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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA ROBERT A. CONNORS

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

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MURKIN

Pursuant to instructions to SAC JOHNSON via telephone call from the Bureau at 6:00 PM this date all communications being sent out of the Chicago Division concerning directly the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. at Memphis, Tennessee are to be captioned "MUKIN". All communications going out concerning the disturbances in Chicago as a result of the assassination of KING should continue to be captioned "Assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM"

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO

FROM : SA ROBERT F. BARRY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 4/7/68

At 6:30 pm this date ROBERT WIEGAND, 28613 Gray Ave., Lombard, Illinois Tel # MA 9-4653, telephonically contacted the office and advised that he learned this date from his mother, ELIZABETH WIEGAND, 5453 West North Avenue, Tel # TE 9-7200 that she has a negro female friend by the name of HAZEL GRAYSON, Tel#226-7263 and who resides in the area of Taylor and Ashland. GRAYSON is employed as a maid by an individual whose ~~name~~ name is BALDWIN, her maiden name, and whose married name is unknown but her husband is believed connected with the French Consulate in Chicago. They reside at 1400 North Lake Shore Drive.

Complainant advised that he was told by his mother this date that GRAYSON told her that within the past two weeks she saw STOKLEY CARMICHAEL come out of her employers apartment and both she and CARMICHAEL rode down the service elevator. She also reported to complainants mother that she believed she saw a person in the apartment who resembles the sketch of the person believed to have shot Dr. Martin Luther King.

This information was furnished to the SAC who advised that members of the S-4 squad should be contacted to verify this since they have a source in the building at 1400 Lake Shore Drive.

The writer contacted SA GORLINE who furnished the names of the resident managers, CARL THEISEN and L.G. TOUPIN. The writer contacted the 1400 building and was advised that ~~xxxxxx~~ two individuals were not in their apartments. The writer attempted several time to reach them until midnight without success. The operator ~~skated~~ at the 1400 building advised that both men will be on duty at 8:00 am 4/8/68 and can be reached then.

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Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: APR 8 1968

FROM: 

ASAC KYLE G. CLARK (44-1114)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

The above is the caption for the civil rights investigation to identify person or persons responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.

Per Bureau instructions, all investigation must be handled under the personal direction of the SAC. Leads are to be afforded immediate, thorough imaginative attention and all possibilities must be exhausted as any one lead could result in the solution of this most important investigation.

Memphis has advised that the pertinent periods in the investigation are March 29 and 30, in Birmingham, Alabama, and April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. Memphis has requested that in the event any data developed regarding suspects that if the interested offices can establish whereabouts of suspects on dates above, this may tend to eliminate the suspect. If this cannot be done, efforts should be made to secure photographs of suspects in question and forward photos to Memphis and Birmingham for possible elimination. Pertinent descriptive data should be included with photos. If the office is unable to eliminate on basis of established whereabouts in pertinent periods, efforts should be made to secure fingerprints of suspect and submit same to Bureau for elimination. The composite description based on data developed in Birmingham and Memphis is as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	26-40
Height	5'8" - 5'11"

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Weight	150 - 170 pounds
Hair	Dark brown or sandy combed straight back
Eyes	Blue or green
Build	Medium
Complexion	Average, smooth
General Physical Appearance	Neat

Possibility exists suspect is non-smoker. Indications were that suspect rented room between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m., April 4, 1968, and departed room shortly after 6:00 p.m. No matches or cigarettes found during that period, which suggests suspect may be non-smoker.

The investigation in this matter in Chicago will be handled by the ASAC Squad with SA RENE J. DUMAINE as coordinator. Any information developed should be immediately brought to the attention of the ASAC or SA DUMAINE.

Agents are requested to contact established sources and informants for any pertinent information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-35356)

DATE: April 6, 1968

FROM : Robert L. Buckingham, SA

SUBJECT: Assassination of Martin Luther
King, Jr.
RM

An anonymous Negro female who refused to identify herself advised 8:00 P.M. following information told her by a friend who works at Riveredge Hospital, 8311 Roosevelt Rd., Forest Park:

A white male patient, suntanned, 28-30 years, with brown hair combed back and allegedly from Oklahoma was admitted into hospital 4-5-68. Patient talks constantly about the King murder and also said he was a bank robber. Patient has a receipt for a rifle with scope purchased from Mid-Western Sporting Goods. Patient also has a pistol in drawer in his room. Riveredge Hospital is a mental institution. Caller believes patient might be identical with killer this case.

*Handled by SA Dave Graham
Verified patient is at hospital -
parents state he has not been
out of city for over a week -
Receipt indicates gun was only
ordered and had not been delivered
to patient.*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-¹¹¹⁴new)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA DAVID M. FRAHM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/6/68 Supervising Nurse DIANE HILL, Riveredge Hospital, 8311 Roosevelt, Riverside, Illinois, advised that RONALD BRUCE KIRSH, WMA, born [redacted] at Oak Park, Illinois, brown hair and mustache, Social Security # [redacted] residence - 474 Uvedale Road, Riverside, Illinois (phone 447-0251), had been committed to that institution on 4/5/68 at 8:00PM as a mental patient by his father ALBERT KIRSH of 474 Uvedale Road, Riverside. Further, HILL related that subsequent to KIRSH's admission he was discovered to have had a small pistol in his possession and this weapon was turned over to ALBERT KIRSH.

On 4/6/68 Lt. DONALD GOSSLING, Riverside, Illinois PD related that on 4/5/68 he served commitment papers to RONALD BRUCE KIRSH at the Riverside PD Headquarters at 6:00PM. GOSSLING stated that KIRSH was then transported to the Riveredge Hospital by private ambulance. According to GOSSLING KIRSH had been committed because of his recent erratic behavior and an incident where a number of lights were shot out in the neighborhood of his parents' residence. GOSSLING reported that Dr. PETER BEINAR, 3240 Oak Park, Berwyn, Illinois, phone ST8-5600, had been the examining physician.

