

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/25/69

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

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

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

JIMMY SINTER  
6111 Prushing  
Danvers Grove, Illinois

T. W. RICHARDSON  
Sims, Illinois

L. L. ROBERTSON  
Sims, Illinois

JAMES JOHNSON  
Chicago, Illinois  
Illinois license IL 4692, Oldsmobile

J. LAMBERT  
1508 N. Elk Grove  
Chicago, Illinois

BERT YEAGER  
4203 S. Sheridan  
Zion, Illinois  
Illinois license MY8682, Pontiac Tempest

On 4/21/69 at Corinth, Mississippi

File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA DONALD H. GREENE /bdb

Date

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GEORGE FLAYER  
LEO WACKER  
Marion, Illinois

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

JIMMY SINTER  
6111 Pershing Road  
Danvers Grove, Illinois  
HN 1228

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

CLYDE HANCOCK  
1807 S. 49th Avenue  
Lyons, Illinois

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

TALL HUMBERS  
212 Cauden Avenue  
Michigan City, Indiana

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

J. RICHARD LEE  
615 Madison  
Gary, Indiana

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DAN E. BRYANT and wife  
608 Will  
Evansville, Indiana

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

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

CHARLES GRUNDY  
36 Avonlea Street  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

C.A. EVANS  
Southern Household  
Shubuta, Mississippi

NOEL SIMMONS  
AUDLEY PHELPS  
University, Mississippi

PAUL W. CHAPPELL  
787 Davis Street  
Corinth, Mississippi

KENNETH FORD  
Route 4  
Booneville, Mississippi

AUDIE RAY DAVIS  
Fulton, Mississippi

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

C. R. LEONARD  
Brookhaven, Mississippi  
Mississippi license 23555

B. W. PURGASON  
Maston, Mississippi

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

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

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

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

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

BILL BARNES  
Savannah, Tennessee  
Tennessee license 3215

JOHN HAYS  
111 State Street  
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. and Mrs. G. JOHNSTON  
Box 876  
Jackson, Tennessee

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ELMER ALSTON  
College Street  
Halls, Tennessee

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

ROBERT FARRIS  
Dyer, Tennessee  
1968 Mustang

LAWRENCE SUMMERS  
Denton, Texas

FBI

Date: 5/7/69

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

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

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

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Special Agent in Charge

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

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

FD-302

Division

Mrs. LOUISE BREWER, Mgr.  
Round-Town Motel

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

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FD-302

Division

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

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

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

WALTER COUTURE, Mgr.  
Cannoneer Motel

Albany  
Atlanta  
Birmingham  
Cincinnati  
Denver  
Detroit  
Indianapolis  
Kansas City  
Knoxville  
Memphis  
Miami  
Milwaukee

Minneapolis  
Mobile  
New Orleans  
New York  
Oklahoma City  
Omaha  
Philadelphia  
Sacramento  
St. Louis  
Savannah  
Springfield  
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FD-302

Division

BROOKS PHILLIPS, Owner,  
Southern Motel

Atlanta  
Birmingham  
Charlotte  
Chicago  
Columbia  
Dallas  
Kansas City

Little Rock  
Louisville  
Memphis  
Mobile  
New Orleans  
St. Louis

X HOWARD STARNES, Mgr.,  
Illinois Motel

Atlanta  
Birmingham  
Chicago  
✓ Cleveland  
Dallas  
Detroit  
Indianapolis  
Jacksonville  
Kansas City

Knoxville  
Little Rock  
Memphis  
Milwaukee  
Mobile  
St. Louis  
Savannah  
Springfield  
Tampa

X WILLIAM PHILLIPS, Owner,  
Phillips Motel

Atlanta  
Birmingham  
✓ Cleveland  
Columbia  
Dallas  
Detroit  
Kansas City  
Knoxville

Little Rock  
Los Angeles  
Memphis  
Omaha  
Sacramento  
St. Louis  
San Diego

H. C. FREEMAN, Owner and  
Operator, Carona Plaza Motel

Birmingham  
Chicago  
✓ Cleveland  
Dallas  
Denver  
Houston  
Indianapolis  
Kansas City  
Louisville  
Memphis

Miami  
Minneapolis  
Mobile  
Oklahoma City  
Omaha  
Salt Lake City  
San Antonio  
Savannah  
Springfield

