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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS 44-1987 DALLAS AND MOBILE 157-2627
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE MOBILE TELETYPE, APRIL NINE, LAST.

BIRMINGHAM INFORMANTS ACQUAINTED WITH JIMMY GEORGE ROBINSON, STATE ROBINSON'S LAST KNOWN VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WAS PRIOR TO HIS NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE ARREST IN SELMA, ALABAMA. BIRMINGHAM FILES REFLECT NOTHING TO INDICATE ROBINSON RETURNED TO BIRMINGHAM AREA SUBSEQUENT TO HIS INTERVIEW AT SELMA, ALABAMA, BY BUREAU AGENTS ON APRIL TWENTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, WHEN HE WAS RESIDING AT FIVE TWO EIGHT ALABAMA AVENUE, SELMA. BIRMINGHAM FILES REFLECT THAT AS OF SEPTEMBER SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE, ROBINSON WAS LIVING AND WORKING IN GARLAND, TEXAS, AREA, AND AS OF AUGUST, SIXTYFOUR, RESIDED WITH HIS FATHER AT ONE TWO TWO ONE WEST GARLAND AVENUE, GARLAND, TEXAS.

DALLAS, DETERMINE ROBINSON'S LOCATION DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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TO SACS INDIANAPOLIS
ST. LOUIS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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DALLAS OFFICE RECEIVED ANONYMOUS CALL FROM FEMALE
TO EFFECT THAT SUBJECT OF THIS CASE HAD ARMY SERIAL
NUMBER RA [REDACTED]

ARMY SOURCES ADVISED THIS SERIAL NUMBER ASSIGNED
TO DONNIE LEON HARDEN WHO ENTERED U. S. ARMY MAY ONE,
FIFTY-EIGHT, AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, RECRUITING STATION.
HARDEN DESCRIBED AS SEVENTY-THREE INCHES TALL, ONE NINE
SEVEN POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BLOND HAIR, BORN APRIL TWENTY-ONE,
THIRTY-EIGHT, IN CONECUH COUNTY, ALABAMA.

ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS SHOULD CHECK ARMY
PERSONNEL RECORDS FOR INFORMATION AS TO CURRENT MILITARY
OR CIVILIAN ADDRESS FOR SUSPECT HARDEN. SUTEL MEMPHIS
AND APPROPRIATE OFFICE. COPY BY MAIL TO MEMPHIS AND
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TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

FRANCISCO LOYA, JR., ONE ONE ZERO SIX WAKE DRIVE, RICHARDSON, TEXAS, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED DALLAS OFFICE, APRIL NINE LAST, HIS FATHER'S AUTO WAS SIDE-SWIPE BY HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER APRIL SIX - SEVEN LAST, DRIVING WHITE MUSTANG. SEVERAL WITNESSES ATTEMPTED TO CATCH MUSTANG BUT UNABLE TO DO SO. THIS ACCIDENT OCCURRED IN TWO HUNDRED BLOCK OF WEST HARRISON, HARLINGEN, TEXAS, WHERE FATHER, FRANCISCO LOYA, SR., RESIDES. MATTER REPORTED TO HARLINGEN PD. LOYA REPORTED MATTER SINCE SUSPECT CAPTIONED CASE REPORTED DRIVING WHITE MUSTANG.

SAN ANTONIO AT HARLINGEN. MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES TO DETERMINE IF INCIDENT MIGHT BE CONNECTED WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

NOTE: LOYA, SR., SPEAKS ONLY SPANISH.

Furnished telephonically to Frances2 - Dallas Scott, San Antonio, 12⁴⁹/24, 4/10/68.

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934 AM URGENT 4/10/68 PHM
TO DIRECTOR, DALLAS, MEMPHIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL APRIL NINE LAST.

REV. BILLY MAX WUELLNER, BAXTER SPRINGS, KS., HAS
POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED LYNN RAY CLEVELAND AS PERSON WHO APPEARED
HIS CHURCH OFFICE, BAXTER SPRINGS, ONE FORTYFIVE PM APRIL THREE
LAST. CLAIMS WALKED INTO OFFICE ALONE AND UNANNOUNCED, WANTING
TO REST, PLAY PIANO, AND HAVE PRAYER SESSION. CLEVELAND MADE
COMMENT HE HAD BEEN ON ROAD FOR SOMETIME, WAS HITCHHIKING TO
SPRINGFIELD, MO., AND ALSO MENTIONED HAVING PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN
MENTAL INSTITUTION. WUELLNER POSITIVE BEYOND DOUBT AS TO
TIME AND DATE OF CONTACT DUE TO FACT HE LEFT CLEVELAND TO
ATTEND CHURCH BOARD MEETING.

WHEN PERSONALLY CONFRONTED BY WUELLNER, CLEVELAND RECALLED
BEING IN BAXTER SPRINGS, KS. CLAIMS HITCHHIKED FROM THAT
CITY TO SPRINGFIELD, MO., ARRIVING SPRINGFIELD NIGHT APRIL
THREE LAST. AT APPROXIMATELY TEN PM, APRIL THREE LAST, OBTAINED
TWENTY DOLLARS FROM WESTERN UNION OFFICE, SPRINGFIELD, SENT BY
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HIS FATHER IN PALMER, TEX., ABOUT FIVE DAYS PREVIOUS TO APRIL THREE LAST. BELIEVES STAYED NIGHT APRIL THREE LAST AT STATE HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, AND ON APRIL THREE AND FOUR LAST WOULD HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH REV. RICHARD RUBLE, ONE EIGHT SEVEN ONE NORTH BROADWAY, SPRINGFIELD. OF OPINION HE STAYED NIGHT APRIL FOUR LAST AT HOFF'S HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, MO.