On 4/6/68 Mr. & Mrs. ALBERT KIRSH, 474 Uvedale Road, Riverside, Illinois, advised that after over six years of marriage their son RONALD KIRSH had separated from his wife ARLENE KIRSH about two months ago and as a result suffered a mental breakdown. The KIRSHs related that as a result of his mental problem RONALD KIRSH lost his job. The KIRSHs stated that RONALD KIRSH visited a friend near Tulsa, Oklahoma, acquired a heavy sunburn and returned to their home in Riverside, Illinois, when he learned that his small daughter had been injured in a fall. The KIRSHs advised that RONALD KIRSH had been living with them from the date of his return on 4/1/68 to the date of his commitment on 4/5/68. The KIRSHs produced a Brookfield, Illinois PD Traffic Citation received by their son on 4/3/68 at 12:34AM, ticket # X1-019-351 listing Ronald Kirsh's Illinois D/L# [redacted] and his address as 1220 South 49th Street, Cicero, Illinois (KIRSH's former address with his wife ARLENE). Both KIRSHs recalled that RONALD KIRSH had been home all day Thursday 4/4/68 and that they had been together at the dinner table when



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when the news of the shooting of Dr. King came over the TV.

ALBERT KIRSH stated that on the morning of 4/5/68 his son RONALD had purchased a used 410/.22 over and under Savage for \$39.00 from Midwest Sporting Goods in Lyons, Illinois, but because of the Illinois 72 hour waiting period on firearms purchases RONALD could not take possession until 4/8/68. ALBERT KIRSH explained that this was the gun receipt he had in his possession when committed. ALBERT KIRSH stated that he recovered the receipt and a .22 Astra automatic pistol found his RONALD's possession by Riveredge Hospital personnel. Further, ALBERT KIRSH stated that with the receipt and after explaining the circumstances to the Store Manager he was able to obtain a refund on his son's \$39.00 purchase.

ALBERT KIRSH stated that his son had been a shooting enthusiast and owned several pistols all of which were being turned over to the Riverside PD for safekeeping.

In addition, ALBERT KIRSH advised that his neighbors Mr. & Mrs. PHILIP KASKA, 527 Selbourne, Riverside, Illinois, 447-7391, could verify RONALD KIRSH's present in Riverside all day on 4/4/68.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC , Chicago (137-2542)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA THOMAS J. GREEN

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: ROBERT OWCA
PCI

Dates of Contact 4/4, 8/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MIRKIN, 44-		
Purpose and results of contact ☐ NEGATIVE ☒ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC PCI advised that while in the Cook County Jail in about 1964 he met a CECIL MCAFEE, who had been or was doing time for bank robbery, being under a federal sent. PCI stated in discussion with MC AFEE, MC AFEE stated that he had been offered \$500.00 by people in Ala. to shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING. PCI stated by people MC AFEE indicated the Klan. (Review of Cg files 91-2201 reflect that <u>CECIL RAY MC AFEE, FBI # 2 750 610</u> was sentenced in USDC, SDI, Springfield, Ill. on 6/4/59 to 20 yrs. in custody of the Attorney general for bank robbery, State B nk of Nebo, Nebo, Ill. 4/4/59. MC AFEE pled guilty. MC AFEE is described as born [redacted] Harlan, Ky., a white male, 5'8", 175 lbs. dark complexion, black hair. His current whereabouts or if incarcerated is not known.) (Photo Attached)		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD	Coverage No added

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Memorandum

TO : ~~MURKIN~~ SAC

FROM : SA LLOYD H. NELSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/7/68

Officer Mike Ryan, 2nd District, 4802 S. Wabash advised 9:50A this date that the Cg. P.D. picked up on a VAG charge a hitchhiker on the Dan Ryan. He is a W. Male and was carrying a cartridge shell case marked 244 Rem. RYAN indicates possibilities man may be ident to KINGS's killer. ~~WAG~~/ This person to be in court tomorrow morning at 9AM Branch 34

Name

CHARLES RAY HOOVER
Whitem male
5'11"
155
Brn hair
blue green eyes
slender build
ruddy comp.
Unshaven
born [redacted] at Hartford, Ky.
SOC Sec. # [redacted]
Korean Vet
Registered LCB 78 Hartford, Ky.
Last residence---Clay, Ky.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-35356)

DATE: April 6, 1968

FROM : SA EDWARD H. WACHHOLZ

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.
RM.

At 11:00PM this date LAWRENCE CROWLEY, 960 Burton Ave., Highland Park, Ill., (Tele# ID 2-7868) advised that he is a retired police officer of the Highland Park PD and that he as of this time is not well having heart trouble.

CROWLEY advised that this evening while watching TV and hearing of the possible description of the assailant who shot MARTIN LUTHER KING, he recalls that one THOMPSON, a hill-billy singer who came from the south and who sings at some pretty tough joints here in the Highland Park area, left a week ago from Highland Park for Memphis, Tenn., to go on vacation. He said that THOMPSON ~~is~~ drives a light gray Thunderbird which he could not describe further. He also advised that THOMPSON while in Highland Park was driving a cab for the Lake Cab Co., 214 Green Bay Rd., Highwood, Ill.

CROWLEY advised that he welcomed any time that an agent contact him for more information, if necessary.

It is noted that before the conversation was completed, CROWLEY advised that is was necessary that he hang up since he felt that it was necessary that he take a "heart" pill.

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*Lead @
develop info re
④ Hayden
Hillbilly singer who
was in Memphis who
participated there*

*See note above
apparent for card
more regular
info from
call to Lake Cab Co for
info*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)(P)

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA JAMES M. FOX

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/8/68 Rev. LELAND REGIER, 11345 S. Bell, Chicago, advised he had learned that FNU PLOGGER, a resident of Chicago and much-publicized leader of the Illinois chapter of the Ku Klux Klan, was out of town at the time of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. REGIER is a personal friend of writer.

On 4/8/68 Rev. CHARLES E. WILSON, 2307 Lawndale Ave., Chicago, 252-8880, advised writer that PLOGGER AND DONALD E. HEATH, former Chicago police and much-publicized members of the Ku Klux Klan, reside near WILSON's church. WILSON noticed that PLOGGER's auto, a white Mustang, has been gone from the front of the PLOGGER home since 4/2 or 4/3/68. It reappeared in front of the home during the afternoon of 4/8/68.

When WILSON read in a newspaper that a suspect's getaway had been made in a white Mustang he thought immediately of PLOGGER. When he saw the car was not at the PLOGGER residence for several days before and several days after the murder, he decided to call writer.