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FD-302

Division

Mrs. FREDDIE GLOVER, Owner,  
Merry Acres Motel

Birmingham  
Little Rock  
Memphis

Milwaukee  
Minneapolis  
Springfield

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

Birmingham  
Chicago  
✓ Cleveland  
Columbia  
Dallas  
Detroit

Indianapolis  
Memphis  
Miami  
New Orleans  
St. Louis  
Springfield

Mr. PAUL HAYES, Mgr.,  
Dixie Court

Memphis  
Milwaukee

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

Albuquerque  
Atlanta  
Birmingham  
Buffalo  
Detroit  
Indianapolis  
Knoxville

Little Rock  
Memphis  
New Orleans  
Oklahoma City  
Savannah  
Springfield  
Tampa

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

Memphis

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

Atlanta  
Indianapolis  
Little Rock  
Memphis  
Minneapolis

Omaha  
Richmond  
St. Louis  
Springfield

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

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

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

LEADS:

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

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

5-15-69

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)  
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)  
RE: MURKIN

OO: ME

Bufile: 44-38861

Re Jackson airtel to ME and CV, 5-7-69.

Referenced airtel sets forth lead for CV to review an enclosed FD 302 re H. C. FREEMAN, owner and operator, Carona Plaza Motel, Corinth, Miss., and handle appropriate lead. CV not in receipt of this FD 302.

Jackson furnish copy of FD 302 re FREEMAN so this lead can be handled.

2 - Jackson  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
② - Cleveland

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

By airtel dated 4/7/69, the Bureau advised that in a third "Look" magazine article, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE stated that JAMES EARL RAY had spent the night of 4/2/68 in a motel near Corinth, Miss. The Bureau instructed Jackson to review motel records in and around Corinth to determine the identities of individuals registered there during the period 3/29/68 to 4/3/68. By airtel dated 4/18/69, the Jackson Office advised the Bureau that motel records at Corinth, Miss., had been reviewed under the subject's true name and aliases and had been reviewed for subject's Alabama license number. Nothing identifiable with the subject was located.

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| 2 - Charlotte    | 2 - New Orleans    |
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| 2 - Cleveland    | 2 - Omaha          |
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| 2 - Dallas       | 2 - Richmond       |
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| 2 - Kansas City  | 2 - Seattle        |
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Approved: *R. Jensen*  
 Special Agent in Charge

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ME 44-1987

By airtel dated 5/7/69, copies of which were not furnished the Bureau, the Jackson Office set out leads for those offices to whom copies of this communication are designated. These offices have been requested to interview several hundred persons who spent the night in motels at Corinth, Miss., on or about 4/2/68.

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

SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

5-20-69

SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (RUC)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Bufile: 44-38861

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis and Cleveland, 5-7-69;  
Cleveland airtel to Jackson and Memphis, 5-15-69; Memphis  
airtel to Bureau, Cleveland and Jackson, 5-14-69.

Cleveland conducting no further investigation in  
this matter in view of instructions set forth in referenced  
Memphis airtel.

- 2 - Jackson
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- ① - Cleveland

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Date: 5/19/69

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TO: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (RUE)  
MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)  
BUFILE 44-38861

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis and Cleveland, 5/7/69.  
Cleveland airtel to Jackson, 5/15/69.

Discontinue lead set out in Jackson airtel, 5/7/69.

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By [Signature]

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6:55PM NITEL 7-30-76 QMB

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR (100-106670) *numerous refs*

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; BUDED AUGUST 9, 1976.

REBUTEL TO ALL SACS JULY 28, 1976.

FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE HAS RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING CHANGE REGARDING REPRODUCTION OF FIELD OFFICE SERIALS IN THE MURKIN INVESTIGATION, AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

IT WILL BE NECESSARY ONLY TO XEROX THE FIRST PAGE OF ANY DOCUMENT IN YOUR MURKIN FILE IF A COPY OF THAT DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ. THIS WILL INCLUDE BOTH DOCUMENTS ORIGINATING IN YOUR OFFICE AND THOSE RECEIVED FROM OTHER FIELD DIVISIONS. ANY DOCUMENTS IN YOUR MURKIN FILE, COPIES OF WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ MUST BE REPRODUCED IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND FORWARDED TO FBIHQ.

