FOR RUSSELL.

NEW YORK, NEWARK, AND PHILADELPHIA ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THIS OFFICE WITH ANY INFORMATION THEY HAVE WHICH WOULD PERMIT THIS OFFICE TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF RUSSELL'S RELIABILITY AND CREDIBILITY.

SUTEL.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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6/3/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReButel to NY, 5/28/68.

Mrs. LEE MABER, Office Manager, Dale Carnegie and Associates, Inc., International Exporters, 1475 Franklin Ave., Garden City, NY, advised that above organization has 74 domestic and 20 overseas franchises. Each franchise covers a designated area and each franchise holder has agreements with as many sponsors as he desires. Sponsors are promoters who establish and promote the schools and arrange for lecturers. The sponsors submit rosters of students to the franchise holder, who in turn submits copies of student rosters to international office.

Mrs. MABER stated that students throughout the US and overseas amount to over 90,000 per year. Student rosters submitted to international office are not alphabetized and to cover pertinent period, approximately 140,000 names would have to be checked to determine if subject, under true name or aliases, had been enrolled. It is estimated that it would take approximately 15 agent days work to check aforementioned records.

3 - Bureau
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(INFO)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(INFO)
1 - New York

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Mrs. MABER stated it was possible that some or all of the sponsors may have students listed alphabetically or possibly on mailing list and that sponsors would have additional background information concerning each student other than his name which is submitted to international office.

In view of the above, UACB, records of international office will not be reviewed.

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Date: 6/4/68

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

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
RE: MURKIN
CR
(OO: ME)

Re New Orleans airtel to Mobile 5/31/68 with a
lead for Mobile at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The Birmingham Office, which received copies of
referenced airtel, should handle this investigation as
Tuscaloosa is located in the Birmingham territory.

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② - Birmingham
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - New Orleans (airmail) (Info.)
2 - Mobile
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*Lead already
being handled
at Tuscaloosa
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, TAMPA

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Milwaukee airtel to Tampa and interested offices dated 5/28/68.

Mrs. J. HALE, Ship Personnel, Wilson Marine Shipping Company, 2100 Illuminating Building, Cleveland, Ohio, advised their records reflected the following concerning ROSS WESLEY STEVENS:

Address	1021 Highland Drive Lake Wales, Florida (since April 1, 1963)
Previous Address	610 Hesperides Road Lake Wales, Florida
DOB	
POB	Conneaut, Ohio
Wife	KATHLEEN
Children	one

No military service listed.

Mrs. HALE advised their records further reflected that ROSS WESLEY STEVENS was sent an appointment and report notice from the Cleveland office to his current address in Lake Wales, Florida, on 3/18/68 requesting him to report to the Wilson Line Ship Edward S. Kendrick on 3/30/68.

- 2 - Tampa (AMRM)
 - ① - Birmingham (Info) (AMRM)
 - 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AMRM)
 - 1 - Milwaukee (44-388) (AMRM)
 - 2 - Cleveland
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Mrs. HALE advised that R. W. STEVENS has been employed by the Wilson Marine Shipping since 3/7/53 and has been on the Edward S. Kendrick since 1958. She advised that his position aboard ship is and has been chief cook. She advised their records reflect his work is listed as excellent, sobriety excellent, dependability excellent.

Mrs. HALE stated that R. W. STEVENS was on a layoff status from 11/10/67 until he was recalled on 3/18/68. She advised that records reflect that he reported to the Edward S. Kendrick at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on 3/30/68. She advised that this is the town where R. W. STEVENS had received his layoff notice on 11/10/67. She stated that the Edward S. Kendrick sailed from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Sunday, 4/7 in the p.m., and its first port of call was South Chicago, Illinois, second port of call Silver Bay, Minnesota, to pick up ore and then it returned to Cleveland.

It is noted that records of Wilson Marine failed to reflect whereabouts of ROSS WESLEY STEVENS for the early part of March as requested in above-referenced airtel and Wilson Line records contain no information as to the whereabouts or activities of STEVENS from the time of his layoff on 11/10/67 until he returned aboard ship on 3/30/68.

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Date: 6/4/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Birmingham airtel to Director 5/8/68 and Los Angeles airtels to Director 5/16/68 and 5/22/68.

Established sources at General Telephone Company, Santa Monica, California, and Pacific Telephone Company, Los Angeles, have advised that they are unable to locate any record of telephone calls made to Auckland, New Zealand, from San Bernardino, California, in March 1968 and from Santa Barbara, California, in April 1968, as reported in Auckland, New Zealand, press.