WILSON has never met nor seen PLOGGER or HEATH and has had contact only with their families who attend WILSON's church. WILSON emphasized that his church is in a changing community and that feelings against Negro and civil rights movements are very strong. He therefore requested that his identity not be disclosed outside the FBI. WILSON was referred to writer by Dr. ALFRED DEMAN, Pres., Chicago Baptist Assn. and mutual friend of writer and WILSON.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1112)

FROM : SA DAVE FRAHM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/9/68

On 4/8/68 Lt. DONALD GOSSLING, Riverside, Illinois PD advised that inquiry by him had determined that RONALD BRUCE KIRSH had traded autos with WILLIAM LUKEY, owner of the Lighthouse Drive-In at First & Ogden in Lyons, Illinois on 4/3/68 and that KIRSH and LUKEY had notarized title transfers to verify this. Further, Lt. GOSSLING stated that KIRSH made a \$400.00 profit in this transaction and deposited that amount in an account with Lincoln Federal Savings & Loan, Riverside and Cermak, Berwyn, Illinois on 4/4/68. Thus, Lt. GOSSLING noted that KIRSH couldnot have been in Memphis on 4/4/68.

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)

4/6/68

SA RICHARD L. STRAIN

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.
RM

MURKIN

The "Chicago Tribune" today carried an artist's conception of the individual who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. and description. In view of this a number of telephone calls have been received from individuals who sound to be knowledgeable furnishing information as to the identity of this individual. In addition, leads have been received from other offices requesting immediate investigation.

In view of this the following pool of available Agents has been set up and are standing by at their residences or will advise the office of any departure from their residence to whom these leads can be immediately assigned. These individuals are as follows:

Squad

Agents

S-1

JAMES A. MAY
FRANK BYDLON 4^{pm} 4/6/68

S-3

JAMES M. FOX
JEREMIAH J. HURLEY

S-4

DONALD M. MARTIN
JOHN C. WAGNER

C-1

PAUL B. FRANKFURT
EDWARD F. BLOOM

C-2

JAMES A. ROBERTS
ROBERT J. MILLER

C-3

ROY M. MITCHELL
JOHN B. TARPEY 4^{pm} 4/6/68

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Squad

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Agents

BILLY E. WEBB
JOHN J. GOLDEN

ROBERT KLEINSCHMIDT
WILLIAM H. HAYMAN

JOHN M. MC DONOUGH
JOHN T. O'NEAL

PHILIP R. TRACY
JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT

Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases		Address of subject		Character of case	
UNSUB				MURKIN	
Complainant Marty MATIN, xx		Complainant's address and telephone number 3216 Hill Lane, Wilmette AL 1-7889		Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date <u>4/8/68</u> Time <u>6:00pm</u>	
Subject's Description	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female	Height	Hair	Build
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion
	Scars, marks or other data				
Facts of complaint					
Complainant, a student at New Trier High School, advised that he saw two men leaving the Dolphin Motel, in Morton Grove, Ill., last Saturday morning. They were leaving the Motel in a '65 or '66 White Buick, four door HT, bearing North Carolina license plates. (black with white letters). # NOT KNOWN. One of the men resembled the artists sketch of the UNSUB. MATIN said he would describe this individual as a WM, age about 40, 6', med build, sandy blonde hair, wearing a tan colored windbreaker and light pants. The second individual was a WM, 5'7", dark wavy hair, age about 25, looked like a brother to other individual. <i>Lead</i> <i>check out Dolphin Motel re suspect answers about conception</i>					
Action Recommended --- A R. J. Bates (Agent)					

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases UNSUB		Address of subject		Character of case MURKIN	
Complainant <u>Mr. JOE HARMON</u>		Complainant's address and telephone number 710 Forest River Forest, Ill. 771-7711		Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date <u>4/8/68</u> Time <u>6:30 pm</u>	
Subject's Description	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female	Height	Hair	Build
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion
	Scars, marks or other data				
Facts of complaint Complainant is an electrician who is currently working on the Lyons Twp High School, La Grange, Ill. He stated that during his lunch hour he has been patronizing a saloon in Brookfield, Ill., for his usual shot and a beer. Last Friday at this time he was in the bar along with about 10 other patrons. The bartender wears a derby and a german iron cross on a chain. The apparent owner entered also. He described the owner as a WM, about 6', slender, good physical condition, 30-35, kinky hair, and wears a moustache. At this time the owner looked up to a customer who had just entered and said "Well look who just got in from the south!" The customer replied with words to the effect "Yeah, I had to drive all night to get here". At that point the owner apparently noticed Complainant staring at them and listening to their conversation. The owner then jabbed this customer as if to tell him to keep quiet. Complainant stated that at that time it occurred to him that this new customer resembled the artists sketch. He attempted to later move closed to this individual to get another look however this individual left the bar. Complainant stated that he does not know the name of the bar but gave the following directions for its location. Proceeding East on Odgen Ave, out of La Grange you cross a bridge and stop at a stop sign. Continuing East, about one block there is a liquor store on the North side of the street, in Brookfield. The above mentioned bar is right in the rear of the liquor store. Complainant described Unsub as a WM, age about 25, well dressed, well built, sport clothes.					
Action Recommended		<i>Lead</i> <i>check out bar</i> <i>if necessary reinterview</i> <i>Harmone</i> Robert J. Bates (Agent)			

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases UNSUB;		Address of subject		Character of case MURKIN	
Complainant Anonymous		Complainant's address and telephone number		Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date <u>4/8/68</u> Time <u>9:00 pm</u>	
Subject's Description	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female	Height	Hair	Build
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion
	Scars, marks or other data				

Facts of complaint

4/6 NAME UNKNOWN
Caller stated that person resembling artists sketch of this case registered last Saturday morning in the Sherone Hotel, 4423 N Sheridan Road, Chicago, room 507.

This individual checked in with two other men and one woman. Caller stated that Suspect arrived in Chicago from Memphis, Delta Airlines, Flight 555.

Caller would not give his name or address.

Gary Napier, Clerk + acting Mgr, adv - Room 507 Sherone Hotel rented on 4/5/68 by group of men (no women) engaged in selling advertising - group included - Ronald Schmidt 2218 N. Weil, Mich, Wis Matt Borzello, Jim Holcomb, Bill Taylor Chester McFadden NONE RESEMBLE SKETCH

Recontacted on 5/13/68 Napier shown photos of James Earl Ray - Negative - Rent for group paid by Dominic MUSARRA, 101 Grove PKW Memphis, Tenn. Cl on Union Planters Natl Bk, Memphis, Tenn

Photos of Ray also shown to Desk Clerk Marie Ebbelin NONE of above resemble

Action Recommended

Robert J. Bates
(Agent)

Lead
check out hotel re suspect answering author
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Chicago

FROM : SA Robert J. Bates

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-8-68

At 11³⁰ am SA Danley James, WFO, telephonically advised that WFO is shipping a manila envelope, 8 1/2" x 11" containing MURKIN photos. Package addressed to SAC Las Vegas from SAC, WFO. There is no direct flight from WFO to Las Vegas so the following transfer will have to be made.