IT IS NOTED THAT THIS FIRST PAGE SHOULD CONTAIN THE FIELD OFFICE SERIAL NUMBER IN ORDER THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE A COMPLETE CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNTING OF EACH FIELD OFFICE SERIAL.

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12:03PM NITEL 07/29/76 MDP

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BUDED AUGUST 9, 1976

FOR INFORMATION OF RECIPIENTS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG) HAS ORDERED A REVIEW OF THE FBI'S INVESTIGATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT THIS REVIEW IS A TASK FORCE WORKING UNDER DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS INDICATED THE REVIEW IS TO RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS: (1) WAS THE FBI INVESTIGATION OF KING'S ASSASSINATION THOROUGH AND HONEST? (2) IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE THE FBI WAS INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION? (3) IS THERE ANY NEW EVIDENCE WHICH HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION? (4) DOES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BUREAU AND KING CALL FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION?

THIS REVIEW IS A CONTINUATION OF A "PARTIAL REVIEW" RECENTLY

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CONDUCTED BY THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER DIRECTION OF ASSISTANT AG J. STANLEY POTTINGER. ALL PERSONNEL ON THE TASK FORCE ARE AUTHORIZED TOTAL ACCESS TO OUR FILES PERTAINING TO KING'S ASSASSINATION, OUR INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF KING AND ANY FILES RELATING TO BASIS FOR THESE INVESTIGATIONS. THIS WILL INCLUDE COVER PAGES OF COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINING IDENTITIES OF SOME FBI SOURCES AND INFORMANTS WHO WERE NOT AFFORDED SYMBOL NUMBERS AT THAT TIME AND INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED CONFIDENTIALITY.

TO DATE THE TASK FORCE HAS REVIEWED FBIHQ AND WFO FILES CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF KING CAPTIONED "MURKIN, *44-33861* BUREAU FILE 44-33861. TASK FORCE MEMBERS HAVE TRAVELED TO MEMPHIS, MILWAUKEE, KANSAS CITY, OMAHA, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES AND REVIEWED MURKIN AND INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION FILES OF THOSE OFFICES. FUTURE TRAVEL BY THE TASK FORCE IS PLANNED FOR ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHARLOTTE, CHICAGO, NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS.

AFTER ABOVE TRAVEL IS COMPLETED AND KING RELATED SECURITY FILES AT FBIHQ ARE REVIEWED, THE TASK FORCE WILL HAVE SEEN THE MAJORITY OF SERIALS IN OUR FILES RELATING TO THE KING INVESTIGATIONS. HOWEVER, SINCE IT IS THE GOAL OF THE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW KING RELATED FILES IN EVERY FIELD OFFICE, IT WILL BE

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NECESSARY TO FORWARD XEROX COPIES OF FILES FROM THE REMAINING OFFICES TO FBIHQ FOR REVIEW.

THEREFORE, ALL RECIPIENTS WITH EXCEPTION OF THOSE OFFICES NAMED ABOVE, FURNISH FBIHQ ONE XEROX COPY OF EACH SERIAL CONTAINED IN YOUR KING ASSASSINATION FILE CAPTIONED "MURKIN." IT IS REQUESTED THIS MATERIAL BE PROCESSED AND MAILED TO REACH FBIHQ PRIOR TO AUGUST 9, 1976. THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL, ATTENTION DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR INGRAM, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION.

IF MURKIN FILES CONTAIN ANY PHOTOGRAPHS, EXHIBITS OR OTHER ITEMS WHICH CANNOT BE XEROXED A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH ITEM AND ITS LOCATION SHOULD BE SET FORTH IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS TRANSMITTING THE DOCUMENTS TO FBIHQ.

SUBSEQUENT INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE ISSUED CONCERNING SUBMISSION OF COPIES OF OUR INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF KING AND RELATED SECURITY FILES. OFFICES TO BE VISITED IN THE FUTURE BY TASK FORCE PERSONNEL WILL ALSO BE FURNISHED APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date

7-30-76

Subject

MARTIN LUTHER KING

Social Security Account

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

☐ Male☐ Female☐

Exact Spelling

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All References

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134-288 SA 467A (Mrs.)