General Telephone source checked all calls to Auckland from Santa Barbara and San Bernardino during March and April 1968, however, was unable to locate record of instant calls.

Pacific Telephone source advised that without billed telephone number it is impossible to check overseas calls.

No further action being taken on Auckland calls by Los Angeles.

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- 3 - Bureau (AM)
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)
 - ① - Birmingham (44-1740)(AM)
 - 2 - Los Angeles
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Date: 6/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

RE: BRUCE IRWIN GOVERN, AKA
BRUCE ERWIN GOVERN,
LAWRENCE MATTHEW TIMMONS

Sergeant ANDREW GRIMES, Fairfax, California Police Department, advised that BRUCE IRWIN GOVERN, age 23, and THOMAS RAYMOND ELLIS, age 18, were arrested on May 19, 1968, in a stolen Volkswagen. Sergeant GRIMES advised after the arrest, GOVERN was searched. GRIMES stated a hand-printed document consisting of four pages was found among GOVERN's personal effects and when it was read, noted it referred to Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. GRIMES said the letter was rambling and did not make much sense but did contain telephone numbers which might possibly relate to this case.

Sergeant GRIMES furnished this four-page document which actually consists of two sheets of paper with hand-printing on both sides. This letter will comprise the next four pages of this airtel.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Atlanta (44-2386)(AM)(RM)
② - Birmingham (AM)(RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
3 - San Francisco
(2 - 173-65)
(1 - 25-67044)

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BRUCE!

(BRING PEN & PAPER)

(1

VISIT ME SAT- 10 O'CLOCK BE HERE- BRING THE TWO
GIRLS- THAT WILL BE WITH US- BE SURE THE CAN PROVE
THEY ARE 21. BE SURE TO BE HERE BY 10 O'CLOCK!
COME, MON- TUE- ETC UNTILL I AM OUT.

ASK TO SEE- ROBERT LAWRENCE - CITY PRISON!

(BRING- TELL GIRLS NAKED- UNDER COAT- ~~GOOD~~)
WITH OLIVE OIL- SMILE - L.S.D

BRUCE- CALL TODAY- KEEP CALLING TO REACH- ALL
NUMBERS- THE ONES YOU DONT REACH TO DAY- BE
SURE YOU CALL IN THE MORNING BEFORE YOU
VISIT ME !! - BUT TRY ALL TODAY! - CALL THE BELOW

1. 221-6201 = HELLO!! My bro. ask ME TO CALL
HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW DO YOU HAVE A RIFLE 30.06
FOR SALE? (YES) IS IT IN GOOD CONDITION? How much
ARE YOU ASKING, (105-150) THANK YOU- MY BRO
WILL CALL YOU TOMORROW- ~~PLEASE REPLY~~
THANK YOU !!

CALL INFORMATION- ATLANTA GA.

I WOULD LIKE THE NUMBER OF THE EDENEZER
BAPTIST Church - ON AUBURN AVE. ⁴⁰⁴ 6887263
ALSO- THE No. of - REV. MARTIN L. KING SR. ^{unpublished}

THAN CALL KING AT HOME! = HELLO MAY I SPEAK TO THE
REV. KING SR. HELLO REV. I AM CALLING FOR A FRIEND,
HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF YOU RECEIVE HIS LETTER?
(IF HE SAYS NO- TELL HIM IT WAS SENT TO THE Church- HIS
Church- & TELL HIM IT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE HE READS

ROBT-LAWRENCE - RUSTEN

THE LETTER, IT CONCERNS YOUR SON'S MURDER - MAY HE REST IN PEACE! ^{CHURCH} I WILL CALL YOU BACK IN A HOUR - MY

2

FRIEND ~~KEE~~ CAN GET THE GUN - THE OTHER ONE, THAT WAS USE AS A LETTER THAT WAS SENT TO GALT, CONCERNING THE CONSPIRACY - THE DETAILS. ALSO WHERE HE CAN BE LOCATED - OTHER PERSONS -

YES - YOU DID GET THE LETTER, (BUCE read the to him) DID YOU UNDERSTAND HIS LETTER - PLAN. DID YOU READ HIS WIFE'S LETTER.

