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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS, ST. LOUIS (44-775)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM:

SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE MILFORD ROHER.

PCI, CHICAGO, ADVISED THAT WILLIAM NETHINGTON AND HIS WIFE NORA, SULLIVAN, MISSOURI, ADVISED HIM ON MAY FIVE LAST THAT MILFORD ROHER, CITY POLICEMAN, SULLIVAN, MISSOURI, HAD TOLD THEM THAT THE ESCAPE OF JAMES RAY HAD BEEN PLANNED BY THE KU KLUX KLAN (KKK) SO THAT RAY COULD KILL KING. THEY ALSO TOLD INFORMANT THAT ROHER WAS A MEMBER OF THE KKK.

INFORMANT ALSO HAD CONVERSATION WITH ROHER BUT NOTHING
OF VALUE OBTAINED. INFORMANT BELIEVES NETHINGTONS ACCURATELY
QUOTING ROHER TO HIM BUT IS OF OPINION ROHER IS A PREVARICATOR.

NETHINGTONS' RESIDENCE CAN BE REACHED BY LEAVING SULLIVAN,
MISSOURI, WEST ON ROUTE SIXTY-SIX TURNING LEFT AT THE HIGH
LOW MOTEL AND TRAVELING SIX MILES, PHONE NUMBER SEVEN THREE
TWO-FIVE FOUR SIX EIGHT.

ST. LOUIS LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WILLIAM NETHINGTON.

INFORMANT NOT CONCERNED WEEK BEING COMPROMISED. The Inference of the SELECTED COMPROMISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE:

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FROM

SA JAMES W. SWEDFORD

SUBJECT:

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At 2:30 All, on the above date Lt. EUGENE CASSIDY, First District, Chicago ID telephonically advised that one ROBERT MILLIPS, 66 West Van Bumen, Chicago, Illinois, Esquire Hotel, Room 76C, who islat the First District Headquarters voluntarily advised that he was offered \$2,500 approximately one year ago to kill HARTIN LIMER KING, JR., by CARL MURPHY, JR., who is the Head of an organization (identity of organization known but would not furnish). He advised that PHILLIPS claims to have telephonically contacted the FBI Office, Nemphis, Tennessee, sometime during the past 24 hours but did not make reference to the KING slaying specifically but spoke of general killings. He stated that PHILLIPS reportedly knows of other killings caused by the above unnamed organization.

Lt. CASSIDTY stated that PRILLIPS wanted to speak to Special Agents of the FRI and would remain at the First District Headquarters, 11 East 11th St., Chicago, Illinois.

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| 1 | WHISKEY SALE. HE PAID FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS MONTHLY TO SHERIFF, |
| 1 | ONE HUNDRED TO JUSTICE OF PEACE AND ONE HUNDRED TO CONSTABLE, |
|] | BUT BUSINESS GOT SO BAD HE HAD TO QUIT BECAUSE COULD NOT PAY |
| | PROTECTION. |
| | THE BIGGEST ILLEGAL "BOOZE" OPERATOR IS CARL MURPHY, JR., |
| | (SEE REREP SA ALLEN), WHITE, MALE, BORN, LEE |
| (| COUNTY, MISS., FIVE FOOT TEN, ONE NINETY LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, |
|] | HAZEL EYES, RESIDENCE ROUTE ONE, TUPELO, MISS. PHILLIPS HAS KNOWN |
| 1 | MURPHY ALL HIS LIFE AND ENGAGED IN "BOOZE" DEALS WITH HIM. AFTER |
| 1 | MISSISSIPPI WENT "WET", PHILLIPS WANTED TO SELL ONLY TAXED LIQUOR |
| 1 | WHILE MURPHY DEMANDED SALE OF BOTH TAXED LIQUOR AND "MOONSHINE." |
| | PHILLIPS STATES THAT ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, CANNOT BETTER |
| 1 | FIX DATE, MURPHY TALKED TO HIM AT A SERVICE STATION SOMETIME BOOK PUBLISHED, |
| 1 | AFTER 'SELMA MARCH' AND OFFERED HIM TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED |
| | DOLLARS TO "HIT KING," WHICH OFFER DECLINED. PHILLIPS KNOWS NO |
| | SPECIFIC REASON WHY MURPHY WOULD WANT TO KILL KING, UNLESS FOR |
| 1 | MONEY, AS MURPHY WILL DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY. IN ADDITION PHILLIPS |
|] | BELIEVES MURPHY HIGH IN WHITE HATE GROUP, PROBABLY KU KLUX KLAN, |
| 4 | AND FRIENDLY WITH IMPERIAL WIZARD SHELTON IN TUSCALUSA, ALABAMA. |
| | ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO GROUP OF LAWYERS IN TUPELO, MISS., |
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INCLUDING PETE MITCHELL, JOHN SHANDS (WHOSE BROTHER IS CITY JUDGE),
AND (FNU) ROGERS, GOT UP A BIG MEETING, HANDED OUT LITERATURE,
AND IT WAS WELL KNOWN IN THE AREA THIS WAS ACTUALLY KKK GROUP
ALTHOUGH CALLED SOME OTHER UNRECALLED NAME.

