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Mrs. FREDDIE GLOVER, Owner, Merry Acres Motel, Highway 45 North, Corinth, Mississippi, made available the motel registration for the period March 29, 1968, through April 3, 1968. The following individuals were registered during this period:

EDWARD MOSS Rogersville, Alabama Alabama license 44-96Y

K. BRYANT Friendship, Arkansas

RAYMOND DAVIS Macomb, Illinois Route 3

W. M. HARNBACK 10509 Sedalia Louisville, Kentucky Kentucky license N67592

R. M. RUDOLPH 330 N. 31st Street Paducah, Kentucky Kentucky license 558844

GEORGE E. BUTLER 333 Madison Wiggins, Mississippi

EARNEST W. KELLY and family Route 2, Box 302 Wentzville, Missouri SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED

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L. H. BAMSEY Eudora, South Dakota South Dakota license 51-1332



Date 4/25/69

Mrs. BERRY (SHIRLEY) SMITH, owner and manager, E1-Ray Motel, Highway 45 South, Corinth, Mississippi, made available the motel registration records for the period March 29, 1968, to April 3, 1968. These records reveal the names of guests as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. GRADY THOMPSON Route 1 Cherokee, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. R. HOLMES 1571 5th Avenue Vero Beach, Florida Florida license 32W-5673, Oldsmobile

JIMMY SINTER 6111 Prushing Danvers Grove, Illinois

T. W. RICHARDSON Sims, Illinois

L. L. ROBERTSON Sims, Illinois

JAMES JOHNSON Chicago, Illinois Illinois license IL 4692, Oldsmobile 44-1740

J. LAMBERT 1508 N. Elk Grove Chicago, Illinois

BERT YEAGER 4203 S. Sheridan Zion, Illinois

Illinois license MY8682, Pontiac Tempest

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GEORGE FLAYER LEO WACKER Marion, Illinois

CHARLES CHOGENGEN
142 Parton Avenue
Calumet City, Illinois
Illinois license 101-101

JIMMY SINTER 6111 Pershing Road Danvers Grove, Illinois HN 1228

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. SUMMERS 2033 Broadway Quincy, Illinois

CLYDE HANCOCK 1807 S. 49th Avenue Lyons, Illinois

BILLY HANCOCK 8430 45th Street Lyons, Illinois Illinois license AR 988, 1964 Pontiac

TALL HUMBERS
212 Cauden Avenue
Michigan City, Indiana

HERSHEL BAINE
512 W. Louisiana Street
Evansville, Indiana
Indiana license 826-512, Chevrolet

J. RICHARD LEE 615 Madison Gary, Indiana DAN E. BRYANT and wife 608 Will Evansville, Indiana

JAMES ROSSO 1330 Delery Street New Orleans, Louisiana Louisiana license 106B788 1968 Chevrolet

GENE ARMSTRONG 1401 Airline Highway New Orleans, Louisiana Louisiana license 690-345

CHARLES GRUNDY
36 Avonlea Street
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Salar Andrews

C.A. EVANS Southern Household Shubuta, Mississippi

NOEL SIMMONS AUDLEY PHELPS University, Mississippi

PAUL W. CHAPPELL 787 Davis Street Corinth, Mississippi

KENNETH FORD
Route 4
Booneville, Mississippi

AUDIE RAY DAVIS Fulton, Mississippi

C. S. COX
Jackson, Mississippi
(Standard Oil Company)

C. R. LEONARD Brookhaven, Mississippi Mississippi license 23555

B. W. PURGASON Maston, Mississippi

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W. C. SEATON 40 Plaza Square St. Louis, Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. DICKINSON 16 St. Rita Bridgeton, Missouri Missouri license KG7-506, Mercury

C. RALPH GASCHE
Box 42
Delta, Ohio
Ohio license 9518Y

L. E. PRICE and family Route 2 Greenville, South Carolina Ohio license 177190

ROBERT PAYNE
Route 7
Sparta, Tennessee
Tennessee license IT-6780

BILL BARNES Savannah, Tennessee Tennessee license 3215

JOHN HAYS 111 State Street Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. and Mrs. G. JOHNSTON Box 876 Jackson, Tennessee ELMER ALSTON College Street Halls, Tennessee

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM PHILLIPS Crump, Tennessee Tennessee license IP8559