\*44-1204 (Mrs.)

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
ATTN: DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR INGRAM,  
INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
CR  
BUDED 8/9/76

Re Bureau teletypes to all SAC's, 7/29/76 and 7/30/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one xerox copy each of the 503 serials contained in the Cleveland KING assassination file captioned, "MURKIN", Cleveland file 44-565, Bufile 44-38861.

Cleveland also maintains a MURKIN Sub A file, which contains numerous newspaper articles regarding the KING assassination. Inasmuch as this information consists of newspaper clippings (102 serials), Cleveland is not forwarding xerox copies of the clippings.

In addition, the Cleveland MURKIN file contains 29 items in the 1A section. They are as follows:

1. Major case prints of ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI. (sent Bureau 4/11/68).
2. Photos of ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI. (sent Memphis 4/11/68).

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3. Mansfield, Ohio PD interview log of ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI, 4/8/68.

4. FD-368 regarding ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI.

5. Three photos of E.H. MC CORMICK (2 sent Memphis).

6. Three photos of T-shirt and shorts.

7. Photos of artist's conception of UNSUB.

8. Bureau of Employees Compensation directory showing various districts (sent Memphis, 4/17/68).

9. Photos of ERIC STARVO GALT.

10. Photos of ALFRED JOSEPH KAMINSKI (two sent Secret Service).

11. Credit report of IRVING ROTHSTEIN.

12. Xerox copy of notebook of WILBER JOHNSON.

13. Composites of ERIC STARVO GALT.

14. Copies of 1960 photo of JAMES EARL RAY.

15. Photos of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER T. RIFE.

16. Photo of JOHN WARNER WILLARD, JR.

17. Photos of JAMES EARL RAY.

18. Three envelopes, 1 letter, and 35 cents (35 cents returned to sender).

19. Four photos of bed linen and shirt (laundry).

20. Results of Lab Report exam.

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21. Photo of subject taken in Mexico.
22. Four photos of ERIC STARVO GALT.
23. Photos of subject.
24. Photos of subject taken Missouri Department of Correction.
25. Receipt for two Fraternal Order of Police cards, 1961, 1963, seized by Bureau Agents.
26. Photo of JACQUELINE "JACKIE" KLINE.
27. Photo of PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN.
28. American Heritage Book Service Reply postcard from ERIC STARVO GALT.
29. Elimination prints of LINWOOD NASH PAGE.

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6:56PM NITEL 08-06-76 SRS

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA  
REBUTEL JULY 29, 1976. IN ORDER THAT COSTS INCURRED  
IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER MAY BE COMPILED, YOU ARE  
REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. MANPOWER: THE NAME, GRADE AND SALARY STEP, AND  
HOURS SPENT, BOTH REGULAR AND OVERTIME, BY EACH EMPLOYEE-  
WHO WORKED ON THIS MATTER.

2. UNUSUAL COSTS: ANY UNUSUAL OR OUT-OF-THE-  
ORDINARY COSTS. THESE COSTS SHOULD BE ITEMIZED AND THE  
COST OF EACH ITEM SHOWN SEPARATELY.

ALL REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU,  
ATTENTION BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, FINANCE AND  
PERSONNEL DIVISION. THE FIRST REPORT FOR THE PERIOD  
THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1976, AND FOR EACH MONTH THEREAFTER  
SHOULD REACH THE BUREAU BY THE FIFTH WORKDAY OF EACH  
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TO: DIRECTOR -445PM - CMB

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)C

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA.

RE BUTEL, AUGUST 6, 1976.

REBUTEL REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING  
EMPLOYEES WHO WORKED ON CAPTIONED MATTER:

1) MANPOWER: SA STEPHEN P. WHITE, III, GS-13, STEP 2,  
FIVE HOURS (REGULAR), NO HOURS OVERTIME; SC MARY ANN RUSTILE,  
GS-7, STEP 7, FOUR HOURS (REGULAR), NO OVERTIME.

2) UNUSUAL COSTS: NONE INCURRED.