HE SAID FLY OUT TO HERE - ~~GO~~ WITH TWO OF YOUR CLOSE-TRUSTED AIDS - CHECK IN TO THE HILLTON HOTEL - OR FAIRMONT HOTEL - OR HOLIDAY INN MOTEL. TAKE A CAB TO THE FOUR-SEAS-RESTURANTS - OR GRANT AVE - CHINATOWN! BE THERE, AT 6:30 - GO TO THE BAR - ILL MEET YOU THERE, OR IF IT IS CLOSE - GO TO IMPERIAL PALACE ON GRANT AVE! (BUT FOUR-SEAS - SHOULD BE OPEN - SO GO THERE FIRST. JUST SIT & TILL I COME THERE - BETWEEN 6:30 - 7:30 QU be there. REV. KING - WHO WILL BE WITH YOU?

1. _ _ _ _ _
2. _ _ _ _ _
3. _ _ _ _ _

PLEASE KEEP CONFIDENTIAL - NO - F.B.I - AGENTS OR ANY LAW OFFICALS - BUT US. MR LAWRENCE SAID PLEASE - WILL EXPLANE WHEN HE SEES - YOU -

PLEASE bring - with you - \$10,000 cash - FOR HIS bail - ALSO FOR THE GUN - AND EXPENSED MONEY - PLANE FARE - FOR US - TO NEW ORLEANS - WE WILL DUSCUSS THE WHOLE MATTER AND PLAN ~~AND~~ WE MEET. I WILL ILL SEE YOU TOMMOROW

NIGHT - SAT - OR SUN NIGHT. ??

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WE CAN GET THE GUN RIGHT AWAY - AND
LETIER - BOB - AND ONE OF YOUR AID WILL
PICK IT UP - I WILL STAY WITH YOU - ~~RECEIVE~~ - AND
YOUR OTHER AID - AS A GIRL - UNTILL BOB & YOUR AID
COME BACK. THEN ALL OF US WILL GO TO N.O.
AND GET MR. GALT - AND FRIENDS! ~~WELL~~ WE WILL
DISCUSS THE WHOLE PLAN - AT RESTURANT.

WILL I SEE YOU - TOMORROW NIGHT - OR SUN

THAN BRUCE

CALL - MEMPHIS TENN. INFORMATION - GET THE
NUMBERS - OF

MEMPHIS CITY CONCILE ⁹⁰¹ 527 6611
526 8811
NEWS PAPER 526 2141

CALL CITY CONCILE - HELLO I, LIKE TO SPEAK TO
SOMEONE CONCERNING DR KING MURDER -
HELLO IS THE REWARD STILL OPEN - HOW
MUCH IS THE COMPLETE REWARD - FROM YOU,
PAPER - ECT #

YES I HAVE THE OTHER GUN - LETTER TO
SO CALL MR GALT - ^{GIVING HIM DETAILS} AS WHERE HE IS - THANK YOU - WILL CALL BACK
THAN CALL THE NEWS PAPER - HELLO I LIKE TO
SPEAK TO EDITOR - CONCERNING DR KING -
HOW MUCH IS A STORY WORTH - WITH THE OTHER
GUN - THAT KILL KING - A LETTER TO SO CALLED
MR GALT - ^{GIVING HIM DETAILS} AS WHERE HE IS - AND OTHERS, HOW
MUCH _____ WILL YOU KEEP IT
CONFIDENTIAL - WHAT IS YOUR NAME
ILL CALL YOU TOMORROW, THANK YOU!

415-

PAHCE-

324-1130 - Larry Young

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Hello Larry - ~~to~~ Robert Lawrence - serial 10-13 min
did you mail his letter when?? 3-4

VISIT ME TOMORROW

BRUCE - AT 10 O'CLOCK

BE HERE - WITH THE TWO
GIRLS THAT WILL BE WITH US

BE SURE YOU ARE HERE,
I WILL HAVE OTHER NOS. IF
WE NEED THEM - MORE
DETAILS - INSTRUCTIONS

SF 173-65
MTG/sms

BRUCE IRWIN GOVERN was interviewed at the Marin County Jail on May 20, 1968. GOVERN stated that the letter set out above was given to him by an inmate while he was confined either at the San Francisco County Jail or the San Francisco City Jail. He stated the letter was given to him about three weeks ago by a young inmate known to him only as TOM. He said he had not known TOM before, did not know why he was then in jail, and knew nothing about his background. GOVERN stated he was still in the San Francisco Jail when TOM was released on bail and that he has not seen or heard from TOM since. GOVERN stated following his release from jail he obtained certain telephone numbers listed in the letter by calling the Information Operator.