Package arriving at Chicago via United flight # 375 9³⁰ am. Package is to be transferred to United flight # 419 leaving Chicago 10⁰⁰ am, arriving Las Vegas 11³⁰ am.

SA Huntington advised 11³⁵ am, and he advised he would handle this tomorrow am.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : JOHN H. WILMES

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(Laundry Tags)

ReButel 4/9/68 to all continental offices.

On April 9, 1968, Mr. RALPH YONKE, American Laundry and Dry Cleaning Institute, Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois, telephone 815-727-4501, advised that the thermo seal marking machines manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, used in the state of Illinois, are distributed by PETER WUKOVICH of 756 Hawthorne Street, Elmhurst, Illinois, telephone BR 9-6141.

On April 9, 1968, Mrs. PETER WUKOVICH at the above address, advised that her husband is out of state on business and will return to the Chicago area on April 10, 1968. She advised that she would be talking to her husband the evening of April 9, 1968, and would attempt to determine from him the names of all laundries in the state of Illinois that use the thermo seal marking machine. She said she is employed at the Fastener Corporation in Chicago and could be reached at 678-0100, ext. 308.

On April 10, 1968, Mrs. WUKOVICH was recontacted and she advised that she had talked to her husband the previous evening and that he had furnished her with a list of the laundries in the state of Illinois that he could recall used the thermo seal marking machine. In addition, he stated that he would return to his residence the afternoon of April 10, 1968, and that he would search his records to determine any additional laundries using this machine that he had omitted. He further advised his wife that the laundry tags in question, that is, a red tag $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide by $1 \frac{1}{16}$ " long bearing the code 02B-6 or D2B-6, are made by an older-type machine which prints five characters. The color red indicated to him that the laundry was on a special tag.

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The following list of laundries are those furnished by Mrs. WUKOVICH as received by her from her husband:

Leader Cleaners

Pekin Cleaners

Northside Cleaners,
North Broadway, Chicago

Alice Cleaners

Richards Cleaners

Breen's Cleaners

Kay Cleaners

Rainbo Cleaners

Twin City Cleaners
East Chicago

Perfected Cleaners
Evanston, Illinois

Artistic Cleaners
Gary, Indiana

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Neway Cleaners
Gary, Indiana

Washington Cleaners,
Waukegan, Illinois

Walker's Cleaners
Aurora, Illinois

Spic & Span Cleaners
Milwaukee

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Schudle's Laundry
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Sally Ward Cleaners
Springfield, Illinois

Model Sanders
Champaign, Illinois

White Line
Champaign, Illinois

Model Star
Danville, Illinois

The above laundries located in the Springfield Division were telephonically furnished to ASAC DON SULLIVAN on April 10, 1968.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-NEW)

FROM : SA WILLIAM J. BERWANGER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 4/6/68

At 10:58 PM on 4/6/68, Reverend RICHARD FISHER 7322 South Clyde, Chicago, Illinois, (phone 684-8098) who stated he is Pastor of Martin Temple, AME Zion Church, 7158 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he just received a phone call from a man who said his name was JOHN but would not give his last name. JOHN told Reverend FISHER that ALBERT CARLY, whose last known address was 5650 South Laflin Street, Chicago, Illinois, was paid \$10,000 to assassinate Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING and that half of the money was put up by the "Cicero Boys"

FISHER further stated that he asked JOHN why he was giving him this information and JOHN said "you called and asked for it". Reverend FISHER stated that he had not made such a call. Reverend FISHER added that the caller sounded like a white man and talked rationally. Reverend FISHER said the man hung up when he told him that he had not called him.

Joseph Skrabot
5650 S. Laflin
2nd floor -
advised Carly
resided basement
apt that address
Moved out unexpectedly
in March 68 - left
no forwarding address
Carly is w/m
40-50 - 5'5" 11
Slender Build
Hair Brown & thinning

Postal Clasp Office
advised Carly moved 3/8/68
and left no forwarding address

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Locate interview
Albert Carly

T. Thomas Walsh
Chicago P.D. Intelligence
advised at 5:30 AM 4/7
M.B.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA RENE J. DUMAINE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

SUMMARY INFO

The following information was obtained from the Memphis Division and is not to be discussed outside the Bureau. Any investigation conducted re suspect ERIC STARVO GALT should be discreet and on a confidential basis.

KING was shot at 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, from the back window of a flop house overlooking KING's motel. The murderer evidently left the flop house through the front entrance and while going to his car saw an unidentified Sheriff's Deputy running down the street with his gun drawn. It is surmised that this is the reason that the murderer dropped the box containing the rifle which was wrapped in a bedspread and his suitcase by a small business establishment.

The owner of the establishment heard the thud of the box being dropped went out to the street, looked both ways, and saw no one. At this point, a white car pulled away from the curb and drove off at a fairly high rate of speed. One of the colored persons in the establishment stated that the car was a Mustang. In addition, sometime around 5:30 p.m., a man and wife parked their car on the same street directly behind a car identified as a white Mustang. This vehicle bore red and white license plates but the witness is not sure as to whether it was red numerals with white background or vice versa. It is noted that Alabama plates are red and white.

In the suitcase dropped with the box containing the rifle were a pair of brownish-checkered undershorts and a white jockey T-shirt bearing cloth laundry tags. The tags are made by a thermo seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York.

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These tags are one quarter inch wide and one and one sixteenth inch long, red in color and bear marking which appears to be "02B-6" or "D2B-6". Only a portion of the first character is present on each tag, and this character is cut on a slight bias. No other visible laundry marks were found on either garment. This office and other offices are in the process of attempting to trace instant tag.