PHOTOS OF CLEVELAND MAILED DIRECT, JOPLIN, MO., TO MEMPHIS, NIGHT APRIL NINE LAST.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING SPRINGFIELD, MO., TO VERIFY CLEVELAND'S WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

DALLAS AT PALMER, ^{ELLIS CO}TEX., VERIFY THROUGH GARLAND CLEVELAND TRANSMITTAL OF MONEY VIA WESTERN UNION AS CLAIMED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : STEVE D. ALBRIGHT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Today, FRANCISCO LOYA, JR., 1106 Wake Dr., AD 5-6270, Richardson, Texas, telephonically advised as follows:

LOYA's father's auto was sideswiped by a hit and run driver on 4/6-7/68, driving a white Mustang. Several witnesses attempted to catch the Mustang, but were unable to do so. This accident occurred in the 200 Block of West Harrison, Harlingen, Texas, where FRANCISCO LOYA, SR., resides. The matter was reported to the Harlingen PD.

LOYA said he was advising this office of the above because he had heard that the ~~xxx~~ suspect in captioned matter was possibly driving a white Mustang.

LOYA, SR. DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH, ONLY SPANISH.

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HOLD FOR TWO SEPARATE TAPES

309 PM URGENT 4/10/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, DALLAS, MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO BUREAU APRIL NINE LAST.

INVESTIGATION HOTEL HOFF FAILS TO LOCATE REGISTRATION FOR LYNN RAY CLEVELAND DURING APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT. CLEVELAND RECEIVED TWENTY DOLLAR MONEY ORDER SPRINGFIELD, MO. AT NINE FORTY FIVE PM APRIL THREE LAST. CLEVELAND REGISTERED AT STATE HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, MO., ELEVEN ZERO FIVE PM, APRIL THREE, SIXTYEIGHT FOR ONE DAY CHECKING OUT PRIOR TO TWO PM APRIL FOUR LAST, EXACT TIME UNKNOWN. CLEVELAND CONTACTED FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOLIVAR, MO., THREE PM, APRIL FIVE LAST RECEIVING FREE MEAL AND INDICATED SPENT NIGHT APRIL FOUR-FIVE, LAST SPRINGFIELD, MO., LOCATION UNKNOWN. REV. TOM GEERS AND CLAUDE BARCLAY ACQUAINTED WITH CLEVELAND BUT COULD NOT FURNISH ANY PERTINENT INFO RE CLEVELAND'S WHEREABOUTS APRIL FOUR LAST. EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND IDENTIFY RICHARD RUBLE, SPRINGFIELD, MO. UNSUCCESSFUL TO DATE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING VERIFY CLEVELAND'S LOCATION TIME OF KING'S MURDER.

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Teletype has been sent re contact with father 4/10/68

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ON APRIL TEN CLEVELAND PLEAD GUILTY VAGRANCY CHARGE
IN POLICE COURT, JOPLIN, MO. AND SENTENCED TO THREE DAYS.
HIS EXPECTED RELEASE TIME IS FIVE PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL TWELVE
NEXT. HOWEVER HIS FATHER TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED COP, JOPLIN, MO.,
THAT FATHER MAY TAKE CUSTODY OF CLEVELAND AND HOSPITALIZE HIM
FOR HIS MENTAL CONDITION, PROBABLY AT TERRELL TEXAS STATE
HOSPITAL.

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HOLD FOR A TELE PLS

I HAVE ANOTHER ONE

312 PM URGENT 4/10/68 PHM
TO DALLAS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

REBUTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES APRIL NINE LAST.

MR. ALVIE A. DAVIS, MIDWEST FACTORY REPRESENTATIVE FOR
THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING
MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, NY, ADVISED HIS TERRITORY INCLUDES
THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE FOLLOWING ARE LAUNDRIES THAT ARE
IN THE DALLAS DIVISION WHICH USE FIVE CHARACTER THERMO SEAL
MARKING MACHINES:

WHITE STAR LAUNDRY, DALLAS, TEX., BLUE RIBBON LAUNDRY,
DALLAS; QUALITY LAUNDRY, LUBBOCK; ATHENS LAUNDRY, ATHENS, TEX.

DALLAS AT DALLAS, LUBBOCK AND ATHENS, TEX., CONTACT
ABOVE LAUNDRIES AS INSTRUCTED IN RETEL. *Henderson County*

IT IS NOTED IN RETEL THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY TO
INSURE THESE CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES
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SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS INVESTIGATION IS IN
CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
AND KANSAS CITY (44-760)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. OO. MEMPHIS

RE LYNN RAY CLEVELAND AND KANSAS CITY TEL TO
BUREAU APRIL NINE LAST.

DR. TALLEY, CLINICAL DIRECTOR, TERRELL STATE HOSPITAL,
TERRELL, TEXAS, ADVISED CLEVELAND WAS PATIENT THERE THREE
TIMES, THE FIRST BEING FEBRUARY FOUR SIXTYTHREE, THE
LATTER OCCASION BEING NOVEMBER SIXTEEN SIXTYSIX TO
FEBRUARY NINE SIXTYSEVEN WHEN ESCAPED. DISCHARGED
FEBRUARY TWENTYONE SIXTYSEVEN WHILE IN ESCAPED STATUS.
DIAGNOSED SCHIZOPHRENIC CHRONIC UNDIFFERENTIATED TYPE.
TALLEY RECEIVED ASSOCIATED PRESS INQUIRY LAST NIGHT
BUT FURNISHED NO INFO.

MRS. HOUSTON MC CLAIN, BARRON BRICK COMPANY, PALMER,
TEXAS STATED THEIR EMPLOYEE, GARLAND FRANCIS CLEVELAND,
LEFT EARLY TODAY VIA AUTO FOR JOPLIN, MISSOURI TO OBTAIN
CUSTODY OF SON LYNN AND RETURN HIM TO TEXAS.

KANSAS CITY AT JOPLIN. INTERVIEW GARLAND FRANCIS
CLEVELAND WHEN HE ARRIVES TO OBTAIN SON.

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TO DIRECTOR, DALLAS, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 P

MURKIN. CR. 00: MEMPHIS.