PHILLIPS SAID THAT IN ABOUT SIXTYTWO, MURPHY HIRED J. W.
RILEY TO KILL JAMES "GRUBBY" GRUBBS, WHO HAD "BOOZE" TERRITORY BUT
WOULD NOT BUY FROM MURPHY. RILEY SHOT GRUBBS WITH SHOTGUN,
MURPHY WAS PRESENT, AND DAVID SCOTT DROVE CAR. RILEY AND MURPHY
WERE INDICTED, RILEY WAS CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO TWELVE YEARS
FOR MANSLAUGHTER. RILEY SERVED FOUR YEARS, GOT OUT, AND WAS
HICKORY FLATS, MISS., BR.
KILLED BY FBI AGENTS IN SHOOT OUT AFTER/RKX PHILLIPS SAYS WORD
IS THAT MURPHY SET UP RILEY ON BR AND FOR COUNTER FEIT MONEY.

PHILLIPS DOES NOT BELIEVE SCOTT WAS TRIED FOR MURDER
AND IN PAST FEW YEARS SCOTT, WHO REMAINS CLOSE TO MURPHY, SUDDENLY
OBTAINED FARM, CATTLE, AND HOME ABOUT ONE AND ONE HALF MILES
SOUTHWEST OF BELDEN, MISS. PHILLIPS SAYS PERSON JUST DOES NOT
BECOME SO AFFLUENT THESE DAYS IN MISSISSIPPI WITHOUT "REAL CROOKED
CONTACTS."

PHILLIPS CLAIMS USED TO WORK FOR GRUBBS AND WAS TOLD

BY SCOTT BEFORE KILLING TO TAKE OFF FOR ST. LOUIS, AS THEY

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WERE GOING TO KILL GRUBBS. PHILLIPS CLAIMS THEY CHASED GRUBBS ALL OVER THE COUNTY BEFORE KILLING HIM.

MURPHY REPORTEDLY KILLED JOHN OLIVER YOUNGER AND BOBBY PITTMAN EAST OF BELDEN, MISS., AT MURPHY RESIDENCE, ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. THEY BROUGHT TRAILER LOAD OF "BOOZE" TO MURPHY AND WHEN ASKED FOR PAY HE KILLED THEM, SHOT HIMSELF IN STOMACH WITH TWENTY TWO CALIBER, CLAIMED SELF DEFENSE AND SHERIFF FRANK CARTER, WHO WAS CROOKED WITH MURPHY, NEVER EVEN INVESTIGATED CRIME.