Further investigation by Birmingham Division has developed that on March 29, 1968, a man using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER purchased a Marlin rifle. He returned the next day, March 30, 1968, made some comment that he was not satisfied with the Marlin rifle, and traded it in for a .30-06 Remington rifle. The composite description at the end of this memo is based upon the salesman's impressions as well as other witnesses in Memphis. The Identification Division has indicated that there are identifiable latent prints on the rifle and on the Redfield scope plus a binocular case which might have been found in the motel room. This fact is not known but the case does tie in to the murderer. There is also palm prints for comparison purposes.

ERIC STARVO GALT is the prime suspect at the moment because he answers the general physical description of the murderer plus the following:

Memphis determined that GALT was registered in the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and checked out on April 4, 1968. He was driving a white Mustang with Alabama plates. Birmingham further developed that he lived in the rooming house in Birmingham, Alabama, from September 1 to December 1, 1967. The Mustang was bought from a private individual and was paid for with \$1900.00 cash. GALT did not test drive the vehicle saying that he had no driver's license but that he would obtain one. According to Memphis, GALT is a complete "mystery man" and they are attempting to concentrate efforts to develop background information concerning him. Birmingham did develop that GALT resided at 2608 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, and was the owner of a 1966 Mustang bearing 1967 Alabama license 1A88354. Further check shows 1968 Alabama registration as 1-38993.

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GALT is described from driver's license info as a white male, DOB [REDACTED] height 5'11", weight 175 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair.

The composite description of the unknown subject in this case is white male, 26-40 (however believed to be closer to 30), height 5'8"-5'11", weight 150-170 pounds, dark brown hair (combed straight back without part), eyes light, probably blue or green, build medium, complexion smooth, gives the impression of being very clean cut and neat appearing. At time of murder, he was wearing a dark suit, white shirt and necktie. No cigarette butts were found in the rented room. Rifle was right-handed leading to the assumption that the subject is also right-handed.

In all teletypes relating to the laundry tag investigation and investigation surrounding GALT, the Bureau has stated that under no circumstances should anyone be told these investigations are in connection with MURKIN.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THIS INFORMATION BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU. AGENTS SHOULD BE CAUTIONED TO USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT INQUIRY CONCERNING SUSPECTS IS IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH THIS INVESTIGATION. THESE MEMORANDA ARE BEING CHARGED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL AND MUST BE RETURNED TO THE ASAC WHEN THEY SERVE NO FURTHER PURPOSE.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : *[Signature]* ASAC KYLE G. CLARK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION CONTACTS

Each Supervisor will be furnished with either a list of savings and loan associations or three by five cards which contain the identity of banks both on the front and the back. The Agents covering the leads are to telephonically contact the various financial institutions and ascertain whether or not ERIC STARBO GALT has ever had or now has a checking or savings account, had a personal or business loan, and does now or ever rented a safe deposit box.

Any information developed concerning GALT as a result of these contacts should be telephonically furnished the ASAC or SA DUMAINE immediately.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANY INFORMATION RE GALT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU. AGENTS SHOULD BE CAUTIONED TO USE EXTREME CAUTION TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT INQUIRY CONCERNING SUSPECTS IS IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH THE MURKIN INVESTIGATION. THE MEMORANDA FURNISHED TO THE SUPERVISORS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE ASAC WHEN THEY SERVE NO FURTHER PURPOSE. THE LEAD LIST AND LEAD CARDS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO SA DUMAINE MARKED COVERED, AGENTS NAME, AND DATE.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1114)

FROM : ASAC KYLE G. CLARK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/10/68

SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE, Birmingham, telephonically advised that investigation re ERIC STARVO GALT in Birmingham reveals he resided at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, from 8/26 to 10/7/67. The landlord at this address advised that sometime during mid September, 1967, GALT received a package from Chicago, approximate size 18" x 12" x 8", weighing 20 to 25 lbs. GALT reported opened and examined the package and informed the landlord he did not like the merchandise and thereafter returned it.

The landlord further advised that approximately three weeks ago, GALT received a letter from Chicago, which the landlord held to the light and believed it contained a check. The landlord returned the letter to the sender. He is unable to recall the name or address.

It was the landlord's opinion that the contents of the package may have been phonograph records, however, he did not hear any music played in GALT's room and when GALT checked out, he only had three suitcases.

Action: Check all logical mail order houses using above name, address and circumstances.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1114)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : ASAC KYLE G. CLARK *KAC*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SAC ROBERT JENSEN, Memphis, telephonically advised this date that there is every indication that the unsub in this case is an illegal of an ethnic group, possibly Nordic. He advised that investigation has developed two safety deposit boxes maintained by GALT, wherein he handled all transactions by cash and the reference for the safety deposit boxes have been in the name of his uncle KARL GALT.

He also advised that there is every indication that the articles ordered from Chicago were of electronic type. He based this on the fact that found in the blue suitcase discarded at the scene were a pair of duckbill pliers used in electronic type work, which were bought in Los Angeles two blocks from a location where one JAY WALLIS VERNON, aka., JEROME WALLIS VERNON operated a laundromat. This individual fits the description of suspect GALT.

In addition, SAC JENSEN advised that with regard to the St. Louis lead regarding employment, this was based on the fact that GALT has professed employment as a merchant marine on canal and lake barges.

Financial institutions leads should be expanded to include GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD and JAY WALLIS VERNON, aka., JEROME WALLIS VERNON.

In addition, in line with contacts with the merchant marine and headquarters for Great Lakes shipping in Chicago, the Indianapolis and Detroit Offices should be advised

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA THOMAS C. COLBERT

SUBJECT: MURKIN
INFORMATION CONCERNING
TED BOERSMA

On 4/11/68, Chief MOORE, Tinley Park Police Department, telephoned the writer and advised that he had just received a phone call from a man who identified himself as TED BOERSMA and said he could be reached at telephone number 532-3407. He said that a man just came to his place to hide out and that the man fits the description of the slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Chief MOORE did not obtain any further information from BOERSMA, but he immediately notified the FBI.

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Ted Boersma
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA DAVID J. KWAIT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE THOMAS GEORGE MISIAG

Lead

On April 10, 1968, CG 7056-R orally advised SA HUBERT M. HART that THOMAS GEORGE MISIAG, who is socially acquainted with source, strongly resembles the artist's conception which has appeared in various local newspapers, of the suspected killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

MISIAG is subject of Chicago file 157-604. A review of this file disclosed that in the past MISIAG has associated with the Chicago Chapter of the National States Rights Party as well as the Minutemen - Patriotic Party. Subject MISIAG is also known to possess firearms. The following is a description of MISIAG:

DOB	[REDACTED]
POB	Chicago, Illinois
Height	5' 10"
Weight	160 pounds
Eyes	Hazel
Race	White
Build	Medium
Scars and Marks	4" scar on left hip, 4" scar on left thigh
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]

This file further reflects MISIAG was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy serving only one month, January 16, 1961, to February 9, 1961, discharged for reasons of unsuitability because of bedwetting.