The files of the San Francisco Office indicate that GOVERN is the subject of San Francisco file 25-67044. This file indicates that GOVERN's Selective Service Number is 33-46-45-23 and that he was declared delinquent by his draft board for failure to report for induction on September 8, 1965. GOVERN was arrested by Agents of the San Francisco Office on February 23, 1968, was given a physical examination on February 28, 1968, and on that date was disqualified at the Induction Center for medical reasons, one of these reasons being that he was a user of heroin.

On May 29, 1968, GOVERN was reinterviewed at the Marin County Jail. GOVERN advised he was in the San Francisco Jail from about April 15, 1968, to April 24, 1968. He insisted that the letter referred to was given to him by a person who he knew as TOM. GOVERN stated he was confined to a cell with TOM for about seven days but did not speak to him until his last two days in jail. He advised that both he and TOM were released from City Jail on the same day. GOVERN stated he did not know JAMES EARL RAY and had never seen him. He stated he had seen pictures of RAY in the newspapers.

He advised that on the letter his hand-printing appeared on Page 1 when he wrote the telephone number 404-688-7263 regarding the Ebenezer Baptist Church and on Page 3 when he wrote the telephone numbers 527-6611, 526-8811, and 516-2141. He advised that the telephone number 404-688-7263 was the telephone number of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and he obtained this number by calling Atlanta Information.

He advised he has no knowledge as to the identity of the subscriber to telephone number 221-6201 which appears on the first page of the letter. He advised that the name ROBERT LAWRENCE appearing on Page 1 is unknown to him. GOVERN stated that the rifle used to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING was the same rifle that killed President JOHN F. KENNEDY. When asked to elaborate on this

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remark he stated, "You guys know that and there is no sense in me telling you anything about that."

The telephone number 415-324-1130 is a San Francisco telephone number. Inquiry at this number reflects that LARRY YOUNG resides there. YOUNG advised that he would contact the San Francisco Office this date.

ROBERT MOORE, San Francisco Police Department, Star 1648, San Francisco City Jail, on May 31, 1968, advised that BRUCE IRWIN GOVERN was arrested and confined to the San Francisco City Jail on April 16, 1968, and was bailed out on April 19, 1968. MOORE stated that a review of the records reflected that the only "TOM" that was discharged on April 19, 1968, from the City Jail was THOMAS LYNCH who was confined on April 17, 1968, and was released on April 19, 1968. He advised LYNCH was confined to cell block "L" whereas GOVERN was in Dormitory 3.

THOMAS PATRICK LYNCH, 116 Frederick Street, Apartment 29, San Francisco, California, on May 31, 1968, stated he does not know anyone by the name of BRUCE IRWIN GOVERN. He observed photographs of GOVERN and stated that he did not recognize this individual as being identical with anyone that he knows. He stated he was arrested on a narcotics charge and that he was kept separate from the rest of the prisoners in the jail. LYNCH observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he did not know RAY and that he had never seen him. LYNCH advised that he had not given GOVERN the four-page letter which GOVERN said he had obtained from "TOM."

LYNCH stated he had been shocked at the death and the manner of the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and that he had not written this note and that he would not have anything to do with any such scheme as this seems to be.

LARRY YOUNG, 974 Weeks, Palo Alto, California, on June 3, 1968, advised he was confined at the San Francisco City Jail from about April 6, 1968, to April 13, 1968. He advised that a white man by the name of LAWRENCE who was in the "tank" with him gave him a letter which was already sealed and asked him to mail it when he got out. YOUNG stated this letter was addressed to MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR. YOUNG stated he does not know the contents of the letter. YOUNG stated he did not know GOVERN.

LEADS

THE ATLANTA OFFICE

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA: Will determine if telephone number 404-688-7263 is listed to the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

SF 173-65
MTG/sms

*Frank & Joe Byrum
attn: 1701 - City Adm. Bldg.
251-6201*

THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA: Will determine if telephone number 221-6201 is a Birmingham number and will particularly determine if this number has any connection with a gun shop.

THE MEMPHIS OFFICE

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE: Will determine if telephone number 527-6611 is a listing for the Memphis City Council and will determine if telephone numbers 526-8811 and 516-2141 are numbers of Memphis newspapers.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: (1) Will continue investigation to identify "TOM" who allegedly furnished GOVERN with the letter.