INFORMATION SET FORTH HERINAFTER WAS OBTAINED ON HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. THE INFORMATION PERTAINS TO TELEPHONE CALLS PAID FOR AT A TELEPHONE PAY STATION OUTSIDE A ROOMING HOUSE AT WHICH OTHER INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN SUSPECT NAMED HEREINAFTER HAD ACCESS, AT TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM. SUSPECT RESIDED AT ABOVE RESIDENCE FROM AUGUST TWO SIX, LAST TO NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, LAST.

SUSPECT IS ERIC STARVO GALT, WHITE MALE, BORN JULY TWO ONE, THIRTY ONE, FIVE FT. ELEVEN, ONE SEVENTY FIVE LBS., BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR. WHEN KNOWN TO BE IN BIRMINGHAM, AUGUST TO DECEMBER, LAST, HE PURCHASED SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG, LAST KNOWN TO BEAR SIXTYEIGHT ALA. LICENSE ONE - THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE.

DISCREETLY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT LOCATIONS INDICATED BY SUBSCRIBERS BELOW BUT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT BACKGROUND INFORMATION BE DETERMINED ON SUSPECT.

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ON OCT. ELEVEN, LAST, CALL PLACED TO THREE SIX FIVE - SIX ZERO ONE EIGHT, SUBSCRIBER P.D. STRICKLAND, NINE ONE SEVEN LODER, PRATTVILLE, ALA., AND ON OCT. TWELVE, LAST, CALL MADE TO SAME NUMBER.

OCT. TWO TWO, LAST, EIGHT THREE EIGHT - TWO ZERO THREE FIVE, FT. WORTH, TEXAS, A MISS JONNIE POUNDERS WAS CALLED BY JAMES POUNDERS, ROOM TWO SIX, SUBSCRIBER DETERMINED TO BE MARY BUCHANAN, THREE FIVE ZERO NINE NORTH HALTON ROAD, FT. WORTH, TEX.

EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION, LOOKING TOWARD IDENTIFICATION OF GALT.

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TO: SACs, NORFOLK AND MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

MURKIN; OO: MEMPHIS

ON APRIL TEN INSTANT, TEXAS RANGER E. J. TERRELL, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, ADVISED BUAGENT HE ~~HAD~~ HEARD A RUMOR THAT RESIDENTS OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, WERE OF THE OPINION THAT ONE ISAAC WELDON KIRK, WHOSE WIFE RESIDES IN MANSFIELD, MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KING MURDER. TERRELL CONDUCTED INQUIRY AT MANSFIELD AND FORMED OPINION THAT KIRK'S WIFE WAS THE ONE WHO STARTED THE RUMOR. HE SAID APPARENTLY ~~THE~~ BASIC REASON FOR RUMOR WAS THAT KIRK BEARS A GENERAL RESEMBLANCE TO ARTIST CONCEPTION OF KILLER WHICH APPEARED IN NEWSPAPER. ON APRIL TEN INSTANT, MR. WILLIAM L. TODD (PROTECT), ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ROHN COMMUNICATION FACILITIES, INC., RICHARDSON, TEXAS, ADVISED BUAGENT KIRK HAS BEEN EMPLOYED FOR THAT COMPANY AS CONSTRUCTION FOREMAN

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FOR PAST FOUR YEARS, HAS GOOD REPUTATION WITH COMPANY. ON APRIL FOUR AND FIVE LAST, KIRK WAS ON JOB INVOLVING CONSTRUCTION OF MICROWAVE TOWER AT FRANKLIN, VIRGINIA, TOWER BEING CONSTRUCTED FOR SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY AREA OFFICE OF VIRGINIA STATE POLICE AT FRANKLIN. KIRK, AS JOB FOREMAN, PREPARES DAILY WORK SHEETS FOR HIMSELF AND FELLOW WORKERS. TODD ADVISED KIRK, IF NOT ON JOB AS INDICATED ON APRIL FOUR AND FIVE LAST, WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE SUBMITTED FRAUDULENT WORK SHEET. WORK SHEETS ARE SUBMITTED EACH WEEKEND BEING RECEIVED AT COMPANY HEADQUARTERS IN RICHARDSON MONDAY AM COVERING PRIOR WEEK.

NORFOLK AT FRANKLIN, VIRGINIA. CONTACT SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY AREA OFFICE OF VIRGINIA STATE POLICE AND ENDEAVOR TO VERIFY KIRK'S PRESENCE ON JOB AT FRANKLIN APRIL FOUR AND FIVE LAST.

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TO : FILE (44-2649) (P)

FROM : SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

DATE: 4/10/68

On the night of April 9, DOUG COWAN with the Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas telephoned me at home and stated that Texas Ranger E. J. TERRELL of Ft. Worth had advised that there was a rumor out of Mansfield, Texas that one ISAAC WELDON KIRK, whose wife resides in Mansfield, might be responsible for the KING murder. He suggested that the Chief at Mansfield, ANDY ANDREWS, would be able to furnish more information.

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J. Muller*

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO - MEMPHIS

Re Memphis teletype to Dallas dated 4/9/68 regarding suspect WESLEY MITCHELL aka W. D. Mitchell.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT P. BUTLER:

AT DENTON, TEXAS

On 4/9/68, W. L. MURRELL, Industrial Relations Manager, Moore Business Forms, Inc., 601 E. Hickory, advised that D. WESLEY MITCHELL is a current employee and has been employed as a senior design artist since August, 1958. MURRELL advised that MITCHELL was believed employed on 3/29 and 30/68, and 4/4/68, and this could be better established on the following date since MURRELL does not punch a time card.

He described MITCHELL as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	32
Height	6'1"
Weight	156
Hair	Black
Complexion	Medium

He stated MITCHELL has effeminate mannerisms and is a withdrawn, anti-social type person.