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TO ALL SACS ROUTINE

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E F T O

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BUDED OCTOBER 26, 1976

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPES TO ALL OFFICES DATED JULY 28, 1976 AND JULY 30, 1976 WHICH PROVIDED BACKGROUND MATERIAL REGARDING REVIEW OF OUR KING INVESTIGATIONS CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED BY THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. TELETYPES ALSO PROVIDED INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTAIN FIELD OFFICES TO FURNISH TO FBIHQ A COPY OF ALL SERIALS CONTAINED IN THE KING ASSASSINATION FILE CAPTIONED, "MURKIN".

PURPOSE OF THIS TELETYPE IS TO INSTRUCT MAJORITY OF FIELD OFFICES TO REPRODUCE AND SEND TO FBIHQ KING AND RELATED SECURITY FILES FOR REVIEW BY THE OPR TASK FORCE.

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THE TASK FORCE DIRECTS TO REVIEW FIELD OFFICE FILES  
AND SUBFILES IN THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIONS: (1) MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C, BUFILE 100-106670; (2) COMMUNIST  
INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,  
IS-C, BUFILE 100-438794; (3) COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL  
MATTERS (CIRM), BUFILE 100-442529; (4) CPUSA - NEGRO  
QUESTION, BUFILE 100-3-116; (5) STANLEY DAVID LEVISON, SM-C,  
BUFILE 100-392452.

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IT IS NOTED THAT EACH FIELD OFFICE PROVIDED A COMPLETE  
INVENTORY OF THE ABOVE FILES IN RESPONSE TO FBIHQ TELETYPE  
TO ALL OFFICES DATED DECEMBER 9, 1975 CAPTIONED, "MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR".

THE BELOW INSTRUCTIONS DO NOT APPLY TO ATLANTA AND  
CHICAGO BECAUSE TASK FORCE PERSONNEL HAVE PARTIALLY REVIEWED  
FILES OF THESE OFFICES AND PLAN TO RETURN THERE IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE TO COMPLETE REVIEW.

THE BELOW INSTRUCTIONS DO NOT APPLY TO NEW YORK AND  
BALTIMORE BECAUSE TASK FORCE PERSONNEL PLAN TRAVEL TO THESE  
OFFICES IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO REVIEW ALL ABOVE FILES.

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BIRMINGHAM, CHARLOTTE, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS,  
MILWAUKEE, NEW ORLEANS, OMAHA, ST. LOUIS, SAN FRANCISCO,  
SPRINGFIELD AND WASHINGTON FIELD DISREGARD BELOW INSTRUCTIONS SINCE  
OPR REVIEW OF YOUR KING RELATED FILES HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

SAN JUAN DISREGARD BELOW INSTRUCTIONS SINCE YOUR FILE  
INVENTORY RESPONSE SHOWS YOUR OFFICE HAS NO SECURITY FILES  
RELATING TO KING.

ALL OTHER RECIPIENTS FURNISH FBIHQ ONE XEROX COPY OF EACH  
SERIAL CONTAINED IN THE ABOVE SPECIFIED FILES.

IT WILL BE NECESSARY ONLY TO XEROX THE FIRST PAGE OF  
ANY DOCUMENT IN YOUR FILES IF A COPY OF THAT DOCUMENT HAS BEEN  
SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ. THIS WILL INCLUDE DOCUMENTS ORIGINATING  
IN YOUR OFFICE AND THOSE RECEIVED FROM OTHER FIELD DIVISIONS.

IT IS NOTED THAT THIS FIRST PAGE SHOULD CONTAIN THE FIELD OFFICE  
SERIAL IN ORDER THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN MAKE A COMPLETE CHRONO-  
LOGICAL ACCOUNTING OF EACH FIELD OFFICE SERIAL. ANY DOCUMENTS  
IN YOUR FILES, COPIES OF WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO FBIHQ,  
MUST BE REPRODUCED IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND FORWARDED TO FBIHQ.

IF ANY FILE CONTAINS PHOTOGRAPHS, EXHIBITS, OR OTHER

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ITEMS WHICH CANNOT BE XEROXED, A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EACH ITEM AND LOCATION SHOULD BE SET FORTH IN COMMUNICATIONS TRANSMITTING DESIRED DOCUMENTS TO FBIHQ.