2. Will seek to identify ROBERT LAWRENCE at City Prison.

FBI BIRMGHAM

FBI NEWARK

125PM URGENT 6-6-68 NAL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM,
MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEW YORK (44-1609), PHILADELPHIA (44-1368),
AND SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE SF TEL TO BUREAU, JUNE FIVE LAST; SF TEL TO
NEWARK JUNE FIVE LAST; RE ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL.

REVIEW OF NEWARK FILES REVEALS THAT ROBERT LAWRENCE
RUSSELL, AKA CHARLES E. LEAP, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE TWO-
ONE ONE FOUR A, HAS IN THE PAST FURNISHED FALSE AND UNFOUNDED
INFO TO THE NEWARK OFFICE AS WELL AS TO NEW JERSEY AUTHORITES
AND TO THE NEW YORK CITY AND PHILADELPHIA OFFICES OF U.S. BUREAU
OF CUSTOMS.

RUSSELL HAS COME TO THE BUREAU'S ATTENTION IN CASE
CAPTIONED COSTACHE GEORGE BLEBA, IS-ALBANIA, OO NYO, BUFILE
ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE THREE TWO TWO ONE ZERO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CORRECTION PARAGRAPH TTHREE LINE TWO NAME SHOULD
READ BELBA NOT BLEBA.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861); ATLANTA (44-2386); BIRMINGHAM; MEMPHIS (44-1987)
NEW YORK (44-1609) AND SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

FROM PHILA 44-1368

MURKIN

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU SIX FIVE LAST.

RE ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL:

RUSSELL, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE TWO ONE FOUR FOUR A HAS IN THE
PAST FURNISHED MISLEADING AND UNRELIABLE INFO TO THE PHILA FBI OFFICE
& TO THE PHILA OFFICE OF BUREAU OF CUSTOMS. BUREAU REFER TO CASE E
ENTITLED, "COSTACHE GEORGE BE/BA, AKA, IS - ALBANIA, OO-NYO, BUFILE
ONE HUNDRED THREE THREE TWO TWO ONE ZERO, A AND D".

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6/5/68

AIRTEL

TO Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM SAC, Atlanta (44-2388)
RE MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta 6/4/68.

Mr. AUBREY C. ROSS, District Director, Internal Revenue Service, Atlanta, which district covers the State of Georgia, was contacted 6/5/68 in accordance with instructions in reairtel.

He caused a search to be made of the TCR-1 forms and stated no withdrawal transactions of \$10,000 or more were reported during the month of April 1968. Mr. ROSS pointed out that there would not be any more of the TCR-1 forms for the month of April being turned in. He also pointed out that this is a voluntary submission by the institutions, consequently, 100% effective coverage cannot be assured. However, it has been his experience that any questionable type transactions are reported.

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3 Bureau (AM)
① Birmingham (AM) 44-1740
1 Memphis (AM) 44-1987
1 New Orleans (AM) 157-10673
1 Los Angeles (AM) 44-1574
1 Atlanta

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO-MEMPHIS

Re New Orleans airtel 5/31/68, setting forth information from EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD.

ROBERT PARKER, Payroll Officer, Penrod Drilling Company, 3333 First National Bank Building, Dallas, Texas, advised SA WILLIAM E. HOLLOMAN on 6/4/68, he can locate no employment record, past or present, for EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD. He stated he maintains employment records of all employees of this company no matter where they are employed. He advised there is a possibility that MANSFIELD may have been employed by a sub-contracting company or a company furnishing some service to Penrod Drilling Company, in which case he would have no record of him.

2 - New Orleans
2 - Mobile
② - Birmingham (44-1740)
1 - Jackson (157-9586)
2 - Dallas
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (66-760)

MURKIN.

Re Kansas City daily summary 6/4/68.

Enclosed to Bureau and each office is one photograph of PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department #104182, for use in investigation requested in referenced daily summary.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Birmingham (Enc. 1) *Reggie*
- 1 - Dallas (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Indianapolis (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Jacksonville (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Louisville (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Memphis (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Minneapolis (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Kansas City

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TO: ALL SACS
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF OFFICE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH INVESTIGATION THAT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA FROM APRIL EIGHT SIXTY-EIGHT UNTIL MAY SIX SIXTY-EIGHT UNDER NAMES PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. SUBJECT DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON, ENGLAND ON MAY SIX LAST AS SNEYD AND IS BELIEVED USING CANADIAN PASSPORT IN THAT NAME. SUBJECT BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES. *Index*