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On 4/10/68, MURRELL was recontacted and he advised that he had established through dated work orders and mailing slips and personal contact with MITCHELL's business associates that MITCHELL was on the job 3/29/68 and 4/4/68. MURRELL advised that 3/30/68 was not a work day but he had established through an associate of MITCHELL that MITCHELL played golf on that date in Denton, Texas.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) and SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)

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REBUTEL APRIL EIGHT AND NINE LAST.

CONTINUING INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE PERSON WITH SURNAME
LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CONTACTS WITH LAUNDRIES, DALLAS DIVISION, DISCLOSES
THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE IS USED BY VERY FEW LAUNDRIES AS
IT IS VERY EXPENSIVE AND HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY.
LAUNDRIES UTILIZING THIS MACHINE CONTACTED TO DATE HAVE BEEN
ELIMINATED AS SOURCES OF LAUNDRY MARKS IN SUSPECTED CLOTHING.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED DALLAS TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS
OF WILLIAM HENRY GATES, FBI # SEVEN SEVEN ONE TWO FOUR NINE D,
BUFILE ONE SEVEN FOUR - ONE NINE ZERO, AND JAMES TIMOTHY CARROLL,
FBI # EIGHT ZERO THREE SIX THREE E, BUFILE ONE SEVEN FOUR - TWO
ONE THREE, POTENTIAL BOMBING SUSPECTS, DALLAS DIVISION, DURING
PERTINENT PERIODS HAVE BEEN INCONCLUSIVE. GATES LIVES ALONE

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IN LARGE APARTMENT PROJECT AND IS UNEMPLOYED. CARROLL LIKEWISE LIVES ALONE IN AN APARTMENT. HE IS ONLY EMPLOYEE OF SYSTEX CORPORATION, RICHARDSON, TEXAS. OWNER OF THIS FIRM TRAVELS EXTENSIVELY. CARROLL INTERVIEWED AND CLAIMS HE WAS IN DALLAS DURING PERTINENT PERIODS. CARROLL CLAIMS FREQUENT CONTACT WITH GATES AND STATES GATES WAS ALSO IN DALLAS DURING THESE PERIODS.

BUREAU REQUESTED COMPARE/^{SUSPECT}LATENT FINGERPRINTS WITH FINGERPRINTS OF GATES AND CARROLL.

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(Priority)TO: SAC, LITTLE ROCK ~~and SAC, MEMPHIS (AM)~~

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

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RE DALLAS TELETYPE APRIL TEN INSTANT:

ON APRIL TEN SIXTY-EIGHT, DON BYERS ADVISED HE WAS FISHING ON LAKE OUCHITA, NEAR HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, ON APRIL FOUR LAST. BYERS ADVISED HE RENTED BOAT AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS BOAT DOCK. BYERS PROVIDED PHOTOGRAPH OF HIMSELF AND SIGNED HIS SIGNATURE ON BACK. PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE AIRMAILED TO MEMPHIS. BYERS REQUESTED PHOTOGRAPH BE RETURNED TO HIS HOME FIVE ONE ONE ONE JOHN F. KENNEDY, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

LITTLE ROCK MAKE INQUIRY AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS BOAT DOCK, LAKE OUCHITA, NEAR HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, AND VERIFY PRESENCE OF BYERS ON APRIL FOUR LAST. AM COPY MEMPHIS WITH PHOTO.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SAC, MOBILE

FROM: SAC, DALLAS, (44-2649)

MURKIN

OO: ME

RE MOBILE TELETYPE APRIL NINE AND BIRMINGHAM teletype APRIL TEN.

ON APRIL TEN SIXTY-EIGHT, GARY C. WESTER, MANAGER GOODYEAR SERVICE CENTER, TWO TWO TWO SOUTH GALLOWAY STREET, MESQUITE, TEXAS, ADVISED JIMMY GEORGE ROBINSON HAS BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE MARCH TWENTY-ONE SIXTY-EIGHT, AS ASSISTANT SERVICE MANAGER. WESTER ADVISED THAT ROBINSON WORKS FROM EIGHT AM UNTIL SIX PM SIX DAYS WEEKLY. ROBINSON HAS NOT TAKEN ANY TIME OFF AND WAS PERSONALLY OBSERVED WORKING ALL DAY APRIL FOUR LAST BY WESTER.

MOBILE DISCONTINUE LEAD AT SELMA, ALABAMA TO DETERMINE IF ROBINSON IN THAT AREA DURING PERTENENT PERIOD.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SPC CLINTON B. BROWN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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On 4/9/68, DON BYERS, 2311 Cedar Springs, (Legas Security Life Insurance Co.), Dallas, telephonically contacted this office and advised his wife had been contacted by Little Rock FBI Agents in connection with captioned incident. BYERS stated his wife advised him someone in Dallas had seen him, thought him similiar to suspect, and had given his license number to the FBI.

BYERS advised he drives a 1966 Mustang, brown bottom, black vinyl top, 1968 Arkansas license AAZ 869. BYERS leaving for Corpus Christi, Texas on 4/10/68. He advises he can be contacted at the above address between 8:00 AM and 8:45 AM or immediatly after 11:00 AM, 4/10/68.

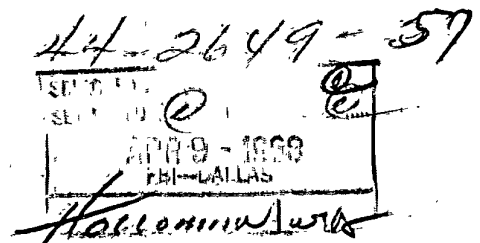
SA HOLLOMAN advised of above.

(BYERS stated he is 6'2", and weighs 190 lbs.)