ROBERT FARRIS Dyer, Tennessee 1968 Mustang

LAWRENCE SUMMERS Denton, Texas

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Date 4/24/69

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

RED SHARP Scottsboro, Alabama

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

J. A. SMELLY Sheffield, Alabama

VERA ELKINS

Jasper, Alabama

(Olen Mills representative)

L. O. ELLIS Sheffield, Alabama

C. D. WRIGHT
Box 939
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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

(name illegible) 3530 Minkolo Sarasota, Florida SEARCHED INDEXED SERVALIZED FILED MAY 1 0 1969
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J. L. YOUNG, Jr. 1002 Forrest Boulevard Decatur, Georgia

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

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

BOB FORMAN Evansville, Indiana

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

BILL and SANDY FERRELL Route 1 Grand Junction, Michigan

JAMES D. FERRELL Grand Junction, Michigan

WALTER PICKWICK 20440 Spencer Detroit, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. GALE BUTTERFIELD 118 Palmer Street, Northeast Grand Rapids, Michigan Michigan license JA45-70 3

LOIS HINDMAN
Parker Road
Corinth, Mississippi

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

THOMAS R. SMITH Route 2 Corinth, Mississippi

JOEL EVANS and TOMMY COWART 2212 Bell Avenue Columbus, Mississippi

GARY LOWE 2212 Bell Avenue Columbus, Mississippi

SAMMUEL WILLIAMS 805 Cemetery Street Corinth, Mississippi

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

BRICKLE
837 Highland Drive
Las Vegas, New Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. LEIGH KETCH 249 Penfield Road Rochester, New York New York license MR 866 PAULINE BULLARD and G. L. LAWSON 208 East 11th Wewoka, Oklahoma

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

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

CHARLES T. BROWN 950 Runyan Drove Chattanooga, Tennessee

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

DAVID F. NABORS 412 Old Hickory Boulevard Nashville, Tennessee

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

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

TONY WALKER
301 South Royal
Jackson, Tennessee

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Date: 5/7/69

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Enclosed for each office, except for Memphis and Birmingham, is one copy of referenced Bureau airtel, dated 4/7/69.

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

FD-302

Mrs. LOUISE BREWER, Mgr. Round-Town Motel

Division

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

FD-302

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

Division

Atlanta Birmingham Charlotte Chicago Cincinnati Columbia Dallas Denver Detroit Houston Indianapolis Jacksonville Kansas City Knoxville Little Rock Louisville Memphis

Miami Minneapolis Mobile Newark New Haven New Orleans New York Oklahoma City Oma ha Philadelphia Richmond Salt Lake City Savannah Seattle Springfield Tampa

WALTER COUTURE, Mgr. Cannoneer Motel

Albany
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Denver
Detroit
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Kansas City
Knoxville
Memphis
Miami
Milwaukee

Minneapolis
Mobile
New Orleans
New York
Oklahoma City
Omaha
Philadelphia
Sacramento
St. Louis
Savannah
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Tampa

FD-302	Divis ion	
BROOKS PHILLIPS, Owner, Southern Motel	Atlanta Birmingham Charlotte Chicago Columbia Dallas Kansas City	Little Rock Louisville Memphis Mobile New Orleans St. Louis
HOWARD STARNES, Mgr., Illinois Motel	Atlanta Birmingham Chicago Cleveland Dallas Detroit Indianapolis Jacksonville Kansas City	Knoxville Little Rock Memphis Milwaukee Mobile St. Louis Savannah Springfield Tampa
WILLIAM PHILLIPS, Owner, Phillips Motel	Atlanta Birmingham Cleveland Columbia Dallas Detroit Kansas City Knoxville	Little Rock Los Angeles Memphis Omaha Sacramento St. Louis San Diego
H. C. FREEMAN, Owner and Operator, Carona Plaza Motel	Birmingham Chicago Cleveland Dallas Denver Houston Indianapolis Kansas City Louisville Memphis	Miami Minneapolis Mobile Oklahoma City Omaha Salt Lake City San Antonio Savannah Springfield

