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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Charlotte 44-1365

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : Robert S. Moore

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo # 159 concerning thermo-seal laundry marking machine tag "20R-3", yellow in color, used on a sheet and pillow case. The following were contacted 4/23/68 and advised this particular laundry mark could not have come from their respective plants: Fred Lawrence, Spruce Pines Laundry and Cleaners, Spruce Pines, N.C. John Davis, Quick as A Wink and Asheville Laundry Service, Asheville, N.C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Charlotte (137-3406)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA ANDREW J. PELCZAR

CI SI R (Prob)

PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: ANDREW DAVID MURPHY

Dates of Contact 4/5, 10, 14, 22/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		44-1365
JOHNNY H. PATTERSON, USMC [REDACTED]		42-0
Deserter Matter		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	Constant contact with PCI re MURKIN has been without success.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
On 4/14/68, PCI telephonically advised that subject PATTERSON, confined at that time in the Cherokee County Jail, Murphy, N.C., was FUDE. Charlotte indices were negative, but Sgt. JOE D. SEPULVAKE, Military Police, Camp LeJeune, N.C., verified the fact that the subject was wanted as AWOL. USMC placed appropriate detained and subject remanded to their custody, 4/15/68.		
ACCOMPLISHMENT: One subject arrested by other Federal agency- on basis of information furnished by PCI.		
137-3406 will be reviewed to determine if PCI qualifies and should be recommended as CI.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating very good	Coverage same

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA DANIEL P. BRADY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Memphis and Charlotte 4/25/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DANIEL P. BRADY on 4/26/68, at High Point, N. C.:

Mrs. PEGGY FOISTER, 416 Rock Spring Rd., telephone 882-2751, advised that [redacted] age 15, resided at her residence from the early part of 11/67, until he flew back to Mexico City, Mexico, from High Point on 4/6/68. Mrs. FOISTER stated that [redacted] was invited by her and her husband, WILLIAM FOISTER, to come to the U. S. and stay at their residence during this period of time. Mrs. FOISTER stated she and her husband have known [redacted] and his family for a number of years, and she felt this would be a good opportunity for the boy to learn about America and to improve his English. Mrs. FOISTER stated she and her husband obtained permission from the Superintendent of Schools, High Point, N. C., to have [redacted] attend Northeast Junior High School, High Point, while staying at their residence. According to Mrs. FOISTER, [redacted] came to High Point on a student visa and after spending this period of time at her residence and attending classes at Northeast Junior High School, he returned to Mexico City.

Mrs. MARIE SECHREST, Secretary, Northeast Junior High School, High Point, N. C., advised that [redacted] DOB [redacted] was residing at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM FOISTER, 416 Rock Spring Rd., High Point, after arriving in this country from Mexico during the early part of 11/67. Mrs. SECHREST stated Mr. and Mrs. FOISTER obtained permission from the Superintendent of Schools in High Point, N. C., to have [redacted] attend classes at Northeast Junior High School in order to learn more about this country and to improve his English. Mrs. SECHREST stated [redacted] attended Northeast Junior High School

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from approximately 11/24/67 until 4/5/68, and he attended ninth grade classes during this time.

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FBI NEW YORK

1150AM URGENT 4/26/68 JAM

TO CHARLOTTE

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 2P

MURKIN

RE DAVID MC GEE, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

RE NEW YORK TEL TO CHARLOTTE, APRIL TWENTYFIVE,
SIXTYEIGHT.

THIS DATE JOYCE DAVIS (PROTECT IDENTITY) TWO THREE SEVEN
WEST THIRTEENTH STREET, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED SHE WAS IN
CHARLOTTE APRIL FIFTEENTH LAST RESIDING WITH SISTER IN LAW
BARBAR SUE FORBES, FOUR ZERO FOUR BERKSHIRE ROAD, CHARLOTTE.
FORBES RELATED CONVERSATION OF BROTHER IN LAW DAVID MC GEE
SAME ADDRESS WHO SAID DOCTOR KING WAS GOING TO GET KILLED IN
CHARLOTTE OR MEMPHIS. FORBES SAID MC GEE SEEMED TO KNOW KING
WOULD BE KILLED. DAVIS HAD NO IDEA WHEN MC GEE MADE HIS
STATEMENTS TO FORBES AS IT WAS RELATED TO HER AFTER THE
MURDER. FORBES ASKED DAVIS NOT TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT
OR "DAVID WOULD KILL ME".