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Date: 4/10/68

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TO: SACS, LITTLE ROCK AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS

ON NIGHT APRIL NINE, LAST, DON BYERS, TWO THREE ONE ONE CEDAR SPRINGS, DALLAS, EMPLOYED LEGAS SECURITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED DALLAS OFFICE AND ADVISED HIS WIFE CONTACTED BY LITTLE ROCK SPECIAL AGENTS, IN CONNECTION CAPTIONED MATTER. WIFE TOLD HIM SOMEONE IN DALLAS HAD SEEN HIM, THOUGHT HIM SIMILAR TO SUSPECT AND HAD GIVEN HIS LICENSE NUMBER TO FBI. BYERS STATES HE DRIVES SIXTY-SIX MUSTANG, BROWN WITH BLACK VINYL TOP, BEARING SIXTY-EIGHT ARKANSAS LICENSE AAZ EIGHT SIX NINE. BYERS STATED HE IS SIX FEET TWO INCHES TALL, AND WEIGHS ONE NINETY POUNDS. BYERS LEFT FOR CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, MORNING INSTANT.

LITTLE ROCK ADVISE IF FURTHER INTERVIEW OF BYERS OR ADDITIONAL INQUIRY REQUIRED AT DALLAS. - P -

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TO: SAC, NORFOLK
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS. RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO NORFOLK AND MEMPHIS
TODAY, RE ISAAC WELDON KIRK.

WILLIAM L. TODD (PROTECT), ROHN COMMUNICATION FACILITIES,
INC., ADVISED BUAGENTS THIS AFTERNOON HE TALKED WITH KIRK BY
LD TELEPHONE TODAY AND ASCERTAINED HE IS STOPPING AT THE
AIRWAY MOTOR LODGE, FRANKLIN, VIRGINIA. EXPECTS TO FINISH
FRANKLIN JOB TODAY AND WILL MOVE ON TO ANOTHER JOB TONIGHT OR
TOMORROW.

NORFOLK MAY BE ABLE TO VERIFY KIRK'S PRESENCE IN FRANKLIN,
VIRGINIA, ON APRIL FOUR THROUGH FIVE, LAST, THROUGH MOTEL
OPERATORS. P.

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547PM URGENT 4-10-68 ENT
TO DIRECTOR, DALLAS, MEMPHIS
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TODAY.

LYNN RAY CLEVELAND AT TIME OF APPREHENSION BY JOPLIN, MO. PD,
HAD MARTINIZING CLAIM TICKET TWO NINE TWO FIVE IN POSSESSION.
INVESTIGATION SPRINGFIELD, MO., INDICATES ABOVE MARTINIZING TICKET
ISSUED TO FIRST NAME NOT INDICATED CLEVELAND BY MARY SHARP AT
BRANCH CLEANERS LOCATED ONE EIGHT THREE EIGHT N. GLENSTONE,
SPRINGFIELD, MO. SHARP ADVISED TICKET ISSUED BETWEEN FIVE AND
FIVE THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR LAST FOR SUIT, TROUSERS, WHITE SHIRT
AND TIE AND HAVE NOT BEEN RECLAIMED TO DATE.

IN VIEW OF FACT CLEVELAND WAS IN SPRINGFIELD, MO., BETWEEN
FIVE AND FIVE THIRTY PM, APRIL FOUR LAST, HE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN IN
MEMPHIS AT TIME OF MURDER AND THEREFORE NOT BEING CONSIDERED SUSPECT.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

RE TEL FROM BIRMINGHAM THIS DATE.

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

MRS. JOHNNIE POUNDERS THREE FIVE ZERO NINE HALTOM ROAD, FORT WORTH, TEXAS ADVISED TODAY SHE HAS BEEN DIVORCED FROM JAMES ALTON POUNDERS FOR ABOUT FOUR YEARS. JAMES POUNDERS CAME TO FORT WORTH, TEXAS ABOUT EIGHT WEEKS AGO AND REMAINED UNTIL ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. HE TOLD MRS. POUNDERS HE WAS GOING BACK TO ALABAMA. PARENTS OF JAMES POUNDERS ARE MRS AND MR EARL POUNDERS, EAST SIDE APARTMENTS, THREE ELEVEN RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA. JAMES POUNDERS HAS BEEN IN V. A. HOSPITAL AT BIRMINGHAM ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS FOR NERVOUS CONDITIONS. AT ONE TIME HE RESIDED AT ONE SIX TWO FIVE TWELVTH AVE. SOUTH BIRMINGHAM. MRS POUNDERS RECALLED THAT JAMES POUNDERS CALLED HER LAST FALL FROM SOME PLACE IN ALA., BUT SHE DID NOT KNOW EXACT LOCATION. MRS POUNDERS HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF GALT. JAMES POUNDERS DESCRIBED WM, THIRTY-FOUR, SIX FEET,

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, SLENDER, HAIR BROWN, EYES BROWN.

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BIRMINGHAM LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JAMES POUNDERS RE KNOWLEDGE OF
SUSPECT GALT.

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437PM URGENT 4-10-68 LJJ

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, ATLANTA,
DALLAS, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS.
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 2P

MURKIN. 00: MEMPHIS.

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES APRIL TEN INSTANT.

RAY MOSSHART, FORMER BUAGENT, ARSON AND FRAUD DIVISION,
AMERICAN INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, (AIS), WILLIAMSON BLDG.,
CLEVELAND, OHIO CONTACTED RE CAPTIONED SUSPECT, IT BEING NOTED
AIS MAINTAINS REGIONAL NAME INDEX BUREAUS THROUGHOUT THE U.S.
OF ALL TYPES INSURANCE CLAIMS, PERSONAL INJURY AND OTHERWISE.
MOSSHART ADVISED CV INDEX BUREAU INDICES NEGATIVE RE GALT
BUT NOTED THE CLEVELAND FILES COVER A FIVE STATE AREA ONLY.
HE NOTED ADDITIONAL REGIONAL OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN ATLANTA,
CHICAGO, DALLAS, LOS ANGELES, PHILADELPHIA, SAN FRANCISCO,
ST. LOUIS AND NEW YORK CITY WITH EXECUTIVE OFFICES AND A FOREIGN
BUREAU ALSO LOCATED AT NEW YORK CITY. 44-2649-602

GENERALLY, RECORDS OF ABOVE OFFICES ARE AVAILABLE ONLY
TO INSURANCE PEOPLE AND ATTORNEYS, BUT IN VIEW OF COOPERATIVE
ATTITUDE ON PART OF REGIONAL CLEVELAND OFFICE, IT IS SUGGESTED
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RECEIVING OFFICES TACTFULLY ATTEMPT TO CHECK SUSPECT'S
NAME THROUGH THESE INDEX BUREAUS.

