

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/24/69

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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

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On 4/14/69 at Corinth, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JOHN S. CASTLES /bdb Date dictated 4/18/69

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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mrs. BERRY (SHIRLEY) SMITH, owner and manager, El-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

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

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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

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)

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C. R. LEONARD
Brookhaven, Mississippi
Mississippi license 23555

B. W. PURGASON
Maston, Mississippi

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

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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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/24/69

1

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

RED SHARP
Scottsboro, Alabama

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

J. A. SMELLY
Sheffield, Alabama

VERA ELKINS
Jasper, Alabama
(Olen Mills representative)

L. O. ELLIS
Sheffield, Alabama

C. D. WRIGHT
Box 939
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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

(name illegible)
3530 Minkolo
Sarasota, Florida

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

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

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

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

BOB FORMAN
Evansville, Indiana

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

BILL and SANDY FERRELL
Route 1
Grand Junction, Michigan

JAMES D. FERRELL
Grand Junction, Michigan

WALTER PICKWICK
20440 Spencer
Detroit, Michigan

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

LOIS HINDMAN
Parker Road
Corinth, Mississippi

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

THOMAS R. SMITH
Route 2
Corinth, Mississippi

JOEL EVANS and TOMMY COWART
2212 Bell Avenue
Columbus, Mississippi

GARY LOWE
2212 Bell Avenue
Columbus, Mississippi

SAMMUEL WILLIAMS
805 Cemetery Street
Corinth, Mississippi

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

BRICKLE
837 Highland Drive
Las Vegas, New Mexico

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

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

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

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

CHARLES T. BROWN
950 Runyan Drive
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

F B I

Date: 5/7/69

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL _____
(Priority)

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

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

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| 2 - Memphis (Enc. 13) (RM) | 2 - Minneapolis (Enc. 6) (RM) |
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| 2 - Louisville (Enc. 5) (RM) | (88) |
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| 2 - Milwaukee (Enc. 6) (RM) | |

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

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

FD-302

Division

Mrs. LOUISE BREWER, Mgr.
Round-Town Motel

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

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FD-302

Division

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

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

WALTER COUTURE, Mgr.
Cannoneer Motel

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

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FD-302

Division

BROOKS PHILLIPS, Owner,
Southern Motel

Atlanta
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
Memphis

Milwaukee
Minneapolis
Springfield

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

Birmingham
Chicago
Cleveland
Columbia
Dallas
Detroit

Indianapolis
Memphis
Miami
New Orleans
St. Louis
Springfield

Mr. PAUL HAYES, Mgr.,
Dixie Court

Memphis
Milwaukee

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

Albuquerque
Atlanta
Birmingham
Buffalo
Detroit
Indianapolis
Knoxville

Little Rock
Memphis
New Orleans
Oklahoma City
Savannah
Springfield
Tampa

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

Memphis

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

Atlanta
Indianapolis
Little Rock
Memphis
Minneapolis

Omaha
Richmond
St. Louis
Springfield

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

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

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

LEADS:

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

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

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Date: 5/14/69

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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.

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| 2 - Albany | 2 - Milwaukee |
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| 2 - Cleveland | 2 - Omaha |
| 2 - Columbia | 2 - Philadelphia |
| 2 - Dallas | 2 - Richmond |
| 2 - Denver | 2 - Sacramento |
| 2 - Detroit | 2 - St. Louis |
| 2 - Houston | 2 - Salt Lake City |
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Approved: *R. Jensen*
Special Agent in Charge

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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 set out in Jackson airtel dated 5/7/69, unless specifically advised by the Bureau to cover same.

5/16/69

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN


Re Jackson airtel 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

Airtel

- 1 - Birmingham (AM)
- Teletype 1 - Chicago (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (AM)
- A.M. 1 - Savannah (AM)
- 1 - St. Louis (AM)

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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. P. 2.

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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.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

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 trial Monday.

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

2 THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS
—Birmingham, Alabama

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Author:
Editor:
Title: MURKIN

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
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.

2 - Memphis
2 - Birmingham
HAS:ljd
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