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CG 7056-R also advised that MISIAG was arrested on April 8, 1968, by the Blue Island, Illinois, Police Department. While this source did not know the nature of the charges against MISIAG, source indicated that at the time of his arrest, MISIAG was carrying a sign reading to the effect "KING is Dead and I am glad." MISIAG was printed and released on \$1,000 bond.

CG 7056-R is not able to ascertain the whereabouts of MISIAG on April 4, 1968.

Above is submitted for information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA JOHN H. WILMES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Albany telephone call to Chicago, 4/11/68.

At 11:55 am this date SA Bob Ray of the Albany Office telephonically contacted the Chicago Office and advised the following:

Albany is in receipt of the teletypes sent by Chicago requesting the identity of laundries using the Thermo Seal Marking Machines in the U.S. and the identity of companies distributing the tape used in the machines. Albany has been in the process of sending out a forty one page airtel to all offices setting out the identity of these laundries, which went out on 4/10/68, and another airtel being prepared now is going to be sent to all offices with additional information. In addition, the Bureau is preparing suitable number of copies for all offices of color photographs of the marking tape recovered at the scene of Murkin for use in inquires regarding the tapes. Albany suggested that investigation regarding the tapes be held in abeyance pending receipt of the Albany airtels. It was suggested to Albany that a teletype be sent to all offices advising them of the above information.

SA Ray additionally advised that there is a machine located in Los Angeles, Calif., which is believed to have made the tape recovered ~~at~~ Murkin. The laundry where this machine is located is a leased laundry and was leased until the latter part of March, 1968 by J. WALLIS VERNON, who at that time absconded with the records of the laundry. The laundry is located six blocks from the hardware store where the pliers were purchased that were recovered ~~at~~ Murkin.

No additional investigation being conducted regarding the laundry tapes pending receipt of Albany airtels.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA, ROBERT L. ZIMMERMANN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 4/11/68

RE: CALVIN

KEN WOLFE, an employee at Le May Auto Parts, 4426 N Broadway, Chicago, Ill, telephone 271-5547, telephonically advised this A.M. that he had seen a picture of the alleged ~~XXXX~~ killer of Martin Luther King published in this mornings Chicago Sun-Times.

Wolfe advised that this picture is an exact likeness of an individual he knows and who he identified as "CALVIN". Wolfe advised that another employee at Le May also saw the picture and agrees with him that it is "CALVIN" ~~XXXXXX~~ or his twin.

Wolfe advised that he makes deliveries from Le May Auto Parts but is never gone very long and requested that he be contacted in this regard.

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WOLFE RE CALVIN

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1114)

FROM : SA O. ARTHUR GRAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/8/68

Re phone call from Supervisor R. STOETZEL, 4/8/68, pursuant to which the following investigation was conducted by writer 4/8/68 in re man identified as HAYDEN EUGENE THOMPSON. X

AT HIGHWOOD, ILLINOIS:

Police Chief TED BENVENUTO advised he has personally known HAYDEN THOMPSON, who has no arrest record with his department, for the past 6-7 years, during which time he has been an irregular resident of Highwood. THOMPSON is a "hill-billy singer," who has appeared on local "barn dance" TV shows, and who has recorded some songs. He has worked locally as a bartender and cab-driver, is known to BENVENUTO as a hard worker, and recently told BENVENUTO that he had brought his parents up from "down South" and they "really like" Highwood, where they live in an apartment at 43 Clay Street, adjacent to the boundary of Port Sheridan.

JOSEPH MASSIMO (protect identity), co-owner with DON CASTELLANI of Lake Cab Company (chartered in Highland Park), 214 Green Bay Road, Highwood (home address 1440 Greenwood, Deerfield, phone 945-6606), confidentially advised as follows:

HAYDEN EUGENE THOMPSON, who was fingerprinted for a cab license by Highland Park PD, lives in Apartment H, 43 Clay, Highwood, phone 433-3890, and has been employed on day-time shift as cab driver the past two years or so, during which he has been most dependable and honest. He drives a 1964 green T-Bird with white top, and is about 32, 6-0, 185. On Friday, 3/29/68, he went on a "week's vacation" to take his father and mother "down home," believed to be Memphis. Although he was to have returned to town over the weekend, he did not report for work morning of 4/8/68, although MASSIMO saw him (THOMPSON) driving around town. Another cab driver, BOB VANDERPOOL, who lives in same apartment building as THOMPSON, remarked Saturday, 4/6/68, that THOMPSON had apparently returned "during the night," since his car was parked outside early that morning. MASSIMO will admonish THOMPSON upon his return to work as to why he didn't come to work 4/8/68, and will normally inquire as to his trip south.

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AT HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS:

C. L. PERKINS, Hub Credit Bureau, on 4/8/68 advised that credit records showed that HAYDEN THOMPSON has been in file since 2/5/65, and is shown as single, residing at 43 Clay, Highwood, with former address of 420 Waukegan Road, Highwood. He has been in town since 4/61. Employment was shown as bartender at May Place Tavern, and previously as driver for Deerfield-Highland Park Bux Company, Highland Park. There was no derogatory information.

Chief of Detectives ANGELO RUSSO, Highland Park PD, advised that HAYDEN THOMPSON is listed as driving 1965 T-Bird, 1968 Illinois license GF 1475, Highwood Sicker 359. RUSSO said he was printed for cab license 9/27/67 and again on 1/18/68, and photographed on each occasion. He has no record with the PD (#CD-205) and his prints have been returned from the Ident. Division "no record" on both occasions. He was described 1/18/68 as wm, DOB. [redacted] 6-0, 215, brown hair, hazel eyes, fair complexion. He was born in Booneville, Miss. and his print class is 5 over 21, R over T.

RUSSO made available copies of both applications and ident. card on THOMPSON, and 9/27/67 photo, all of which can be retained. He made available original of his fingerprints, with the request from Chief M. BONAMARTE (NA) that they be returned upon serving their purpose.