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William

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CHARLOTTE INTERVIEW DAVID MC GEE AND BARBARA SUE FORBES.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AM.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI WASH DC

1155AM URGENT 4/26/68 CAB

TO CHARLOTTE

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

THE MAIN BUREAU FILE ON KING WAS REVIEWED AND THE FOLLOWING THREATS WERE NOTED:

157-722
IN CHARLOTTE TEL MARCH TWENTY-FIVE SIXTY FIVE, IT WAS REPORTED THAT JACK MAYNARD RAY, EIGHTEEN FOURTEEN VALE STREET, DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA, FBI EIGHT SIX FOUR-SIX EIGHT FOUR, CLAIMED HE WAS APPROACHED TO SHOOT KING AND JAMES FARMER BY GEORGE MC LAMB, WHO IS REPORTEDLY PRESIDENT OF THE DURHAM CITY COUNCIL. JACK RAY REPORTEDLY IS EX-CON AND POSSIBLE ALCOHOLIC.

105-505
IN CHARLOTTE FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN-ONE ONE THREE FOUR CONCERNING JAMES W. COLE, AKA., CATFISH, GRAND WIZARD, NORTH CAROLINA KNIGHTS OF THE KKK, ALLEGEDLY GAVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT ON JUNE NINE SIXTY SIX, TO A NEWSPAPER REPORTER STATING THAT HE, COLE, WAS GOING TO MISSISSIPPI FOR THE PURPOSE OF KILLING KING. HE INDICATED HE HAD FUNDS TO FINANCE THE VENTURE AND WOULD DIE
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*7A OS Miller
Advised 4/26/68
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HAPPY IF NECESSARY. THE REPORTER WAS IDENTIFIED AS A.P. REPRESENTATIVE BRYAN SEYMOUR, KINSTON, NORTH CAROLINA.

ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THE ABOVE MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL.

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To: SACs, Memphis
Charlotte

From: Director, FBI

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ReCEairtel 4/19/68.

If the lead indicated by the Charlotte Office appears to warrant further pursuit at this time, the Memphis Office should consider furnishing the whole bedspread rather than swatches in order that the evidence will not be materially changed. If the bedspread is furnished to the Charlotte Office, that office should ascertain the scope of the inquiry in order to establish the origin and eventual distribution of such bedspreads and should include your recommendation as to the feasibility of pursuing this aspect.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

On the morning of 4/26/68, SA RANDOLPH TROW of the Richmond Office telephonically advised that earlier today Chief of Police ROBERT ELLISON, Colonial Heights, Va., received a call from EARL DAVIS, Rt. 1, Box 265, Wilson, N. C., telephone 234-5967. DAVIS is a heavy equipment operator, a white male, age about 45, who has worked around Colonial Heights in the past, possibly several months ago.

DAVIS desired that Chief ELLISON come to Wilson and take him into custody for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On the morning of 4/26/68, this information was telephonically furnished to SA JAMES E. CALLAHAN, JR. at Rocky Mount. He was instructed to immediately determine the whereabouts of DAVIS on 3/29-30/68 and 4/4/68, to determine if he looks like JAMES RAY EARL and to interview DAVIS regarding his statements to Chief ELLISON.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-3261)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA MARK K. GASS, JR.

CI SI

PCI PSI

SUBJECT: CE 2243-C

Dates of Contact		
4/11, 17, 19/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
Assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING JR	157-5880	44-1365
THOMAS GARLAND HART, ITAR-Gambling	166-449	
MELVIN MC CLEASE STOKLEY-Fugitive		
UFAP-Murder	88-10315	
BENJAMIN JUDSON WOOD, III	25-28740	
SSA, 1948		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<p>On 4/11/68, CE 2243-C advised that he could provide no information concerning the individual who assassinated MARTIN LUTHER KING.</p> <p>Concerning case entitled "THOMAS GARLAND HART, ET AL, ITAR - Gambling" OO: AT, CE 166-449, CE 2243-C advised on 4/17/68 that he knows the individual, FRED WILLIAMS, from Atlanta, Ga., who drives a 1968 Cadillac El Dorado. He said that it is his understanding that WILLIAMS' correct name is GORDON WILLIAMS, Aka Chicken Man. WILLIAMS is a N/M, about 30 - 35 yrs of age who operates a Texaco Service Station in Atlanta, Ga. WILLIAMS, in the operation of the service station, instructs his employees to steal as many credit cards as they can from customers</p>		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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and to engage them in conversation so that they leave the credit cards behind. He advised that WILLIAMS has girls that he sends out to make purchases on these credit cards and then to either bring the goods or send the goods to him. He advised that WILLIAMS has Texaco Credit Cards as well as other oil company credit cards and American Express Cards. He said that WILLIAMS has even obtained mink stoles through the fraudulent use of these credit cards.