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FD-302	Division	
Mrs. FREDDIE GLOVER, Owner, Merry Acres Motel	Birmingham Little Rock Mem phis	Milwaukee Minneapolis Springfield
Mrs. BERRY (SHIRLEY) SMITH, Owner and Manager, E1-Ray Mote1	Birmingham Chicago Cleveland Columbia Dallas Detroit	Indianapolis Memphis Miami New Orleans St. Louis Springfield
Mr. PAUL HAYES, Mgr., Dixie Court	Memphis Milwaukee	
J. H. WICKER, Mgr., No-El Motel	Albuquerque Atlanta Birmingham Buffalo Detroit Indianapolis Knoxville	Little Rock Memphis New Orleans Oklahoma City Savannah Springfield Tampa
Mrs. G. N. PRUETTE, Owner, Teetotum Motel	Memphis	
Mrs. BERRY (SHIRLEY) SMITH, Nite-Fall Motel	Atlanta Indianapolis Little Rock Memphis Minneapolis	Omaha Richmond St. Louis Springfield

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

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

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

LEADS:

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

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

2 - Columbia 2 - Philadelphia 2 - Dallas 2 - Richmond 2 - Denver 2 - Sacramento 2 - Detroit 2 - St. Louis 2 - Houston 2 - Salt Lake City 2 - Indianapolis 2 - San Antonio 2 - Jackson 2 - San Diego 2 - Jacksonville 2 - Savannah 2 - Kansas City 2 - Seattle 2 - Knoxville 2 - Springfield 2 - Ittle Rock 2 - Tampa SEARCHED 1 INDEXED 2 - Sean Diego 3 - Los Angeles 2 - Memphis SEARCHED 1 INDEXED 2 - Sean Diego	TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P) SUBJECT: MURKIN By airtel dated 4/7/69, the Bureau advised that in a third "Look" magazine article, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE stated that JAMES EARL RAY had spent the night of 4/2/68 in a motel near Corinth, Miss. The Bureau instructed Jackson to review motel records in and around Corinth to determine the identities of individuals registered there during the period 3/29/68 to 4/3/68, By airtel dated 4/18/69, the Jackson Office advised the Bureau that motel records at Corinth, Miss., had been reviewed under the subject's true name and aliases and had been reviewed for subject's Alabama license number. Nothing identifiable with the subject was located. 2 - Bureau 2 - Albany 2 - Milman 2 - Miami 2 - Albany 2 - Albany 2 - Mimeapolis 2 - Mimeapolis 2 - Birmingham 2 - Mimeapolis 2 - Chriotte 2 - Chicago 2 - New York 2 - Cleveland 2 - Chumbia 2 - Philadelphia 2 - Philadelphia 2 - Denver 2 - Sacramento 2 - Detroit 2 - Bursan 2 - Burdan 2 - Denver 2 - Sacramento 2 - Ban Diego 2 - Jackson 2 - Jackson 2 - San Antomio 2 - San Antomio 2 - Jackson 2 - Jackson 2 - Sartle 2 - Knoxville 2 - Knoxville 2 - Knoxville 2 - Little Rock 2 - Tampa 3 - Sacraments 3 - Sacraments 3 - Sacraments 4 - MODEREZ 4 - MODEREZ 5 - MODEREZ 6 - MODEREZ 6 - MODEREZ 6 - MODEREZ 7 - MODEREZ 8			FBI		
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By airtel dated 5/7/69, copies of which were not furnished the Bureau, the Jackson Office set out leads for those offices to whom copies of this communication are designated. These offices have been requested to interview several hundred persons who spent the night in motels at Corinth, Miss., on or about 4/2/68.

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

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

MURKIN

Re Jackson mirtel with enclosures, 5/7/69, setting forth numerous individuals whose identities should be determined.

In line with Birmingham telephone call to SAC Memphis, Birmingham has thoroughly reviewed all names of individuals set forth on FD-302's submitted by the Jackson office, and in no instance has there been any identification of the individuals with names appearing in the Birmingham file in this matter which might indicate any conspiracy with subject RAY.

Birmingham, in the absence of any additional request from Memphis, will consider above action as being sufficient at this time.

It is noted that Birmingham has previously conducted investigation at motels in the Florence, Alabama area, as reported in FD-302 submitted to Memphis by airtel dated 4/24/69.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (3P)

MURKIN.

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY HAS BEEN RETURNED TO THE SHELBY COUNTY JAIL AT MEMPHIS, TENN., FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE PRISON AT NASHVILLE, TENN., FOR A HEARING ON MAY TWENTYSIX NEXT ON HIS MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL.