PHILLIPS CLAIMS MURPHY CAN GETAWAY WITH NEARLY ANYTHING,, ALTHOUGH HAS BEEN TO BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE PRISON, BUT MAKES MORE MONEY IN PRISON THAN OUT. WHENEVER CHARGED ALWAYS TRY TO BRIBE JURY AND GENERALLY DOES, OR NEVER GETS TO JURY THROUGH BRIBES TO POLICE. SHERIFF OR JUDGES.

PHILLIPS VISITED HIS MOTHER, MRS. JETTIE L. KEY, FIVE
SEVEN FIVE EAST MAIN ST., BALDWIN, MISS., FROM ABOUT APRIL EIGHTEEN
TO TWENTYNINE, LAST, AND TALK AROUND TOWN ABOUT KING SLAYING
WAS THAT MURPHY "GOT AWAY WITH ANOTHER ONE." PHILLIPS HAS NO
SPECIFIC INFORMATION BUT BELIEVES MURPHY EITHER WAS INVOLVED IN OR
KNOWS WHO KILLED KING AND GOT SOME MONEY OUT OF IT. PHILLIPS
PERSONALLY FEELS MURPHY AND KKK INVOLVED IN MURKIN.

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MURPHY HAS MANY CONTACTS IN SURPOUNDING STATES. DEALS WITH SHELTON IN TUSCALUSA, MAKES FREQUENT LIQUOR BUYING TRIPS TO NEW ORLEANS, AND DEALS IN "BOOZE" WITH EDDIE (LNU) AT CASA NOVA, NIGHT CLUB, CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI. MURPHY HAS MANY TRUCKS ON ROAD AND KEEPS THEM HID IN BARNS. HAS UNTOLD NUMBER PLACES WHERE COULD HIDE FUGITIVE, PARTICULARLY IN UNION COUNTY AND AT SCOTT FARM.

PHILLIPS VOLUNTEERED FOREGOING AS "GOOD CITIZEN." HE
HAS NOT ASKED# FOR ANYTHING, BUT WHEN SECIFICALLY QUESTIONED,
SAID WOULD RETURN TUPELO AREA TO HELP BUREAU IF HAD JOB AS FRONT.
HAS SIXTH GRADE EDUCATION AND APPEARS FAIRLY SHREWD FROM ***
"SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS." SAYS HE IS KNOWN BOOTLEGGER IN
MISSISSIPPI, DOES NOT WANT TO CARRY ON THIS TRADE, BUT COULD EASILY
"GET INTO THE STREAM OF THINGS AGAIN." BELIEVES WOULD NOT BE
ABLE TO DISCOVER ANYTHING IMPORTANT TO MURKIN AS ANYONE INVOLVED
WOULD BE COMPLETELY CLOSED MOUTHED.

CHICAGO IS UNABLE TO REASONABLY ASSESS FOREGOING DATA

FOR AUTHENTICITY OR AS TO PROSPECTS IN MURKIN. PHILLIPS DOES NOT

KNOW SUBJECT RAY.

UACB, EACH RECEIVING OFFICE WILL CAREFULLY REVIEW FILES
FOR ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING CARL MURPHY, JR., WITH VIEW IN MIND

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| OF DETERMINING HIS KREEK PRECISE KKK RELATIONSHIP AND | ACTIVITIES, |
| AS WELL AS SEEKING ANY POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH SUBJE | ECT RAY, |
| EITHER THROUGH CONTACTS IN HIS TRAVELS, IMPRISONMENTS | , |
| ACQUAINTANCES. ESTABLISH PRECISE TRAVELS AND W | HERE ABOUTS |
| PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. BUREAU REQUESTED TO LOCATE CARL MURPHY JR. | IDENTIFICATION |
| RECORD AND SUTEL DETAILS OF INCARCERATIONS TO PERMIT | LOGICAL |
| INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO DISCOVER CONNECTION WITH R | RAY. |
| PHILLIPS HAS PROMISED TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WHE WAS FINGERPRINTED AND PHOTOGRAPHED AT CHICAGO, DENY ARMEDIAND DANGEROUS. DEN | VITH CHICAGO. O ANY PRISON SENTEN VIES |
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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, AND MEMPHIS

FROM MOBILE

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TEL INSTANT CONCERNING ROBERY WAYNE PHILLIPS
MOBILE INDICES CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH CARL

MURPHY, JR., DISCUSSED IN RETEL. NO ACTION INDICATED FOR

MOBILE BASED ON RETEL.