CE 2243-C said that WILLIAMS is "in with the police chief" in Atlanta & that he has the book published by the Texaco Oil Co. reflecting those credit cards which have been stolen.

On 4/17/68, CE 2243-C advised that MELVIN MC CLEASE STOKLEY (CE 88-10315) currently lives & works in Long Island, N.Y. He said that STOKLEY is currently working at a potato farm or grader in the Long Island area. He advised that on an irregular basis, STOKLEY return to N.C. & that on 4/4/68, STOKLEY was in Elizabeth City, N.C., to pick up his clothes at a cleaner on S. Road St. in Elizabeth City. This cleaning establishment is operated by NAOMI (LNU) who will not be cooperative if interviewed.

On 4/17/68, CE 2243-C was contacted concerning CE 44-814 captioned LESLIE ATKINSON, Aka, Et Al. CE 2243-C said that he spoke with LESLIE ATKINSON during week of 4/7/68 & at that time ATKINSON advised that many arrests were made in Saigon or Thailand for fraudulent use of military identification cards. ATKINSON told him that info concerning these arrests appeared in the local military newspaper in that country. He advised that ATKINSON said he intends to remain in Goldsboro, NC, because he feels if he returns to Saigon or Thailand that he would be arrested as have the others who were there.

CE 2243-C said that he was informed by ATKINSON that the club which has been the front for the illegal activities is still in operation but that it is no longer making or using military identification cards for the purpose of obtaining money orders.

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On 4/17/68, CE 2243-C advised that he is not familiar with BENJAMIN JUDSON WOOD, III, Aka John Amanda or Morgan J. Belt. He said that he has heard the name of SIDNEY BLANCHARD, WOOD's uncle, & would make inquiries as to his residence in Hertford, NC.

On 4/19/68, CE 2243-C advised that BLANCHARD resides at 238 Market St, in Hertford, NC. He said that he would continue to make inquiries concerning subject, BENJAMIN WOOD.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA LEON F. ANDREWS, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: INFORMANT & SOURCES

On dates indicated below, the following informants and sources were contacted for information concerning subject's identity and whereabouts with negative results:

<u>DATES</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FILE</u>
4/8/68; 4/17/68	JOHN T. PUCKETT - PCI	137-3347
4/8/68; 4/24/68	LARRY CAUDLE - PCI	137-3448
4/8/68; 4/17/68	CE 2013 - PC	137-2951
4/8/68; 4/25/68	CE 2245 - PC	137-3370
4/24/68	CLYDE BIGGERSTAFF, Flim-Flam Artist	
4/24/68	JOHNNY THREATT, Operator, Johnny's Tap	
4/24/68	JACK HARWELL, ex-convict	
4/24/68	MERL DAVID HONEYCUTT, FBI # 726 089 D	
4/23/68	CE 2288-PC	137-2979

IO No. 4182 of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, was displayed to each of the above without effecting an identification.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JAMES T. MAGHER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New York teletype 4/25/68.

On 4/26/68, HAROLD DAVID MC GEE, 404 Berkshire Rd., Charlotte, N. C., advised that he has been employed by Stylecraft Packing Service, 2900 Griffith St., Charlotte, in the Bag Department, on the 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. shift since 12/1/67. He stated his wife, ETHEL, is employed by Southern Bell Telephone Co. as a service assistant at the Caldwell St. Building for the past seven years. He stated they have been married nine years and have two children, a boy, five years, and a girl, four years. He stated he has not made any trips out of Charlotte other than to his home in Spruce Pine, N. C., as he and his wife are both from Spruce Pine.

He stated he has frequently discussed with friends, neighbors and fellow employees the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated he has no pertinent information concerning KING's murder, but often in conversations has made the statement, as have a lot of other acquaintances during conversations, that it apparently was a professional job and the killer did a pretty good job in keeping from being caught.