WITH RESPECT TO FILES CONCERNING CIRM AND CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION, THE OPR TASK FORCE HAS AGREED TO A CUTOFF YEAR OF 1960. THEREFORE, NO SERIAL IN THESE FILES DATED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1960 NEED BE SUBMITTED. THIS CUTOFF DATE DOES NOT APPLY TO INVESTIGATIVE FILES CONCERNING KING, SCLC AND LEVISON.

IT IS REQUESTED THIS MATERIAL DESIRED BY THE TASK FORCE BE PROCESSED AND MAILED TO REACH FBIHQ BY OCTOBER 26, 1976. THE MATERIAL SHOULD BE SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL, ATTENTION DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR JAMES O. INGRAM, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION.

SINCE THE DEPARTMENT TASK FORCE MUST SEE EVERY SERIAL IN OUR INVESTIGATION OF KING AT FBIHQ AND IN THE FIELD, IT IS ECONOMICALLY BENEFICIAL TO THE GOVERNMENT TO REPRODUCE AND MAIL THESE DOCUMENTS RATHER THAN HAVING TASK FORCE PERSONNEL TRAVEL TO ALL FIELD OFFICES. ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES TO BE VISITED IN THE FUTURE BY THE TASK FORCE WILL BE FURNISHED TRAVEL INFORMATION AT A LATER DATE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 ATTN: DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR JAMES O. INGRAM  
 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

SUBJ: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 BUDED: 10/26/76

Re Bureau teletype, 10/5/76, and Cleveland airtel, 8/4/76.

Cleveland, by referenced airtel, previously furnished all serials from the Field Division file concerning MURKIN. The only addition to that file has been Butel, 8/6/76, and Cleveland teletype, 8/9/76, pertaining to cost data; and, one copy of referenced Butel.

Enclosed separately for Bureau Headquarters is one copy each of all of the serials of the following files:

1. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
  - a. CV 157-293, serials 1a - 385 (3 volumes)
  - b. CV 157-2684, serials 1 - 6 (1 volume)
2. COMINFIL SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
  - CV 100-26792, serials 1a - 600 (9 volumes)

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3. COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS (CIRM)  
CV 100-27056, serials 1 - 1131 (18 volumes)
4. CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION  
CV 100-26614, serials 1a - 265 (3 volumes)
5. STANLEY DAVID LEVISON  
CV 100-26502, serials 1 and 2 (1 volume)

This project was supervised by SA DONALD L. WILLIAMS,  
who personally reviewed the duplicates for completeness.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)(C)

DATE: 10/28/76

FROM : SA DONALD L. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau project referred to in Butel 10/5/76.

For any future purpose of accounting, the following constitutes the manhours expended on the project:

Clerk GERRI RAMSAK, GS 4 Step 8 - 16 hours  
Clerk MOLLY KNIGHT, GS 5 Step 6 - 16 hours  
Clerk BRENDA CHARLTON, GS 5 Step 5 - 16 hours  
Clerk MARY JEROME, GS 4, Step 4 - 8 hours  
SA DONALD L. WILLIAMS, GS 13, Step 5 - 40 hours

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Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Departmental Review  
Cost Data

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☐ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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To date this office has not received a tabulation of time spent by your office re above for the month of September, 1976.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ROUTINE 3170109Z

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 6, 1976.

FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 1976, CLEVELAND  
INCURRED NO MANPOWER OR OTHER COSTS RELATED TO THIS MATTER.THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH OF  
OCTOBER, 1976:

1) MANPOWER: SA DONALD L. WILLIAMS, GS-13 STEP 5, 40 HOURS;  
CLERK GERALDINE RAMSAK, GS-4 STEP 8, 16 HOURS; CLERK MOLLY ANN  
KNIGHT, GS-5 STEP 6, 16 HOURS; CLERK BRENDA J. CHARLTON, GS-5  
STEP 5, 16 HOURS; CLERK MARY C. JEROME, GS-4 STEP 4, 8 HOURS. ALL  
TIMES SHOWN WERE REGULAR TIMES; NO OVERTIME INCURRED.

2) UNUSUAL COSTS: NONE INCURRED.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ROUTINE

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE AUGUST 6, 1976.

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1976, CLEVELAND INCURRED NO MAN-  
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ROUTINE 1728 Z

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 6, 1976.