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FBI DALLAS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-2649) (P)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re: Suspect ERIC STARVO GALT

Re teletype from Cleveland to Dallas and other offices, including Bureau, suggesting check of the Arson and Fraud Division, American Insurance Association, Dallas.

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I called CHARLIE EATON, who is known to me, of this association and gave him name and description of GALT. He checked same through their indices, which covers Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico, Colorado and Texas, and stated it was completely negative.

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TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

FROM : IC JOE A. PEARCE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/9/68

On the above date at 8:15 a.m. Joe Pearce, Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, home phone EX1-6211, telephonically advised he had been contacted several times by an informant concerning the assassination of Martin Luther King.

Pearce's informant, Wayne Smith, telephone CH 7-3037, advised the following information:

Hubert A. Ferrell, white, male, age 50, employed as Division Manager, for United Savings Life, Dallas, formerly resided in Memphis and has numerous relatives still residing there. Ferrell's wife, Mary Elizabeth Ferrell, has done work for Jim Garrison on several occasions. Ferrell and his brother, name unknown, bought a farm in Arkansas, place unknown. Ferrell's brother called Ferrell after King was shot. Ferrell is known to possess numerous high powered rifles. Ferrell upon learning of King's assassination is supposed to have made the following statement "They were supposed to have done that two weeks ago". Hubert A. Ferrell is also known as Buck Ferrell.

Pearce stated he had been contacted by ~~XXXX~~ Smith several times and ~~has~~ has finally convinced Smith to talk to the FBI.

Smith is willing to talk to an agent concerning the above and requested he be contacted at CH 73037 after 8:15 a.m. and before 3:30 p.m. Smith is currently at home daily because of an injury received while on the job, place unknown. Smith does not want his wife to know he is in contact with the FBI.

ACTION: Assign lead for SA to contact Wayne Smith but only during the specified hours.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS

DATE: 4/8/68

FROM : SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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On 4/8/68, JOE PEARCE, Deputy Sheriff, Dallas S.O., telephonically advised that he had a source who did not wish to be disclosed at this time and who has furnished the following information.

HERBERT A. (Buck) FERRELL, 4406 Holland, Dallas, Texas, employed as Division Manager, United Savings Life, married to MARY ELIZABETH FERRELL, who has worked for JIM GARRISON, DA, New Orleans, La.. FERRELL is from Memphis, Tenn. and has a brother, JAMES FERRELL who presently resides in Memphis, Tenn. and is a conductor for one of the railroads.

The FERRELL family are reported to be "Negro haters" and HERBERT A. FERRELL and JAMES FERRELL have purchased a farm some where between Little Rock, Ark. and Memphis, Tenn., which they plan to move to if the Negro situation gets to rough in Memphis.

After the reported death of KING, Mrs. FERRELL tried to call the FERRELL family at Memphis and gave the indication that she was afraid that some of her family might have been involved in the killing.

When HERBERT A. (Buck) FERRELL was advised of the death of KING, he made the remark "Well, they finally did it." He then stated that he had heard two weeks ago that they were going to kill KING.

PEARCE stated that his source believes that possibly one of the sons of JAMES FERRELL in Memphis, Tenn. might be involved in the killing, however he has no positive information to this effect.

PEARCE was requested to contact his source and see if he would agree to a interview with agents in order that it might be determined if he has any worth while information in captioned matter. PEARCE subsequently called back and stated that his source had agreed to being interviewed by Agents. He identified source as WAYNE SMITH, ph.# CH-7-3037, who is to be called only between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 3:30 p.m., since this is the time that his wife is not at home and he does not want her to know that he is talking to any one about it, since he reportedly is a close friend of HERBERT A. (Buck) FERRELL.

ACTION: Will arrange to interview WAYNE SMITH in order to ascertain if he has any information pertinent to captioned matter.

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (44-33861), SACS BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),
DALLAS (44-2649), EL PASO, HOUSTON, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE, APRIL TEN LAST.

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION RECORDS, TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, FAILED TO REFLECT ANY RECORD OF TITLE OR
REGISTRATION IN STATE OF TEXAS FOR NINETEEN SIXTY SIX MUSTANG,
VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN.

DALLAS ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY.

PENDING.

Above information furnished
telephonically to ZEB at
11:10 a.m., on 4/11/68, by
DAVID A. WALL, San Antonio.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

929PM IMMEDIATE 4-10-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR AND ALL SACS

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

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ERIC STARVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE SOUTH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, REGISTERED OWNER OF WHITE NINETEEN SIXTYSIX
MUSTANG, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN,
BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE ONE - THREE EIGHT, NINE
NINE THREE, IS PRIME SUSPECT IN THIS CASE.

ALL OFFICES CHECK ABOVE VIN FOR POSSIBLE RE-REGISTRATION.

NO INDICATION TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION
WITH MURKIN CASE.

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*SAC [signature]
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SAC Austin
at Austin.*

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SUP. ROBERT P. GEMBERLING

JOHNNY LEWIS ELI FRAY HILLHOUSE
aka. Johnny Lewis Hillhouse,
Johnny Hillhouse
John L. Hillhouse
Fray Hillhouse
RM - (ORG)

OO - DALLAS

On 4/10/68 Sheriff W. E. BILL DECKER, Dallas County SO, Dallas, Texas, telephonically advised that captioned subject was recently released from the Texas State Hospital, Terrell, Texas, and that such release was prior to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Sheriff DECKER advised he considered it logical to check out subject as a suspect in the KING shooting based on subject's physical description and past activities.