He stated he and other individuals have often mentioned the fact that KING would probably be assassinated in view of his racial activities, and may have stated on occasion, he could have been assassinated in Charlotte as well as Memphis or any other place he might visit.

MC GEE stated he has never had any information at all concerning the murder or the whereabouts of subject RAY, and he has never heard any individual mention the fact that they knew KING would be murdered. He stated he has never participated in any type of racial activity.

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MC GEE stated he was absent from work for about three weeks, having been in an automobile accident near Shelby, N. C.; on 3/2/68, while en route to Spruce Pine and was in a Shelby hospital for a week with facial lacerations and a leg injury, and upon his release, spent two weeks at home prior to returning to work.

He stated he has ten brothers and sisters scattered from Texas, Colorado, Florida and in North Carolina; and his wife has a sister in Washington, D. C., who is head of Forbes Personnel Service, and she has a sister in Hickory, N. C., as well as one sister who is not married, BARBARA SUE FORBES, who is employed by Grandfather's Children's Home at Banner Elk, N. C. He stated BARBARA FORBES visited his wife and him for about a week while she was looking for a job in Charlotte, and recently returned to Banner Elk about three or four days ago; and other than that, they have had no company. He stated he has never expressed any opinions regarding KING's murder in any letters to relatives or friends.

On 4/26/68, Mr. ERNEST GADDY, Stylecraft Packing Service, 2900 Griffith, Charlotte, advised that his records reflect that DAVID MC GEE was in an automobile accident on 3/2/68, and was off work until 3/20/68, when he returned and worked three days. However, he was off on Sunday, and returned and worked 3/25 and 26/68, but was off 3/27,28 and 29/68. According to Mr. GADDY, the time cards reflected that MC GEE worked 4/1-6/68, from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. each night.

MC GEE is described as a white male, age about 30, 5'9", 145 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, medium complexion, visible new scars on forehead and face.

4/26/68

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY**

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are two envelopes containing samples of Thermo Seal tapes for comparison with tapes already in possession of FBI Laboratory.

On 4/24/68 Mr. W. K. SUTTON, Superintendent of Laundry, Canton Laundry, Canton, N. C., made available several samples of two machines utilized by his company in the process of laundry. Mr. SUTTON stated that both machines are Thermo-Seal Machines, the Number One Machine having Serial Number 33882, Model No. H5 S4 B1. Mr. SUTTON stated that Machine No. 2 is also a Thermo-Seal Machine with Serial Number 33883, Model No. h5 S4 B1.

SUTTON advised that he has used the code "20 R-3" in the past. He said the 20 is the lot number, the R designates the week, and the 3 designates the package which corresponds with the customer's name. He advised that his tickets are kept in no particular order and that it would entail a review of thousands of tickets in an effort to locate those carrying this number.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare enclosed Thermo-Seal tags with tapes already in the Bureau's possession.

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TO: CHARLOTTE

4-26-68

FROM: COLUMBIA

MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO COLUMBIA, APRIL TWENTYSIX INSTANT.
 FOR INFORMATION CHARLOTTE, NICHOLAS NATHANIEL CAULDER
 WHO RESIDED AT **CAMDEN, S.C.**, IN SIXTYSIX, WAS FORMERLY
 SAVANNAH FOUR SEVEN TWO DASH R (PROB), CO 48M-R AND RICHMOND
 TWO NINE FOUR - R.

HE WAS IN SIXTYFIVE DESCRIBED AS IMPERIAL KLEXTER OF THE
 UKA AND WAS DROPPED AS INFORMANT WHEN HE LEFT KLAN. HE TOLD
 AGENT IN SIXTYFIVE HE HATED NEGROES AND HE WOULD GLADLY TAKE
 PART IN ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., WHICH WAS
 REPORTED TO BUREAU.

REFERENCED TELETYPE ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH JAMES EARL RAY
 HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT, COLUMBIA SHOULD CONDUCT
 INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF CAULDER MIGHT BE IMPLICATOR AS
 A CONSPIRATOR.

CAULDER'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IN FEBRUARY, SIXTYSEVEN
 WAS ROUTE ONE, LAUREL HILL, N.C., TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR SIX
 TWO - TWO SIX FOUR ZERO. CHARLOTTE HANDLE.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386) AND
MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY-FIVE LAST.