JERRY RAY WAS DISCOVERED BY BUAGENTS TODAY VISITING
THE SUBJECT AT THE SHELBY COUNTY JAIL. AS JERRY RAY WAS
LEAVING THE JAIL, HE WAS APPROACHED IN THE CORRIDOR BY BUAGENTS
WHO REQUESTED THAT HE ACCOMPANY THEM TO SOME PLACE SUITABLE
FOR INTERVIEW. JERRY AGREED TO GO WITH THE AGENTS INTO ONE
OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OFFICES, AND AS JERRY AND BUAGENTS
WERE ENTERING THIS OFFICE, THEY WERE JOINED BY THE SUBJECT
JAMES EARL RAY'S ATTORNEY, J. B. STONER. STONER REFERRED TO
THE BUREAU AS THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INTEGRATION AND ADVISED

JERRY NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. INTERVIEWING AGENTS

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REMINDED JERRY THAT HE HAD BEEN WIDELY QUOTED IN THE NEWSPAPERS AS HAVING SAID THAT JAMES EARL RAY WAS A PART OF A CONSPIRACY TO MURDER MARTIN LUTHER KING. JERRY WAS ADVISED THAT IF HE HAS ANY INFORMATION OF A CONSPIRACY HE SHOULD TURN IT OVER TO THE FBI. STONER AGAIN ADVISED JERRY RAY NOT TO TALK, AND JERRY RAY THEN SAID HIS INFORMATION WOULD BEST BE GIVEN AT A TRIAL. JERRY WAS REMINDED THAT AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THERE WILL BE A TRIAL, AND JERRY RAY WAS ASKED IF BY THE TERM TRIAL HE MEANT HE INTENDED TO TESTIFY BEFORE A GRAND JURY. STONER AGAIN CAUTIONED RAY NOT TO TALK AND SAID HE IS CONVINCED JAMES EARL RAY WILL BE GIVEN A TRIAL FOR THE KILLING OF KING.

AS THE AGENTS TURNED TO LEAVE STONER AND RAY, STONER CALLED OUT TO THE AGENTS TO "BE GOOD" AND TO "PROTECT ALL THE NIGGERS." MOMENTS LATER RAY AND STONER WERE OBSERVED TALKING TO A REPORTER FROM ONE OF THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

NO FURTHER CONTACT IS CONTEMPLATED WITH EITHER JERRY RAY OR WITH STONER.

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SAC AT MEMPHIS HAS RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM LOCAL NEWS
REPORTER. REPORTER WANTED TO CONFIRM THAT AGENT HAD BEEN IN
CONTACT WITH JERRY RAY AND WANTED TO KNOW WHAT MATTERS HAD
BEEN DISCUSSED. REPORTER WAS ADVISED THAT NO COMMENT COULD
BE MADE BY THE SAC RE THIS MATTER. SAC DID CONFIRM THAT
AGENT BY THE NAME OF JOE C. HESTER IS ASSIGNED TO THIS OFFICE,
BUT DECLINED FURTHER COMMENT RE NATURE OF INTERVIEW. REPORTER
DID HAVE NAME OF AGENT, WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED FROM HIS EDITOR.
NO OTHER INQUIRIES RECEIVED, HOWEVER, MEMPHIS DIVISION WILL
CONTINUE WITH NO COMMENT IN REGARD TO INQUIRIES FROM NEWSPAPERS
AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVES.

AM COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, SAVANNAH, AND ST. LOUIS. P. END.

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Hanes freed from charge of contempt

Judge Arthur Faquin, who will hear James Earle Ray's request for a new trial, dismissed contempt of court charges Friday against Birmingham Atty. Arthur Hanes and six other persons. Ray pleaded guilty to the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at his first trial.

The committee had suggested that new trials be granted or the charges dropped against Hanes, private investigators Renfro T. Hays and Memphis newspaper reports Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal and Roy Hamilton of the Memphis Press-Scimitar.

Contempt proceedings were recommended against author William Bradford Huie, FBI firearms expert George Bonebrake and Southern Christian Leadership Conference official Rev. James Bevel.

Judge Faquin will hear Ray's plea for a new treat Monday.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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TO:

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FROM:

SAC. BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

MURKIN

Re Birmingham airtel to Memphis, 3/21/69.

Mssrs. BOB and DON WOOD, Aeromarine, new address - 7605-Eastwood Mall, phone 595-2141, have continued to inquire and request return of the gun and other property of their firm described in reairtel. They pointed out that this property was loaned to the FBI and that they are looking for its return by the same agency.

Please advise what response this office may make to their requests.

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