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MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE CAROL PEPPER: REINTERVIEWED. INDICATED WILLING TO COOPERATE. PAPPEARED FRIENDLY BUT WAINTAINED HAD NO PERTINENT INFORMATION. CLAIM-ED SAV SUBJECT ONLY THREE OR FOUR TIMES IN LIFE. AFTER SHE CAME TO SL AT AGE SIXTEEN. BUT HAS HAZY MEMORY OF MEDALS ON UNIFORM WHEN RETURNED FROM ARMY. NEVER ATTEMPTED VISIT AT MSP. BUT WROTE LETTERS ATO HIM THERE IN BEHALF AND NAME OF GRANDMOTHER MARY MANER AND CON-TINUED SAME THREE OR FOUR LETTERS FOLLOWING MAHER DEATH. TWO OR THREE LETTERS FROM HIM. COULD HAVE RECEIVED LETTER FROM HIM ADDRESSED TO ALBERT PEPPER STATIONERY CO AT HER RESIDENCE. BUT BELIEVED IF SHE HAD. IT HAD BEEN PREVIOUS TO JANUARY SIXTYSEVEN. AND ANY MONEY RECEIVED WOULD HAVE SEEN LESS THAN FIFTEEN DOLLARS. ANY MONEY RECEIVED WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN FOR MAGAZINES HE REQUESTED WHICH SHE NEVER SENT. COMPLAINED OF PRESS AND STATED HUSBAND HAD DOES NOT DESIRE PUBLICITY. BELIEVES SUBJECT SENT REPORTS AWAY. NOT GUILTY AND IS CONCERNED OVER NEWS CONJECTURE THAT HE MAY BE CLAIMS NOT AWARE OF IDENTITIES OF ANY RAY ASSOCIATES. DE-DEAD . NIED ANY CONTACT WITH RAY SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE OR ANY KNOWLEDGE END PAGE ONE

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OF WHEREABOUTS SINCE. AGREED TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT OFFICE IF CONTACTED BY OR RECEIVES INFORMATION REGARDING HIM. VILLING TO BE REINTERVIEWED WHENEVER NECESSARY.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY AND JOHN GAVSON: NO ATTEMPT TO REINTERVIEW TODAY.

RE JAMES DAVID DAILEY: SOURCES HAVE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

RE POSSIBILITY OF REVERSING RAY ARMED ROBBERY CONVICTION: JUDGE

JOHN C. CASEY, SL, WHO ORIGINALLY SENTENCED RAY, ADVISED OF POSSIBIL
ITY BASED ON PENDING MOTION FILED BY RAY PRIOR TO ESCAPE. BUREAU

ADVICE REQUESTED BY SEPARATE TELETYPE.

RE JERRY RAYNES: REINTERVIEWED LAST EVENING. VOLUNTEERED

SONS JOHN AND JERRY RAY HAD SPENT NIGHT WITH HIM, HE BELIEVED MAY

SIXTY, AND THAT THEY LEFT FOR SL FOLLOWING MORNING EARLY. CALLED

THEN COUPLE OF IDIOTS. THEY WERE DRINKING AND ARGUING. JOHN INDICATED RESENTMENT OF HIMSELF AND CAROL PEPPER OVER JERRY HAVING SOLD

LIFE MAGAZINE STORY ABOUT FAMILY WHICH WAS HALF LIES. RAYNES THOUGHT

JERRY VISITING IN SL AND SPENDING LIFE MONEY WHICH HE ALSO RESENTED.