It is to be noted that LAWRENCE CROWLEY, 960 Burton, Highland Park, ID 2-7868, original complainant, is believed identical with a former Lake County deputy sheriff, who was fired for suspected shakedown.

4/9/68 - Mosses advised Thompson
returned Fri 3/15/68, from Miss. 155/188
(town not known), not Memphis,
and didn't come to work 4/8/68
because of cold. He is working as
of 4/9/68.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA GEORGE H. PARFET

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Illinois Bell Telephone Directory, Chicago Suburban, South section on page 100 has a listing for a CARL GALT, 1122 Wyoming, Gary, Indiana, Phone 938-5642.

Mrs. KAY HAYDEN (Protect Identity), Security Department, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, advised that the records of the Commercial Department reflect that CARL GALT is presently residing at 4526 Miller Street, Gary, Ind. She advised that service was first established for GALT on 9/9/66. At that time GALT listed his employment as a Millwright, Bethlehem Steel Co. Mrs. GALT is also employed at Bethlehem.

Mrs. HAYDEN advised that GALT's bills are very high and cited as an example a \$125.00 bill for the month of March 1968. She stated that GALT's service has been discontinued three times for non payment.

When GALT's service was established he gave the following individuals as references:

Reverend DONALD E. WORCH
SUS# 4245 E. 11th Avenue
Gary, Ind

DOROTHY WARD
4717 East 10th
Gary, Ind.

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CARL GALT
Telephoned to Gary

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1114)

FROM : ASAC KYLE G. CLARK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

The following information was received from ASAC JOSEPH SYLVESTER, New Orleans, which in turn was relayed from SAC, Birmingham. Investigation to date has revealed that 8 identifiable latents were recovered by Memphis. In addition, these latents have been compared with those of JAY VERNON, Los Angeles and no identification effected.

When Unsub LOWMEYER purchased the Marlin in Birmingham, he reportedly returned it, stating "My brother doesn't want this type of gun". Thereafter, the gun shop spent two hours transferring the scope to the murder weapon. With regard to the murder weapon, the fatal bullet has been identified with the 30.06 and of interest is the fact that there was only one bullet in the chamber.

Investigation Birmingham and surrounding offices has proven that all information furnished by GALT is fictitious, that is regarding his employment, etc. The safe deposit box used by GALT in Birmingham has been flown to Washington, D. C. for latent examination. In addition, sometime in December, GALT mailed the keys to this safe deposit box to the bank from Biloxi, Mississippi.

A Bureau artist's conception is being prepared and should be available within the next two days. An APB on points of entry and with all law enforcement officers has been put out for GALT and the white Mustang, with the caution that he or the car not be linked with this case.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO

FROM : SA JAMES A. POND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

Re ASAC memo dated 4/10/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES A. POND at Chicago, Illinois:

On 4/11/68, at Aldens, Inc., 5000 West Roosevelt Road, ROBERT HENSEN, District Credit Manager, advised that Aldens credit account or mail order customers accounts are filed alphabetically by the State in which they live. He reviewed the records for the State of Alabama and could find no record of any credit purchases by ERIC STARVO GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama, or for any person named GALT.

He suggested the Manager of the Adjustment Department be contacted inasmuch as any refunds to COD or prepaid accounts would be handled by that Department.

On 4/11/68, FRANK BARNAT, Section Manager, Adjustment Department, advised that COD or prepaid customer accounts are filed alphabetically by the State in which the customer lives. If a customer returned part or all of a COD or prepaid order, BARNAT's department would make out a check for the proper ~~amount~~ ^{amount} and mail it to the customer. He reviewed the file for the State of Alabama and could locate no record of any refund to ERIC STARVO GALT of Birmingham, or any customer named GALT. He stated that if a check was sent to a customer and the customer moved without leaving a forwarding address, the check would be returned to his Department. If the customer later advised Aldens of a new address in a different state, his original account would remain in the State file in which the order was placed and a complete copy of the file would then be put in the new State file.

He checked the Transaction Section which maintains an alphabetical list of all Aldens customers and could locate no record for any GALT. The above three departments, according to GALT, would have a record if GALT ~~was~~ had been a customer. Because no record was found in these departments, he concluded, GALT was not an Aldens customer.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
ATTN: SA PAUL H. KELLERMEYER

FROM : SA RENE J. DUMAINE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT

Information has been developed that GALT is the prime suspect in captioned matter and has lived in Birmingham and possibly Los Angeles. Possibility exists that GALT has been employed as a merchant seaman or as a barge and canal seaman. The Memphis Division speculates that there is every indication that the unsub in this case is an illegal of an ethnic group possibly Nordic.

LEAD

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. In view of foregoing, records of INS, Chicago, should be checked to determine if there have been any seamen who have jumped ship in Chicago. Further, that INS records be checked against the names ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOHMEYER, and JAY WALLIS VERNON, aka ~~JEROME WALLIS VERNON~~. Expedite.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA HARLEY E. GYLFE

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
John Willard
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Mr. ED BUMGARDNER, 917 Sixth Ave., Erie, Ill., 61250, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 675 Erie, Ill., advised he does not have a telephone but can be reached through the Chief of Police at Erie, Ill., or through the Resident Agent of the FBI at Rock Island, Ill.

BUMGARDNER telephonically contacted the writer at 8:49 a.m., 4/6/68, advising that he was unable to reach any individual that he knew in the Erie or Rock Island, Ill., area, but wanted to furnish this information concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

BUMGARDNER advised he saw the artists conception in the local paper of the assassin and stated that VINCENT DePalma, a Minuteman who possibly resides in Hartford, ~~Cornell~~ ^{COAHN} Kentucky, fits the description of the artists conception with the exception of the angle of the nose. He explained VINCENT DePALMA was also known as VINNIE and has a slightly more square nose.

BUMGARDNER stated that he is a member of the strike team of the Minutemen. He said he is scheduled to testify in Seattle, Washington, for the Federal Government concerning actions of the Minutemen. He said he has cooperated with the FBI in Kansas City and Denver concerning the activities of the Minutemen.

BUMGARDNER stated he believes that it is very possible that the assassination of KING was engineered or handled by members of the Minutemen organization. He

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explained that VINCENT DePALMA has been and still may be a body guard of BOB DePUGH, leader of the Minutemen.