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1976, CLEVELAND INCURRED NO  
MANPOWER OR OTHER COSTS RELATED TO THIS MATTER.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

REBUTEL JANUARY 5, 1977, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, BUTEL DATED AUGUST 6, 1976, CAPTIONED "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA" AND BUAIRTEL DATED JANUARY 14, 1976 CAPTIONED "COST OF RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES FROM OTHER AGENCIES, CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND REQUESTS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACT (FOIPA)."

BUREAU AIRTEL DATED AUGUST 6, 1976, REQUESTED COST DATA BE SUBMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW ON A MONTHLY BASIS. THIS SUBMISSION CAN BE DISCONTINUED IN ITS PRESENT FORMAT.

YOU WERE INSTRUCTED BY TELETYPE DATED JANUARY 5, 1977 TO INVENTORY

ALL MATERIAL IN YOUR OFFICE REGARDING THE ASSASSINATIONS OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND 44-565-517 CLOSELY RELATED CASES.

PAGE TWO CLEAR

BEGINNING WITH THE REPORT COVERING JANUARY 1977 YOU SHOULD INCLUDE IN YOUR MONTHLY REPORT ON "COST OF RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES FROM OTHER AGENCIES, CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND REQUESTS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACT" ANY TIME SPENT RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES CONCERNING INVESTIGATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING ASSASSINATIONS. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE SET FORTH AS A SEPARATE CATEGORY IN YOUR MONTHLY REPORT.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ROUTINE 03220042

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ATTENTION BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL  
DIVISION.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA.

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JANUARY 6, 1977.

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1977, CLEVELAND INCURRED NO  
MANPOWER OR OTHER COSTS RELATED TO THIS MATTER.

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ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, CIVIL RIGHTS  
SECTION, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS; BUDED FEBRUARY 11, 1977.

REBUTEL, FEBRUARY 4, 1977.

CLEVELAND FILES RELATING TO ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR. REFERRED TO IN CLEVELAND TEL TO THE BUREAU,  
DECEMBER 11, 1975, CAPTIONED "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR." (BUFILE  
100-106670) AND FILES RELATING TO ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F.  
KENNEDY REFERRED TO IN CLEVELAND TEL TO BUREAU, JANUARY 7, 1977,  
CAPTIONED "HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS" (BUFILE  
62-117290), HAVE NOT BEEN DESTROYED. THEY WILL BE RETAINED SINCE  
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Cleveland, Ohio  
February 28, 1978

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ASSASSINATION  
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On February 24, 1978, Special Agent THOMAS J. WILSON, Federal Bureau of Investigation, appeared at the headquarters of the Select Committee on Assassinations, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. A staff attorney named WILLIAM WEBB advised Agent WILSON that he wished to ask Agent WILSON some questions concerning Agent WILSON's investigation into the allegation made by LEON POWELL in Atlanta, Georgia. WEBB advised he had read the Federal Bureau of Investigation reports concerning this investigation; however, he wished to personally interview Agent WILSON regarding this investigation. WEBB made the following inquiries:

During Mr. WILSON's interview of RAYMOND GODFREY, Mr. GODFREY stated that on the day of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s assassination, he was "shacked up" in Nashville, Tennessee. However, during the interview with the Committee, GODFREY advised he never said that, and furthermore, he was probably home with his wife at that time. Agent WILSON advised Mr. WEBB that in view of the fact that the words "shacked up" were in quotation marks, he was positive that GODFREY had stated it just like that. Agent WILSON further advised that during this initial interview, GODFREY indicated that he would be willing to take a polygraph examination. Agent WILSON intended to ask GODFREY about his alibi during this polygraph examination, and thus during the initial interview, no further questions regarding the identity of the female party were asked.

WEBB inquired of Agent WILSON his thoughts and opinions on RAY GODFREY. Agent WILSON stated that GODFREY seemed to be an upstanding citizen in the community, and most of the people who knew him thought highly of GODFREY. However, in view of GODFREY's refusal to take a polygraph examination, Agent WILSON was not able to make any determination as to whether or not GODFREY was telling the truth.