Subject is a member of the Stormtrooper Unit of the ANP. A photograph of HILLHOUSE taken in September 1964 is available (157-481-1A1).

Several Non-Prosecutive Summary Reports have been written on HILLHOUSE which contain extensive background information. HILLHOUSE was arrested by Dallas County SO 12/3/67 after which a search of his home at 621 Melba Street, Dallas, revealed a cache of firearms and ammunition. He was thereafter committed for a 90-day period to the Texas State Hospital at Terrell, Texas. It is believed a more current photograph can be obtained at Dallas SO.

HILLHOUSE is described as follows:

Date and place of birth

Race

Sex

Nationality

10/26/35

Oakland, Ark.

White

Male

American

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Height	5'10" to 6"
Weight	180
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown (crew cut in 1965)
Build	Medium
Complexion	Medium
Peculiarities	Long nose
SSN	[REDACTED]
Military Service	U. S. Marine Corps, 11/24/53 to 1/27/56, honorable discharge - rated as sharp shooter with rifle, as of 9/16/55
Last residence in Dallas	621 Melba Street, Dallas (December, 1967)
Mother	Mrs. ADA HILLHOUSE P. O. Box 252 Flippin, Ark.

ACTION: Instant case is due for reactivation and consideration for submission of a Supplemental Non-Prosecutive Report on or about 5/1/68. However, in view of information furnished by Sheriff DECKER this case is being immediately reactivated for immediate investigation to obtain current photo of subject from Dallas County SO and to conduct necessary investigation to ascertain when he was released from Texas State Hospital at Terrell, Texas, and his whereabouts on 3/29 and 30/68 and 4/4/68, which are the pertinent dates in the MURKIN case (see memo to All Agents dated 4/8/68 captioned "MURKIN", DLfile 44-2649).

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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325 PM URGENT 4-10-68 DCC

TO DALLAS (44-2649), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE TELETYPE FROM DALLAS APRIL EIGHT LAST.

ON APRIL NINE LAST, MRS. MAUDE GIBSON, RED SPRINGS,
NC, INTERVIEWED AT SCOTLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL, LAURINBURG, NC,
AND ADVISED HER SON CHARLES NELSON GIBSON BORN DECEMBER
TWENTYEIGHT NINETEEN THIRTY, ROBESON COUNTY, NC, AND THAT HE
IS ALCOHOLIC AND HAS MENTAL PROBLEM. SHE ADVISED HE LAST
VISITED HER APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS AGO AND SHE HAS NOT
SEEN HIM SINCE THAT TIME. LAST CONTACT SHE HAD WITH HIM
WAS APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS AGO WHEN SHE RECEIVED COLLECT
LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM HIM AT WHICH TIME HE WAS
REPORTEDLY AT DALLAS, TEXAS, ADDRESS NOT KNOWN. SHE UNDERSTANDS
HE ALSO MADE COLLECT CALL TO HIS BROTHER, HAROLD GLENN GIBSON,
CHARLOTTE, NC.

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SHE ADVISED CHARLES GIBSON USUALLY WORKS AT VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION JOBS, HAS BEEN ARRESTED ON MANY OCCASIONS DURING PAST FIFTEEN YEARS, USUALLY FOR PUBLIC DRUNK AND ASSAULT. SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OR ACQUAINTANCES. IN ADDITION TO BROTHER IN CHARLOTTE, HE HAS BROTER, EARL JONES GIBSON, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, WHO IS EMPLOYED WITH A PRINTING COMPANY AND ANOTHER BROHER , THOMAS ALLEN GIBSON, A CONFIRMED ALCOHOLIC CONFINED STATE HOSPITAL, COLUMBIS, SC.

TODAY, MRS. HAROLD GIBSON, CHARLOTTE, NC, ADVISED CHARLES GIBSON MADE COLLECT LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE TO THEIR RESIDENCE ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO AT WICH TIME HE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN AT DALLAS, TEXAS, ADDRESS NOT KNOWN. SHE COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS WHEREABOTS.

// DALLAS, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CHARLES GIBSON. JACKSONVILLE ATTEMPT TO LOCATE EARL JONES GIBSON AND INTERVIEW FOR WHEREABOUTS OF HIS BROTHER, CHARLES.

FOR INFORMATION JACKSONVILLE, T. G. GRIMES, DALLAS, TEXAS, CONSIDERS CHARLES GIBSON MAY BE SUSPECT. GRIMES DESCRIBED GIBSON AS VETERAN OF KOREAN CONFLICT OF UNSTABLE MIND AND OBSESSED WITH SUBJECT OF COMMUNISM.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SAR ROBERT A. DAVIDSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/9/68, at 8:15pm, MRS. H. F. ADLAM, 1012 Coke, tel. CR4-9166, Arlington, Texas, telephonically furnished the following information to the Ft. Worth, Resident Agency:

On 4/9/68, she and her husband were having dinner at the Candlelight Inn on Highway 80, Arlington when for some reason her attention was drawn to a white male who was sitting by himself and eating dinner. She observed this man carefully having the feeling that she had seen him somewhere before. She became suspicious that this might be the man represented in the artist's conception of the UNSUB being sought in the instant case and asked her husband to take a good look.

When the man left the restaurant the ADLAMs followed him to his car which was a new appearing Dodge Charger, light yellow in color with a dark vinyl top, bearing 1968 Texas license KZF 723. They followed this car for some distance and observed it turning into the vicinity of an apartment complex at the intersection of Collins and Peach, which is behind a 7-11 Grocery Store.

MRS. ADLAM advised when she got home she looked at the artist's conception in the paper again and that while the individual she saw had glasses on he is almost identical to the drawing. She further advised that she dines often at the Candlelight Inn and does not recall having seen this person before.