BUMGARDNER stated he does not have a picture of DePALMA, but feels that SA GEORGE ARNETT of the Kansas City Office may have a picture of DePALMA or know of where one can be obtained.

The above is being furnished for information at this time..

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Date: 4/8/68

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO
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 MURKIN

There is enclosed for your office one copy of a self-explanatory memorandum from SA HARLEY E. GYLFE to the SAC, Memhis, 4-6-68.

For your information, leads have previously been set out for the Boston Office to consider VINCENT PAUL DePALMA as a suspect in this case and to attempt to eliminate him.

You may wish to interview the complainant, Mr. ED BUMGARDNER, for information in his possession concerning the "Minutemen."

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MARTIN J. BRENNEN
c/o Sears Roebuck
925 South Homan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs RICHARD G. STILLING and SA WILLIAM J. DOWNEY, Jr.:

On April 10, 1968, Mr. JOHN LEHRER, Legal
Department, and Mr. MICHAEL GRANT, Supervisor, Department
640, Boys Wear, advised that MARTIN J. BRENNEN has been a
buyer for Sears in Boys Wear for over 27½ years. One of
his big accounts is the Calhoun Garment Division of Kellwood
Industries, Calhoun, Mississippi. BRENNEN generally flies
to Memphis, Tennessee, rents an automobile, and drives to
Calhoun, Mississippi, to conduct his business, then returns
the rented automobile and flies back to Chicago from Memphis.

A review of Mr. BRENNEN's expense voucher indicated
that he arrived in Memphis, Tennessee, either on April 3 or 4,
1968, resided at the Holiday Inn, Oxford, Mississippi, and
did rent an automobile while in that area. His expense
voucher indicates he did travel to Calhoun, Mississippi.

BRENNEN is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	
Height	5'11½"
Weight	190 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown, graying and very thin on top
Scars	Has very noticeable scar on cheek.

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JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN

Re Memphis teletype dated 4/9/68, concerning
JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN.

On April 9, 1968, the following investigation
conducted by SA ROBERT E. HALL and SA THOMAS J. GREEN:

By personal observation, it was determined that
there is no such address as 1339 South Western, Chicago,
Illinois.

The residence at 1339 North Western Avenue is
in a Puerto Rican-Spanish American neighborhood and
consists of a three-floor flat building, owned by M. B.
RIVERA, occupant of the third floor.

Interviews were conducted with Mrs. CALDERON
through a nine-year old grandson, interpreter. Mrs. CALDERON
and her family occupy the first floor. Interviews were
also conducted with Mrs. AMANDA CONDE who occupies the
second floor flat.

The name JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN was unknown to any
of the persons interviewed. They had no knowledge that
any person in the 1300 block of North Western was attending
school in Memphis, Tennessee, and no person residing at
1339 North Western had children older than high school age.

It was noted that other names on the mail box
with Mrs. CALDERON were also Spanish names: MORALES and
SANDIN.

Inquiry of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company
determined that the prefix number 396 is not in the Chicago
area but is in North Antioch, Wisconsin. The current Illinois
Bell Telephone Company telephone directories for the Chicago
area have no listing for a JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN.

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SA RICHARD G. STILLING made a check of the records of the Chicago Police Department and the FBI Chicago Office records, and no listing for a JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN was located.

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DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM J. DOWNEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re ~~Bureau~~ 44-1114-8.

Mr. JAMES DAVEY, 9116 Kingston Avenue, Chicago, was contacted at his place of employment, the South Chicago Savings Bank, 9200 South Commercial.

He reiterated the information as set out in referenced memo and stated that the unknown Negro appeared to be 40 years of age, thin build, thin face, light complexion, hair short and fuzzy. Mr. DAVEY advised he has never seen a photograph of this person before or after this one particular TV show, that he has no facts on which to base his assumption that this man hated MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., or is in any way connected with his murder.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-1114)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SAHERBERT K. STALLINGS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 1:30 AM this date Mr. HELGESON, Div. VI, Bureau called the writer to advise that he had received a call from the Dept of Justice at 2:10 PM 4/10/68 concerning captioned matter.

The Departmental Attorney told the Bureau that the Department had received a complaint from a FRANK CLEMENTE, 2121 West Erie Ave Chicago, phone MO 6-7469 who claims to have observed a man on 4/7/68 in Chicago resembling the artist's conception of the subject, this case.

Mr. HELGESON suggested this matter be followed-up AM 4/11.

Index: Frank CLEMENTE 157-1881 (4/67)
(Prot ident - see serial 2)*

*I also have
91 case on
this guy -
has been seen
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*also 91 - in Sept 67
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-1114)

FROM : SA HERBERT K. STALLINGS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/11/68

At 5:40 AM this date, Mr. W.L. Martindale, Gen Investigative Division, Bureau called in connection with the leads checking laundry marks in captioned matter. He stated that he had been informed the American Institute of Laundries is located in Joilet, Ill., and this organization recommends to member laundries certain codes. He stated that they may be in a position to help and wanted this checked out this AM.

HE CAUTIONED THAT IN CHECKING LEADS, NO MENTION BE MADE THAT INVESTIGATION INVOLVES THE KING MURDER.

*Lead covered already
per ASAC
5:50 am 4/11/68
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SA, Robert L. Zimmermann

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/12/68

RE: JOHN WELLARD
7802 Clarence
Chicago, Ill.

Mr. GUY GRABILL, 6942 Higgins, Chicago, Ill., telephone RO3-6969, who advised that he must not receive any publicity in regards to this matter and that in the event he need be recontacted he be contacted discretely, personally and that the person contacting him not identify themselves to anyone at his place of business other than himself, stated that he operates a Realty Business. In the course of business, on 4/1/68 his salesmen distributed cards, door to door, advising the residence owners that in the event they were interested in placing there property for sale they should return the card.

On 4/2/68 a card was returned bearing the name, JOHN WELLARD, 7802 Clarence, indicating this person was interested in placing his residence for sale. When a salesman went to the address to follow up it was determined that it is a non-existent address.

Mr. Grabill advised that in following the newspaper accounts of the death of KING he read where this same name or one very similar somehow entered into the case. He stated that this has been on his mind and although he realizes there is probably no connection and this is only a coincidence he wanted to call and give the FBI the benefit of the information.

Mr. Grabill was advised that the information would be brought to the attention of the appropriate agents and in the event he need be recontacted it would be done discretely.

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