CLAIMED HOUSE IN EWING MO., DID NOT HAVE DIRT FLOOR WHEN FAMILY LIVED

THERE. ADMITTED LIVING COMMON LAW WITH CHILDRENS MOTHER BEFORE ALLEGE

EDLY WARRYING HER BEFORE JUSTICE OF PEACE IN FLORIDA. VOLUNTEERED HE

HADBEEN VISITED BY REPORTER BUT HAD REFUSED INTERVIEW. AGAIN DENIED

CONTACT BY OR KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT WHEREABOUTS. JERRY AND JOHN GAVE

O INDICATION THEY HAD ANY SUCH KNOWLEDGE.

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THE MILFORD JAMES ROCHMS, SULLIVAN, MO, POLICEMAN. WM NETHINGTON, SULLIVAN, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR FOR DAVIS AGENCY, CHICAGO, RELATED TO ROCHRS BY MARRIAGE, SAID ROCHRS HAS STATED KING KILLER OUT OF U.S.

PROBABLY IN ARGENTINA, BUT HAD MADE NO STATEMENT THAT RAY ESCAPE

PLANNED BY KLAN. BELIEVED MERELY EXPRESSION OF OPINON. DAVIS

SUPERIOR, EARL HENDERSHOT, CHICAGO, SAW POSSIBILITY OF REWARD IF

COULD SOLVE KING CASE THRU ROCHRS. VISITED SULLIVAN AND INTERVIWED ROCHRS. ROCHRS INTERVIEWED BY SA ADMITTED KLAN MEMBERSHIP, DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF RAY ESCAPE OR WHEREABOUTS, OR KING MURDER. NEVER HEARD OF RAY BEFORE PUBLICITY. NO INFO RECEIVED BY HIM THRU KLAN. CONJECTURE AS TO RAY WHEREABOUTS WERE PERSONAL OPINIONS.

RE JAMES W. BROWN, FELLOW PRISONER: JOHN PAUL VELANTI WILL BE INTERVIEWED TOMORROW RE INFO FURNISHED BH BY BROWN, TO ASSIST EVALUATION OF BROWN CREDIBILITY.

BELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS AND RESOLUTION LOOK ALIKES CONTIN-UING.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO AND JACKSON

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE CHICAGO TELETYPE, MAY TEN, LAST.
RE ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS.

ONLY IDENTIFIABLE ST. LOUIS INDICES REFERENCE TO CARL MURPHY, JR, IS JACKSON FD THREE FIVE SIX, JULY TWENTYTWO, SIXTYFIVE, JACKSON FILE ONE THREE SEVEN- TWO FOUR SIX, REQUESTING REVIEW OF NAVY RECORD UNDER SERIAL NUMBER FOUR ONE SEVEN TWO THREE SEVEN ONE, AND ST. LOUIS REPLY AUGUST EIGHTEEN, SIXTYFIVE. PRESUME JACKSON HAS FURNISHED CHICAGO FULL I WFO.

ONLY ST. LOUIS REFERENCE TO ANY ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS IS MEMPHIS AIRTEL FEBRUARY ELEVEN, SIXTY, ITEMS, MEMPHIS FILE TWO SIX - ONE SIX EIGHT EIGHT SIX. AGE TWENTYFOUR AT THAT END PAGE ONE

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TIME. MEMPHIS ADVISE CHICAGO ANY FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA.

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RECGTEL MAY TEN LAST RE CARL MURPHY, JR.

RECORD LOCATED FOR A PERSON BY NAME OF CARL MURPHY JR.

UNDER FBI NUMBER FIVE FOUR THREE ONE SIX SEVEN 3 WHO

IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET TEN

INCHES, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, GREEN EYES,

BORN , TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI. REVIEW OF

IDENTIFICATION RECORD CONTAINS NO PLACES OF INCARCERATION

IDENTICAL TO THAT OF SUBJECT RAY. IDENTIFICATION RECORD

ON MURPHY BEING FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

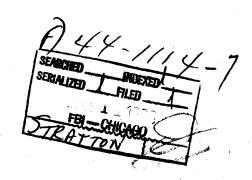
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FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY TEN, LAST, CONCERNING ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS.