TODAY, MRS. PEGGY FOISTER, HIGH POINT, N. C., ADVISED
RENE PEREZ ROJAS, AGE FIFTEEN, FROM MEXICO CITY, MEXICO,
RESIDED AT HER RESIDENCE FROM NOVEMBER LAST UNTIL APRIL SIX
LAST, WHEN HE FLEW BACK TO MEXICO. SHE ADVISED HE WAS IN
HIGH POINT AT THE REQUEST OF HER AND HER HUSBAND, AND WHILE
IN HIGH POINT, ATTENDED NORTHEAST JR. HIGH SCHOOL.

TODAY, MRS. MARIE SECHREST, NORTHEAST JR. HIGH SCHOOL,
ADVISED [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED] ARRIVED
IN THE U. S. IN NOVEMBER LAST, AND ATTENDED THAT SCHOOL FROM
APPROXIMATELY NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR LAST UNTIL APRIL FIVE LAST.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED.

J. W. J.
CFW: JLB
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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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AT-2:34 PM M Per *J. J.*
ME-2:42 PM

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO : NEW YORK (44-1609)
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN

RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPES APRIL TWENTY-FIVE LAST AND INSTANT DATE.

RE: DAVID MC GEE, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

TODAY, HAROLD DAVID MC GEE, CHARLOTTE, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY STYLECRAFT PACKING SERVICE, CHARLOTTE, SINCE DECEMBER ONE LAST. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN. MC GEE DESCRIBED WHITE MALE, AGED THIRTY, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE FOUR FIVE LBS., BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES. HE ADVISED ON OCCASIONS, HE AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS ~~RE~~ OFTEN MENTIONED THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WOULD PROBABLY BE ASSASSINATED IN VIEW OF HIS RACIAL ACTIVITIES AND HE MAY HAVE STATED THAT KING WOULD BE ASSASSINATED IN CHARLOTTE AS WELL AS MEMPHIS OR ANY OTHER PLACES HE MAY HAVE VISITED. HE DENIED ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OR SUBJECT RAY. HE DENIED PARTICIPATION IN ANY RACIAL ACTIVITY.

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Do not **SENI** *C.F. Williams*

Approved: *jh*
Special Agent in Charge

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MC GEE WAS INVOLVED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT MARCH TWO LAST, AND RECEIVED FACIAL LACERATIONS AND A LEG INJURY. HE RETURNED TO WORK ON MARCH TWENTY LAST, AND WAS EMPLOYED AT STYLECRAFT PACKING ON APRIL FOUR LAST, ACCORDING TO ERNEST GADDY OF THAT FIRM.

BARBARA SUE FORBES IS PRESENTLY IN BANNER ELK, N. C., AND COULD NOT BE LOCATED FOR INTERVIEW. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, FORBES NOT BEING INTERVIEWED.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL.

"ARMED AND DANGEROUS"

END.

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI ATLANTA

7:26 PM URGENT 4/26/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS. THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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JMC

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau (Enc. 4)
2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each)
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ALL MEMPHIS

ALL RICHMOND

11:01AM

URGENT 4-10-68 DMC

TO MEMPHIS

FROM RICHMOND

MURKIN - CR. OO ME

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WILLIAM WACKNEY, FIFTEEN HUNDRED STARBUCK DRIVE, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, TELEPHONE, FIVE TWO FIVE DASH THREE NAUGHT NINE FIVE, PASSING THROUGH RICHMOND, VIRGINIA ADVISED HAD JUST BEEN ARTIST CONCEPTION OF UNSUB. AND BELIEVES INDIVIDUAL ANSWERING THIS DESCRIPTION SEEN BY HIM LAST FRIDAY, APRIL FIVE LAST.

WACKNEY SAW INDIVIDUAL ON EASTERN AIRLINE FLIGHT LEAVING ATLANTA, GEORGIA TEN THIRTY AM, ARRIVING CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA JUST BEFORE NOON. INDIVIDUAL SITTING ON AISLE SEVEN TO TEN SEATS FROM FRONT OF TOURIST SECTION PORT SIDE.

APPROXIMATELY, HE AT LEAST SIX FEET, PERHAPS SIX FEET TWO INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD, FAIR COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR COMBED TO RIGHT,

WEARING EXPENSIVE LIGHT BROWN SUIT WITH NARROW WHITE STRIPES, EXPENSIVE BROWN SHOES. HANDS WELL MANICURED. INDIVIDUAL TRAVELING ALONE. APPARENTLY JOINED FLIGHT AT ATLANTA AND DEPARTED CHARLOTTE.