IN VIEW OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS REVIEW OF DRIVER'S LICENSE BUREAU RECORDS AS REQUESTED IN BUREAU RADIOGRAM MAY TWO ONE LAST MAY BE DISCONTINUED. *Reviewed for new aliases - negative - has*

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRANCE INTO U.S. SHOULD PLACE APPROPRIATE STOPS WITH BORDER AND CUSTOM AUTHORITIES UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN SNEYD AND KING ASSASSINATION. YOU MAY ADVISE AUTHORITIES THAT INDIVIDUAL USING NAME SNEYD IS BEING

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② Snow

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☐ Teletype

SOUGHT BY FBI FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT FOR CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

FOR INFORMATION OF BORDER OFFICES THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON RESIDING IN TORONTO, CANADA, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPARTMENT NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND DATE OF BIRTHUSED BY SUBJECT IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN EVENT BORDER STOPS DISCLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL NAMED SNEYD IS ENTERING YOUR TERRITORY. COPIES MAILED WFO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC BIRMINGHAM (170-174) (P)

DATE: 5-23-68

FROM : SA NEIL P. SHANAHAN

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob) (Ghetto)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: **RM LEE GRANT BRISTOW aka
Jake Bristow R- Prob (Ghetto)**

Dates of Contact		
5-20-68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
RACIAL CONDITIONS BIRMINGHAM DIVISION		100-3080
MURKIN		44-1740
Purpose and results of contact		
☐ NEGATIVE ☒ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC This source was contacted on the above listed date and advised that he had no information whatever concerning the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY and has not heard any talk among the negroes in North Birmingham that would aid in this investigation. He advised that there is some talk that the man who killed Dr. KING will never be caught but no talk to the effect that the search for him is not being carried out properly. Source advised that there is at present no noticeable unrest among negroes in Birmingham and little talk concerning the present poor peoples campaign being carried on in Washington D.C. Source stated that he knows of noone from the Birmingham area who is planning on attending this demonstration. Source stated that this type thing simply does not appeal to the negroes in that area. Source advised that he would be alert for any unrest among the negroes and would immediately advise the writer if he learns of any incident or occurrence which might lead to trouble.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Racial
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TO: DIRECTOR, AND
SACS, ATLANTA
MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

REMYTELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, JUNE FOUR LAST, AND
MYLET TO FBI LAB JUNE FOUR LAST TRANSMITTING HANDWRITING
SPECIMENS OF SUSPECT RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO DEVELOPED AT TORONTO,
ONTARIO RE SUBJECT AND USE OF NAME AND IDENTITY OF RAMON
GEORGE SNEYD.

AMONG ITEMS RECOVERED FROM ROOM PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED
BY HIM AT FOUR SIX TWO DUNDAS STREET WEST, TORONTO, UP
UNTIL MAY NINE LAST, WERE FIVE ROLLS OF KODAK SUPER EIGHT
CARTRIDGE TYPE COLOR MOVIE FILM, LOT NO. K A FOUR SIX FOUR,
EXPIRATION DATE NOV. NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, REPEAT NOVEMBER,
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. ONE EIGHT OUNCE JAR COLD CREAM, NUMEROUS

1 - Birmingham (Info) (AM)
1 - Kansas City (Info) (AM)

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MISCELLANEOUS HANDAIDS AND THREE BROWN PAPER SACKS, A GRAY METAL STRONGBOX, AND A DARK BLUE ZIPPER-TYPE FLIGHT BAG. ALL ABOVE ITEMS PROCESSED BY RCMP, TORONTO, ONTARIO, BUT ONLY ONE FINGERPRINT OF QUESTIONABLE VALUE DEVELOPED.

ALSO LOCATED IN ROOM WERE MAPS OF CANADA AND OF CITIES OF TORONTO AND MONTREAL. TWO PARTIAL PALM LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED ON MAP. ONLY ONE OF THE PACKS OF FILM APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN OPENED BUT NOT KNOWN WHETHER CONTAINS ANY EXPOSURES. THIS BEING PROCESSED BY KODAK AT TORONTO.