RECORDS MEMPHIS OFFICE REVEAL THAT IN OCTOBER, FIFTY EIGHT,
MEMPHIS CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION CONCERING ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS,
IDENTICAL WITH PHILLIPS MEMTIONED RETEL, ON ITSMV AND ITSP
CHARGES. AGAIN IN FEBRUARY, SIXTY, MEMPHIS CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION
RE PHILLIPS ON ITSMV CHARGES. NO ITSMV VIOLATIONS WERE SUBSTANTIATED
AND NO PROSECUTION RE ITSP INVESTIGATION WARRANTED DUE TO TRUE NAME
VARIETY OF CHECKS CASHED BY PHILLIPS.

RECORDS AVAILABLE MEMPHIS FAILED TO REFLECT ANY KKK ACTIVITY

ON PART OF KARL MURPHY, JR., FBI NO. FIVE FOUR THREE ONE SIX SEVEN

B. IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE MURPHYIN THE CASE

ENTITLED "HALL COOPER BOURLAND: ET AL: OOJ: OO: ME," MEMPHIS

RECORDS REFLECT CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION RE MURPHY'S ILLEGAL

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LIWUOR ACTIVITY IN LEE COUNTY, MISS. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE MURPHY'S ACTIVITIES BY THE MEMPHIS DIVISION SUBSEQUENT TO JACKSON BEING MADE A DIVISION. ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM,

JACKSON, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS ADVISED BY AM. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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FROM:

RE CHICAGO TEL TO ST. LOUIS MAY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY SA AUBREY D. PARK. WILLIAM NETHINGTON, SULLIVAN, MO., A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR FOR DAVIS, A PRIVATE INVESTIGATING AGENCY IN CHICAGO, ADVISED ON MAY TEN, SIXTY EIGHT HE IS MARRIED TO NEICE OF MILFORD ROEHRS, A 🗶 SULLIVAN, MO., POLICE OFFICER. ABOUT TWO DAYS AFTER KING WAS MURDERED, ROEHRS MADE THE STATEMENT THAT KING'S MURDERER WAS OUT OF THE U.S. NETHINGTON HAS TALKED WITH ROEHRS SEVERAL TIMES SINCE THEN AND ROEHRS HAS STATED KING'S KILLER IS PROBABLY IN ARGENTINA. NETHINGTON COULD NOT RECALL ROEHRS MAKING ANY STATEMENT ABOUT JAMES EARL RAY'S ESCAPE FROM MO. PENITENTIARY BEING PLANNED BY THE KLAN. NETHINGTON HAS

CHICAGO (AM) (44-1114)

CONCLUDED ROEHRS IS A MEMBER OF THE KKK.

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NETHINGTON REPORTED THE ABOVE INFORMATION FO HIS BOSS,

LT. EARL HENDERSHOT, OF CHICAGO, ILL., WHO SAW THE POSSIBILITY OF

COLLECTING LOTS OF MONEY IF, THROUGH ROEHRS, HE COULD OBTAIN

THE DETAILS OF THE MURDER IN THIS CASE OR ASCERTAIN THE WHERE
ABOUTS OF THE MURDERER. NETHINGTON COULD NOT RECALL THAT

ROEHRS EVER INDICATED THE SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION AND STATED

IT COULD HAVE BEEN MERELY HIS OPINION.

NETHINGTON INTRODUCED ROEHRS TO HENDERSHOT AS A FRIEND
FROM CHICAGO. HENDERSHOT TALKED WITH ROEHRS PRIVATELY FOR
ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES AND STATED HE GOT NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
BUT CONCLUDED THAT ROEHRS WAS PROBABLY A MEMBER OF THE KLAN.