ONLY DISCREPANCY WACKNEY HEARD BETWEEN ARTIST CONCEPTION AND INDIVIDUAL WAS UNSUB APPARENTLY HAD SLEBOUS NOSE WHEREAS INDIVIDUAL HAD STRAIGHT NOSE. INDIVIDUAL IN LATE TWENTIES.

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IN VIEW OF EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION REQUIRED TO ELIMINATE THIS
SUSPECT, BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION OF OFFICE OF ORIGIN AS TO
OTHER OF ANY LEAD SHOULD BE SET OUT TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE
INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED BY WACKNEY.

WACKNEY REQUESTED THAT ANY CONTACT WITH HIS RESIDENCE BE
MADE DISCRETELY AS HIS WIFE IS RECOVERING FROM SERIOUS CANCER
OPERATION.

MAIL COPIES SENT ATLANTA AND CHARLOTTE.

END

DIRECTION

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: ME

Re Richmond teletype to Memphis, 11:01 a.m.,
4/10/68, a copy of which is enclosed for each receiving
office.

No investigation is being requested to identify
the unknown individual observed by Mr. ~~WILLIAM HACKNEY~~
on 4/5/68 aboard an Eastern Airline flight that departed
Atlanta, Georgia, at 10:30 a.m.

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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-
RE: MURKIN
CR

Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

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Approved: *R Jensen*
Special Agent in Charge

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TELETYPE

TO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN

RE CHARLOTTE TEL APR. TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

JOSEPH LUNCEFORD LOCATED AT BOCA RATON, FLA., APR.
TWENTYFIVE, LAST AND ELIMINATED AS SUSPECT BY FINGERPRINTS
CHARLOTTE ADVISED AM.

1-Charlotte (44-1365) (AM)
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\FBI NORFOLK

3:44PM 4/27/68 URGENT JCP

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND CHARLOTTE

FROM NORFOLK (44-268) 2P

MURKIN

RE JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NORFOLK APRIL TWENTY-SIX, LAST, AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS APRIL TWENTY-SIX, LAST.

REBUTEL TO NORFOLK ADVISED REVIEW OF BUFILE ON KING REVEALED IT WAS REPORTED THAT ~~JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD~~ THREE WHITE MEN FROM TYNER, N. C. HAD SUFFOLK, VA., HAD REPORTED OFFERED HIM A SHOTGUN AND RIFLE TO SHOOT KING WHEN HE SPOKE AT SUFFOLK, VA., ON JUNE TWENTY-EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE. AT TIME THIS INFO RECEIVED IT WAS INDICATED SMALLWOOD WAS CONSIDERED INTELLIGENT AND VERY DEPENDABLE. BUREAU ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF SMALLWOOD OR ANY OF THE THREE PERSONS WHO ALLEGEDLY CONTACTED HIM MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

CHARLOTTE REFER TO CHARLOTTE FILE ONE FIFTY-SEVEN DASH THREE NINE SIX RE SMALLWOOD AND THREE WHITE MALES, REFERRED TO ABOVE.

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(GASS sent serials from Ref. 157-396)

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THIS DATE IT WAS DETERMINED AT SUFFOLK, VA., SMALLWOOD AND FAMILY LEFT AREA IN NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR AND RETURNED TO WIFE'S RELATIVES, CARE OF HERBERT MODLIN, ROUTE ONE, TYNER, N. C. ONE FORMER NEIGHBOR IN SUFFOLK RECALLS SMALLWOOD SAYING HE MIGHT GO TO FLORIDA.

CHARLOTTE CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT TYNER, N. C., TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SMALLWOOD AS PER LEAD SET FORTH ABOVE BY BUREAU.

COPY MAILED MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

CORR PLS PAGE ONE LINE FIVE AND SIX PLS REPEAT

STARTS IT WAS REPORTED THAT JOH FRANCIS SAMLL SMALLWOOD, SUFFOLK VA., JAD REPORTED THREE WHITE MEN FROM TYNER, N.C., HAD FO OFFEERED HIM A SHOTGUN ADN RIFLE TO SHOOT KING WHEN HE SPOKE AT SUFFOLK, VA.,

OK TU BGD

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

DATE 4-25-68

FROM : SA JAMES G. AKERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mrs. RUDELL SAWYER, 410 W. Village Dr., Greenville, N.C., advised on 4-26-68, that she has a son by a former marriage by the name of JIMMY RAY BUNDY and that he returned to Greenville this date and told her that he had just returned from Chula Vista, Calif.