LILLIAN SPENCER, MANAGER OF KENNEDY TRAVEL AGENCY, TORONTO, ONTARIO, WHO HANDLED FLIGHT BOOKING AND OBTAINING OF PASSPORT FOR SUBJECT, INTERVIEWED IN DETAIL TODAY. SHE COULD NOT MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY OR RECALL ANY DETAILS OF TRANSACTION WHICH WOULD FIRM UP SNEYD'S IDENTIFICATION AS RAY. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION FURNISHED BY HER GENERALLY FITS RAY AND NOTATION MADE BY HER ON SNEYD'S PASSPORT APPLICATION REGARDING SCAR OVER

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CENTER OF NOSE NOW BELIEVED BY HER TO HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN IN CENTER OF FOREHEAD.

SPENCER STATES SNEYD PURCHASED ROUND TRIP TICKET, TORONTO TO LONDON, VIA BOAC, PAYING THREEHUNDRED FOURTYFIVE DOLLARS IN CANADIAN MONEY ON MAY TWO LAST, WITH LIMIT OF TWENTYONE DAYS FROM MAY SIX LAST FOR USE OF RETURN HALF OF TICKET. STATES TO GET REFUND FOR UNUSED PORTION SNEYD WOULD HAVE TO RETURN IT TO BOAC, TORONTO, OR KENNEDY TRAVEL AGENCY.

INVESTIGATION AT TORONTO ESTABLISHED THAT IN ADDITION TO CANADIAN PASSPORT IN NAME RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, SUBJECT ALSO HAS BIRTH CERTIFICATE IN THAT NAME WHICH HE OBTAINED FROM BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, TORONTO, BY LETTER DATED APRIL SIXTEEN LAST. CERTIFICATE ATTESTING TO HIS BIRTH AT TORONTO ON [REDACTED], BEARS THE NAMES OF PARENTS AS FATHER GEORGE SNEYD AND MOTHER MAIDEN NAME GLADYS MAE KILNER (THESE ARE THE CORRECT NAMES OF THE PARENTS OF THE REAL RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.)

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RCMP AND METROPOLITAN TORONTO PD (MTPD) CONDUCTING EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF THE REAL RAMON GEORGE SNEYD WHO IS A POLICE OFFICER ON THE TORONTO, ONTARIO PD, TO ASCERTAIN HOW SUBJECT OBTAINED THE NECESSARY BACKGROUND DATA TO OBTAIN FRAUDULENT BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND CANADIAN PASSPORT.

BUREAU ADVISE LEGAT, LONDON RE BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND HAVE CANADIAN EMBASSY, LONDON ALERTED REGARDING SNEYD.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN TORONTO, ONT.

AMCCS TO BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY.

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Date: 6/6/68

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

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau, 5/29/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS H. WEAVER:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

On 6/4/68, JAMES STIDHAM, register #65993, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), who advised he has been an inmate at the MSP for 17 years, advised he does not know JAMES EARL RAY and has never heard of him. He stated he has no information regarding RAY, gambling in the MSP or anything else about which the FBI might desire to question him.

On 6/4/68, ROBERT BURNS, register #75811, an inmate at the MSP, advised he would have nothing to say regarding JAMES EARL RAY, any possible inmate organization or anything else pertaining to present or former inmates or inmates' activities at the MSP. He said he would not say whether or not he ever heard of JAMES EARL RAY.

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Approved: *K. D. Koa* Sent _____ M Per _____
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Date: 6/5/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel 5/23/68; and Buairtel 6/4/68.

Prior to receipt of reBuairtel, the New Orleans Division on 5/31/68 contacted Mr. NAURBON PERRY, Group Supervisor, Intelligence, Internal Revenue Service, New Orleans, exploring the feasibility of obtaining information from TCR-1 Forms.

PERRY stated that his office receives these forms through the Federal Reserve Bank and they come from banks all over the Gulf Coast, including Mobile, Alabama. He stated cooperation with regard to completing a TCR-1 Form is for the most part voluntary on the part of the banks. The regulations regarding the TCR-1's completion are handled by the Comptroller of Currency and he pointed out that most banks do not follow these regulations to the letter.

PERRY stated he was specifically prohibited by Statute from disclosing information from the TCR-1 Form, and that he would not be able to disclose this information without the specific permission of the Commissioner of IRS.

3 - Bureau (44-38861)
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (INFO)
① - Birmingham (44-1740) (INFO)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (INFO)
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Special Agent in Charge

NO 157-10673 /sam

Later that date, Mr. PERRY advised that he had been in telephonic contact with his national office in Washington, D. C., relative to the disclosure problem surrounding the furnishing of information from the TCR-1 Forms to the FBI. He stated he expected a decision would be reached by 6/3/68.