MILFORD JAMES ROEHRS, THREE ZERO FIVE EAST STREET,
SULLIVAN, MO., A MEMBER OF THE SULLIVAN POLICE DEPARTMENT,
ADVISED ON MAR. TEN, SIXTY EIGHT, HE IS A MEMBER OF THE KKK
BUT KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT THE ESCAPE OF RAY FROM MO. PENITENTIARY,
THE MURDER OF KING, OR THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE MURDERER. HE

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NEVER HEARD OF RAY UNTIL AFTER HE HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THIS CASE, AND HIS STATEMENTS HE HAS MADE REGARDING THE CASE ARE HIS PERSONAL OPINIONS. HE HAS HEARD NOTHING REGARDING THIS CASE THROUGH THE KLAN ORGANIZATION.

CHICAGO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL. P Subject corneil & bangerous

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64) ASST CC STENO SOF F B I Date: 5/11/68 Transmit the following in . (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL AIRMAIL DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) TO: FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P) MURKIN Re Chicago tel May 10, 1968, re CARL MURPHY, JR. Information furnished to Chicago Office by ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS, is set out in Memphis file 92-554, Jackson file 92-11, Bureau file 62-9-33, captioned "CRIME CONDITIONS IN MISSISSIPPI (NORTHERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT)". The information concerning the alleged offer by CARL MURPHY, JR., to ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS, to do KING in, for \$2,500, is being investigated. CARL MURPHY, JR., was a PCI of the Jackson Division through 1965, at which time he was discontinued as a PCI due to lack of information being furnished, (Jackson file 137-246). 3 - Bureau 1 - Atlanta (Info) 1 - Birmingham (Info) (1) - Chicago (Info) 1 - Memphis (Info) 1 - St. Louis (Info) 2 - Jackson JLP/bjk (10)Approved: _ Sent .

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| USM Aberdeen Miss | Carl Murphy, Jr. #NM-1318 | 1-14-54 | vio Int Rev Liquor | |
| A&TTD Jackson Miso | Carl Murphy, Jr. #Miss-N-6663 | 1-14-54 | vio Int Rev Law Liquor | 3-19-54 PG 897 3 30 days in jai susp & placed c prob for 2 yeas \$100 fine to pa |
| JS Marshal Kberdeen Miss | Carl Murphy Jr. | 10-4-54 | vio robation liquor | |
| A&TTD Jackson Miss | Carl Murphy Jr. #Miss-N-6846 | 2-17-55 | vio int rev Laws | 3-28-55 PG son months in jail o serve |
| Federal Prison Ca Montgomery Ala | p Carl Murphy J #12,482 | r 5-11-55 | Poss UTP Whiskey | 0-4-0 exp GT 8-21-55, |
| A&TTD Jackson Miss | Carl Murphy Jr #Miss-N-7224 | 1-9-57 | vio of IRL | 3-25-57 closed due to trans to state crt |
| A&TTD Jackson Miss | Carl Murphy Jr. #Miss-N-7327 | 1-10-58 | vio IRL (liq) | .see supplement |
| Fed Corr Inst Texarkana Texas | Carl Murphy Jr. #10875-TT | 8-4-58 | poss nontaxpaid whiskey | 2 yrs 1-19-59 Paroled |
| BI Memphis Tenn (dupl prt ret) | Carl Murphy Jr. # | 5-2-62 | obstruction of Justice | TOT USM Aberdéent Hisa. |
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| Navy | Carl Murphy, Jr. #417 23 71 | 7-20-49 | JEAACHE SERIALIZI | D INDEXED |
| SO Memphis Tenn | Carl Murphy Jr #35213 | 11-21-66 | | FBI - CHICAGO |

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individual in whom you are interested.