The next line of questioning was regarding the bar where the alleged conspiracy transpired. WEBB inquired as to how Agent WILSON was able to establish who owned the bar during

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the pertinent time. Agent WILSON advised he had reviewed the records of the Atlanta Police Department Liquor Control and had used these records to show who owned the bar during what period of time. Agent WILSON further advised that he had contacted the widow of PETE DAVIS and established from her that her husband owned the bar during the pertinent time. DAVIS advised that her husband had since died. DAVIS further stated that she could not recall if there were any records of the bar in existence at this time. WEBB further inquired if a list of patrons was ever obtained. Agent WILSON advised that it was almost impossible to obtain a list of employees, let alone a list of patrons. Agent WILSON stated that some of the employees, who were working at the bar during the pertinent time, were contacted and interviewed; however, none of the employees could remember the alleged incident.

WEBB also inquired into the investigation surrounding the attempt to identify the well-dressed individual whom LEON POWELL claimed contacted him. Agent WILSON stated that to the best of his recollection, no one in the bar, other than a female employee named DIANE BRADY, could remember a well-dressed individual ever coming into Bill Bailey's Bar. DIANE BRADY was contacted and shown the composite picture that LEON POWELL had made up. BRADY advised that to the best of her recollection, this was not the individual she remembered as the well-dressed individual who went into Bill Bailey's Bar. BRADY was contacted numerous times; however, she was never able to provide any clues as to the identity of this well-dressed individual who used to give her \$50 tips at Bill Bailey's Bar.

WEBB now delved into Agent WILSON's opinion of CLAUDE and LEON POWELL. WEBB wanted to know Agent WILSON's opinion of why CLAUDE and LEON POWELL would stick with this assassination conspiracy theory. Agent WILSON advised that if he knew that answer, the investigation could be concluded one way or another. Agent WILSON stated that he had contacted LEON POWELL numerous times and had advised LEON POWELL of the penalty for providing false information. LEON POWELL continued to stick with this conspiracy story. Agent WILSON advised Mr. WEBB of CLAUDE POWELL's wife's opinion regarding this story. Mrs. POWELL advised that both CLAUDE and his brother LEON liked to drink, and while they were under the influence of alcohol, had a lively imagination. Mrs. POWELL stated that she would never believe LEON POWELL. WEBB

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advised that CLAUDE POWELL was now refusing to cooperate with the Committee any further. WEBB was currently considering bringing contempt charges against CLAUDE POWELL. WEBB asked Agent WILSON's opinion regarding the refusal of CLAUDE POWELL to cooperate. Agent WILSON advised that he had no idea why CLAUDE POWELL would refuse to cooperate any further. Agent WILSON stated that during his investigation, he found it very difficult to contact either CLAUDE or LEON POWELL. Messages were left numerous times at their residences, and neither one responded. However, as to the reason for these actions, Agent WILSON was unable to give an opinion.

WEBB advised that GODFREY now denies going into Bill Bailey's Bar after 1965 or 1966. GODFREY told the Committee that he had given up his drinking either in 1965 or 1966. WEBB wanted to know who would be in the best position to verify this claim. Agent WILSON advised that an individual named BILL LOWERY, who was a manager of SINGER's and who handled RAY GODFREY for a while, seemed to know a lot about the personal life of RAY GODFREY. The Committee could contact him or GODFREY's brothers regarding GODFREY's drinking habits.

WEBB stated that his Committee has the ability to call people to testify under oath, and has two investigators working for them, one of whom is a former Atlanta police officer. WEBB asked Agent WILSON in view of these abilities of the Committee if Agent WILSON had any names of individuals whom he would like to see the Committee interrogate.

Agent WILSON stated that he would continue to mull over in his mind his investigation of the allegations made by CLAUDE and LEON POWELL and the resulting investigation. Mr. WEBB stated that if Agent WILSON had any further thoughts regarding this investigation, he could contact Mr. WEBB at telephone number 202-225-9713.

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Re Bureau telephone call from J. OLDHIZER on  
2/22/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM  
dated and captioned as above.

On 2/24/78, SA THOMAS J. WILSON, FBI, Cleveland,  
Ohio, was interviewed in Washington, D. C. by a staff member  
of the Select Committee on Assassinations regarding his  
investigation in Atlanta, Georgia concerning an allegation  
made by LEON POWELL in 1975. The LHM explains the questions  
that were put to SA WILSON.

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