Mr. JIMMY RAY BUNDY, was interviewed and advised that he just returned to Greenville, N.C., after visiting in Chula Vista, Calif. He left San Diego on or about 4-19-68 and hitch-hiked to Greenville. He advised that he is 6' and weighs 202 lbs. and is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that he is not acquainted with RAY and has no information about him.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1365)

FROM : SA J. RALPH JONES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

ReAll Apts Memo 159, 4/12/68.

Previous contact of Holiday Laundry, Morganton, N.C. revealed that laundry, while using thermo-seal machines and tags, do not use a numbering system that allows the fourth digit to be a "dash". A sample of the machines numbers were obtained, and are available if they should be desired.

In view of previously acquired information on numbering system, this laundry not being recontacted.

JRJ/

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TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. ROCHE, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call from SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS
4/25/68.

On 4/25/68, F. C. MORTON, 408 Kingsberry St.,
Oxford, N. C., advised he is the father of J. C. MORTON,
and his son was presently in Raleigh, N. C., exact location
unknown, and was expected to return to Oxford, N. C., on
the late evening of 4/25/68.

On 4/25/68, J. C. MORTON was telephonically
contacted and advised he would be personally contacted
by the FBI on 4/26/68, at 2:00 p.m.

On 4/26/68, J. C. MORTON, Oxford, N. C., advised
during March and the early part of April, 1968, he was
vacationing at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; and that on
4/24/68, while reading Time Magazine, he noticed the
pictures of JAMES EARL RAY, and thought he had seen an
individual of similar description while in St. Thomas,
Virgin Islands. MORTON further advised on 4/6/68, at
about 8:00 or 9:00 p.m., he was at Trader Dan's, C-Amalie,
St. Thomas, when he went to the back of the bar in order
to speak to JIM SHULP (phonetic), the bar owner; and on his
way to the back of the bar, an individual who was apparently
intoxicated reached over and pulled his shirt out of his
pants. MORTON advised he did not speak to this individual
because of the individual's apparently intoxicated condition,
and proceeded back to the rear of the bar to talk to the owner.
MORTON stated he saw this individual from approximately six
to eight feet away, and described him as a white male, age
in early 40's, about 5'10", 170 lbs., hair dark brown,
medium length, with a part and not neat, wearing a white
sport shirt with green print and possibly bermuda shorts.

MORTON was exhibited IO #4182 and WF #442-A,
and he advised he was unable to state with any degree of
certainty that the individual whom he saw at Trader Dan's

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Bar is the same as the subject. He advised the full face photograph, taken of RAY in 1968, resembles the individual in the bar; however, the profile picture of RAY, taken in 1960, bears no resemblance to the individual in the bar.

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Date April 26, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

- For information Retention optional For appropriate action Surep, by _____
- The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, conceal all sources, paraphrase contents.
- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

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Date: 4-26-68

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Via Airtel _____
(Priority)

To: SAC, Charlotte (44-1365)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reurairtel 4-23-68, concerning suspect, Jerry Wayne Trexler.

Immediately advise by return mail whether date set forth on page 2 concerning the arrest of Trexler by the Salisbury, North Carolina, Police Department on 4-8-63, is correct. If not correct, score appropriate errors.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC *Charlotte (157-1008)* DATE: *4/27/68*

FROM : SA *George P. King* CI SI R (Prob)
 PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: *THE BAUD JEFFERS* CS-RAC

Dates of Contact <i>4/24/68</i>	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
<i>MURKIN</i>	<i>CE 44-1365</i>

Purpose and results of contact

NEGATIVE
 POSITIVE
 STATISTIC

Jeffers negative concerning photo of James Earl Ray as well as by true name and alias. Copy designated for CE 44-1365.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>	Coverage <i>same as serial 1</i>
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TO : SAC Charlotte (157-3762) DATE: 4/27/68

FROM : SA George B. Knight CI SI R (Prob)
 PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: GEORGE EDISON MASSEY CS-RAC

Dates of Contact	4/24/68
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photo of James Earl Ray as
well as by true name and aliases.
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TO : SAC *Charlotte (157-3761)* DATE: *4/27/68*

FROM : SA *George B. Knight* CI SI R (Prob)
 PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: *JAMES D. HOSKINS* *CS-RAC*