All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race:

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White

Sex:

male

Height:

5-10

Weight:

200

Hair:

black

Eyes:

green

Date and Place of Birth:

Tupelo, Miss

Scars & Marks:

tattoo left forearm bird & word Mamma, pit scr rt side

face

Address:

in 1968-Tupelo, Mississippi

Occupation:

farmer

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

| SAC , CHICAGO (137-6669) | DATE: 5/10/68 |
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| OM : SA JOHN T. DOLAN EARL HENDERSHOT JECT: | CI |
| Dates of Contact 5/9/68 | |
| Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN | 44-1114 |
| Purpose and results of contact | |
| EX POSITIVE STATISTIC See attached. | |
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| Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact. | Coverage Same |
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PCI advised that he had been telephonically contacted by WILLIAM (BILL) NETHINGTON, who had been assigned to Chicago, Illinois, in the US Army. NETHINGTON is now living in Sullivan, Missouri, since the time of his discharge, about three months ago. NETHINGTON implied during the phone conversation that he knew something about the case involving the death of Dr. KING and PCI drove to Sullivan, Missouri, to get the information from NETHINGTON personally.

PCI advised that WILLIAM NETHINGTON and his wife NORA, provided the following information when PCI visited the NETHINGTONs on 5/4-5/68:

The NETHINGTONs said that MILFORD ROHER, who is a city policeman -- one of six -- in Sullivan, Missouri, told them that the escape of RAY, had been planned by the Ku Klux Klan so that RAY could kill KING.

The NETHINGTONs also told PCI that ROHER was a member of the KKK and was a "higher up" in that ROHER reportedly wore purple robes.

ROHER also supposedly told the NETHINGTONs that RAY is in Argentina and went there after the assassination of KING.

CI stated he spoke with ROHER but ROHER did not say "too much" and mentioned nothing re the above. CI said he and ROHER spoke mostly about game cock fights and this topic constituted most of their conversation.

Informant further advised that he is of the opinion that the NETHINGTONs are accurately quoting what ROHER told them but from his conversations with ROHER, he believes ROHER to be a prevaricator.

PCI stated he did note that ROHER was wearing a ring which could have been a KKK ring.

PCI stated that WILLIAM (BILL) NETHINGTON lives outside of Sullivan and his residence is reached by going west on Route 66 beyond Sullivan, Missouri, and turning left at the High-Low Motel and proceeding 6 miles to NETHINGTON's residence. NETHINGTON's phone number is 732-5468.

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Further inquiry in the area indicates that PHILLIPS may be an employee of SAM FREEMAN who operated a Fish Camp in Shannon, Miss., and may have been a runner for SAM FREEMAN.

The information furnished to Chicago by PHILLIPS concerning illegal "booze" operations in and around the Tupelo, Miss., area is common knowledge to both law enforcement and private citizens in the area. This includes information that CARL MURPHY, JR. hired J. W. RILEY to kill JAMES "GRUBBY" GRUBBS.

It is the opinion of local authorities that CARL MURPHY, JR. would run anyone out of that section of the county who attempted in any way to infringe on his bootleg business.

DAVID LAMAR SCOTT, Tupelo, Miss., was a well known operator in the northern district of Miss. He has been convicted in both state and federal court for whiskey violations.

Attempts to locate CARL MURPHY, JR. for interview purposes in connection with alleged offer of \$2,500 to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. has been negative.

MURPHY has never been known to associate with racial groups or to be involved in segregation in any way. He has always been known as a bootleg whiskey operator in the northern district.

Investigation at Jackson, Miss., continuing.

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5/10/68

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) Attm: Identification Division

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BAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT/

MURKIN

Re Chicago tel 5/10/68 concerning information furnished by NOBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS.

Enclosed herewith to the Identification Division is a copy of the fingerprints of PHILLIPS. Bureau requested to furnish identification record of PHILLIPS to Jackson and Nemphis and Chicago.

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TO:

SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM:

SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to the Bureau dated 5/14/68.

Enclosed herewith for Jackson are four (4) photographs of ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS taken by FBI, Chicago. Enclosed for Memphis are two (2) photographs of PHILLIPS.

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