In view of this, leads to contact all banks in the New Orleans area were held in abeyance pending further word from Mr. PERRY.

On 6/3/68, Mr. PERRY was recontacted and advised that he had heard nothing yet giving him authorization to disclose the desired information.

As of 6/4/68, no word had been received from PERRY therefore, leads concerning contact with individual banks previously assigned will be covered in accordance with instructions in Buairtel dated 5/21/68.

Above for information of the Bureau.

Armed and Dangerous

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 5/8/68

JAMES W. BROWN, Route 1, Box 176-B, Reform, Alabama, advised that he was sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in April of 1960 and was released on June 15, 1965. He stated that he knew JAMES EARL RAY while he was in prison and first met him sometime in 1963. He stated that he had been in groups where RAY was talking on several occasions and had talked to him personally a few times.

BROWN stated that RAY made the statement that he was glad when JOHN F. KENNEDY was killed, and had made some statements at this time to the effect "That is one 'Nigger'-loving S.O.B. that got shot." He stated that RAY did not like Negroes and that during the time MARTIN LUTHER KING was leading some of his demonstrations and this information was being published in the newspapers, RAY used to curse KING and the Negroes. The news of the demonstrations and marches used to aggravate him considerably. He stated that RAY made the statement that KENNEDY was running the country and especially in the racial field, and that MARTIN LUTHER KING could get the Federal Government to do anything he wanted them to. BROWN further advised that he had heard some prison rumors that RAY was supposed to have killed three Negroes while he was in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

BROWN advised that sometime in the Fall of 1963, RAY made the statement that he was going to get MARTIN LUTHER KING when he got out. He stated that he heard him say something about COOLEY (phonetic) or COOLEY'S organization would pay \$10,000.00 to have KING dead. He stated that he could furnish no further information concerning this and RAY did not mention it again in his presence.

BROWN further advised that RAY seemed to have a sufficient supply of money and that he gambled with the other convicts continuously in the prison yard. The convicts used chips made from bottle caps or gambled for cigarettes and they would settle their gambling losses at the end of the month. He stated that RAY indicated at one time that he got

On 4/30/68 at Reform, Alabama File # BH 44-1740-1937
by SA CLARENCE E. WRIGHT:bal Date dictated 5/6/68

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a check or money regularly from some source on the outside. He stated that RAY did drink some and he had detected alcohol on his breath on different occasions. The convicts made whiskey in the prison and some of the guards sold whiskey to the convicts also. He stated there was a lot of narcotics passed around in the prison and the guards would bring some of it in and some of it was being brought in by visitors. He never had any personal knowledge that RAY used narcotics. He was unable to name any specific guard that sold contraband to the convicts; however, he did say that one guard was caught selling contraband to the convicts in 1962 or 1963 and was fired. He stated that RAY did talk to one particular guard a lot; however, he does not remember the guard's name.

BROWN stated that he has not seen RAY since he left prison and has no idea where he might have gone. He stated that RAY had talked about tunnelling out of prison and going to Virginia and hiding in a cave. He heard RAY say that he had a large supply of guns before he was in prison and heard him mention a submachine gun. The only foreign country he ever heard RAY mention was Liberia, Africa, and RAY stated that he had a brother-in-law working there and that he was making a lot of money.

BROWN advised that RAY was not too friendly; however, he would talk in groups. RAY told BROWN once that he had been in Birmingham, Alabama, and that RAY had stated that Birmingham was a good town to steal in. He never discussed his past life in BROWN'S presence and BROWN has no idea where RAY is from or anything about his family.

His close associates in prison were:

JOHNNY VALENTI (phonetic)

VALENTI is believed to be from Baton Rouge, Louisiana and BROWN believes he is still in prison. VALENTI talked about Mexico a lot and could speak Spanish. RAY stated one time that he was going to visit a friend of his and VALENTI'S (this friend's name unknown) who was released from prison and got married and it is believed that he is running a cafe near Moberly, Missouri.

"TICK" WILSON, who was killed while in Missouri State Prison.

JOHNNY JOHNSON, who is from the Kansas City area and is believed to be still in prison as he was serving a twenty-year sentence.

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"NONEY" EDEN - EDEN was serving five years.

RICHARD BEEMAN

(FNU) MAYBERRY, from West Plains, Missouri.

BROWN was shown a copy of I.O. 4182 and he stated that the center picture looks exactly like he remembered him in prison and the other pictures resemble him also.



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