Dates of Contact	<i>4/24/68</i>
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 photo of James Earl Ray as
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TO : SAC, *Charlotte (157-3760)* DATE: *4/27/68*

FROM : SA *George B. Knight*

CI SI R (Prob)
 PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: *JAMES OTIS GIBBS* * *CS-RA C*

Dates of Contact	<i>4/24/68</i>
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TO : SAC Charlotte (137-2409) DATE: 4/27/68

FROM : SA George B. Knight CI SI R (Prob)
 PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: CE 1991-C

Dates of Contact		4/24/68
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CI negative concerning photos of James Earl Ray as well as by name and aliases. Copy requested for CE 44-1365.

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TO : SAC *Charlotte (137-1347)* DATE: *4/27/68*

FROM : SA *George B. Knight*

SUBJECT: *CE 1881-C*

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 PCI PSI R

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)(P)

MURKIN ✓

RE: ~~JIMMY RAY BUNDY~~

Re San Diego airtel to Bureau, 4/23/68.

On 4/26/68 SA JAMES A. HENDRIAN obtained the following information:

Mr. JAMES L. BUNDY, Owner of Bundy Realty Co., 5000 Portsmouth Blvd., Portsmouth, Va., advised that his son has not worked for him for some time and that he has not seen him for over a month.

Mr. BUNDY stated that he has very little contact with his son as he (JIMMY RAY) has moved back to Greenville, N. C., to live with his mother. He stated that his son formerly worked for Boyce Ready Mix Co. of Portsmouth.

BUNDY displayed a photograph of his son which in no way resembles that of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

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Mr. JACK SMITH, Manager, Boyce Ready Mix Co., 3001 Frederick Blvd., Portsmouth, Va., advised that JIMMY RAY BUNDY was employed as a truck driver between 3/14/68 and 4/4/68. He was hired with the understanding that the position was a temporary one. SMITH advised that BUNDY's payroll records and time cards reflect that he worked on 4/4/68 from 7:00 a.m. until 4:36 p.m.

SMITH was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that there was no similarity between RAY and BUNDY.

SMITH and JAMES L. BUNDY described JIMMY RAY BUNDY as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	30
Height	6'
Weight	200 pounds (large build)
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Charlotte 137-1936 -P-

DATE: 4-25-68

FROM : SA Thomas Mac Vibbs

CI SI R (Prob)

PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: CC 1399-C

Dates of Contact 4-8-24-68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
LEWIS DYE	FIDE OO CE	42-29323
MURKIN		44-1365
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>On 4-8-68 CI advised that subject had recently visited his grand- father Delmar Dye, Waynesville, N.C. and had gone to Woodstock, Ga. to visit with his uncle Arnold Dye. This information was made known to local officers Clay and Cherokee counties. On 4-13-68 subject was apprehended by NCHP Trooper Don Revis as a result of this information. One fugitive credit should be give.</p> <p>On 4-24-68 CI was shown photographs of James Earl Ray with negative results. CI was instructed to be alert for Ray and to immediately report any information regarding him that might be developed.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage Same

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lcc- 42-29323
lcc- 44-1365

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TO: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657)

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MURKIN

RE: EARL DAVIS - SUSPECT

Re Richmond telephone call to Charlotte, 4/26/68, to SA CRAWFORD WILLIAMS of the Charlotte Office.

Chief of Police ROBERT ELLISON, Colonial Heights, Virginia, telephonically advised SA LAURENCE E. WESCOTT of the Petersburg, Va. RA he had received a telephone call from suspect DAVIS from telephone #234-5967, and that DAVIS was currently located at Box 265, Rt. 1, Wilson, N. C. He described DAVIS as a white male, about 45 years of age, who was a road grader operator and also a heavy drinker.

Chief ELLISON informed that DAVIS desired that he, ELLISON, travel to Wilson, N. C., and take him, DAVIS, into custody for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. ELLISON again pointed out that DAVIS is a drinker and had been arrested several times by the Colonial Heights, Va. PD, during the time he was employed as a grader operator in the Colonial Heights area sometime ago.

CHARLOTTE AT WILSON, N. C.

Will identify suspect DAVIS; ascertain his whereabouts at the pertinent times to determine whether or not he is identical with JAMES EARL RAY or could have any connection with this case.

- ② - Charlotte
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Richmond

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Special Agent in Charge