MRS. ADLAM described the person she observed as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	29 - 34
Height	5' 11"
Weight	Average for person of that height, but more slender than fat
Hair	Dark, receding
Eyes	Color unknown; wore dark rimmed Glasses
Remarks	Wore ring on little finger of one hand

No action believed warranted at this time

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It is noted that SA DAVIDSON attempted to have the Dallas Office check on the registration of the license plate involved on the morning of 4/10/68 but the Dallas Office was unable to do this because the 1968 license plate registration was not yet available.

It is further noted that SA DAVIDSON telephonically reported to the MURKIN Coordinator on the morning of 4/10/68.

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FBI EL PASO

625 PM URGENT 4-9-68 LMT

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS SAN FRANCISCO
FROM EL PASO 157-186 -P-

MURKIN

REBUTELS TO ALL SACS APRIL SEVEN AND EIGHT LAST.

IN REVIEWING CASE RE JESSE CLAYBURN STEPHENS, JR., (BUFILE ONE ZERO FIVE-ONE SIX EIGHT FIVE THREE SEVEN), A MINUTEMEN MEMBER AND BOMB SUSPECT CANDIDATE WHO FORMERLY RESIDED EL PASO, NOW RESIDING BALTIMORE TERRITORY, FOLLOWING INFO CAME TO LIGHT RE ROSWELL S. MONROE:

ON JANUARY TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN, STEPHENS SAID AN IMPORTANT PERSON IN "PARTY", WAS FLYING INTO EL PASO NEXT DAY TO TALK WITH HIM FOR SEVERAL HOURS. NEXT DAY STEPHENS WAS OBSERVED AT AIRPORT TALKING TO MAN LATER IDENTIFIED AS MONROE.

MONROE TRAVELLED ON AMERICAN AIRLINES CREDIT CARD ISSUED TO RITTER EQUIPMENT COMPANY, SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA, MADE STOPS IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA AND EL PASO AND THEN STAYED IN DALLAS, TEXAS, AREA FROM JANUARY TWENTY FOUR TO TWENTYSIX, SIXTY SEVEN, BEFORE, RETURNING TO CALIFORNIA.

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DALLAS OFFICE SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINED FROM ATTU, DALLAS, THAT ONE R. MONROE FLEW FROM SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA, TO DALLAS, FORT WORTH AREA ON EITHER JANUARY TWENTYTHREE OR TWENTYFOUR, SIXTY SEVEN FOR PURPOSE OF TRANSFERRING "LARGE SUM OF MONEY", TO UNKNOWN PERSON OR PERSONS IN THAT AREA. MONEY REPORTEDLY FOR PURCHASE OF LAND FOR CLANDESTINE TRAINING AREA FOR MINUTEMEN.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE DETERMINED ROSWELL S. MONROE BN. OCTOBER TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN TWENTYTWO. CREDIT RECORD LISTED RESIDENCE TWO NINE ONE EIGHT SHERWOOD DRIVE, SAN CARLOS, CALIFORNIA, EMPLOYED AS SALES MANAGER, RITTER COMPANY, SAN MATEO, FOR TEN YEARS. RECORDS REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA, LISTED MONROE'S HEIGHT AS SIX FT., ONE INCH. SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE FURNISHED NO INFO TO INDICATE MONROE HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH MINUTEMEN.

MONROE SURREPTITIOUSLY PHOTOGRAPHED AT EL PASO AIRPORT DURING THREE HOUR LAYOVER JANUARY TWENTY FOUR, SIXTY SEVEN.

FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OBTAINED: WMA, AGE THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY,, FIVE FT. TEN INCHES TO SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TO SEVENTY LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, LONG NARROW FACE WITH PROMINENT AQUILINE NOSE, HEAVY BEARD STUBBLE SHOWING, DARK SUIT, WHITE SHIRT, BLACK TIE, NO HAT, GLASSES WITH HEAVY DARK PLASTIC FRAMES WHICH HE TOOK OFF WHILE WAITING FOR PLANE, NEAT DRESSER.

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PHOTOS OF MONROE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BIRMINGHAM AND
MEMPHIS FOR DISPLAY TO WITNESSES. SAN FRANCISCO FURNISH THESE
OFFICES ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFO AVAILABLE RE MONROE, AND
ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF MONROE MARCH TWENTYNINE AND
THIRTY AND APRIL FOUR, LAST, UACB. COPY DALLAS AND BALTIMORE
BY AIRMAIL.

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)

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OO: ME

Re Dallas tel to Little Rock, 4/8/68.

On 4/9/68, investigation determined that the registered owner of Arkansas license AAZ-869 was DON L. or ROSA BYERS, 5111 JFK Blvd., North Little Rock, Ark., for a 1966 Ford Mustang, VIN F07T240348.

On 4/9/68, ROSA BYERS, Apt. #4, Arlington Apartments, 5111 JFK Blvd., North Little Rock, Ark., advised that she and her husband own a 1966 Ford Mustang bearing Arkansas license AAZ-869, which is brown or gold with a black vinyl top. She stated that her husband is employed for Legal Security Life in Dallas, Texas, in the Personal Relations Department. He left Little Rock on the morning of April 8, 1968, at approximately 7:30 en route to Dallas to return to his work.

She advised that he returned from Mississippi on the night of April 3, 1968, and left on the morning of April 4, 1968, to go fishing at Lake Ouachita near Hot Springs, Arkansas. He returned on the evening of April 4, 1968, at approximately 6 or 6:30 P.M. after catching a number of fish.

She described her husband as a white male, 6'2", 190 lbs., blond hair, blue eyes.

In view of the fact that the Mustang owned by the BYERS is brown with black vinyl top and that BYERS had a logical reason to be en route to Dallas and finally that he was at his residence at approximately 6 or 6:30 P.M. on 4/4/68, he is being eliminated as a possible suspect in this case and no further investigation is being conducted concerning BYERS. (44-1987)

2 Memphis
1 Dallas (44-2649)
2 Little Rock
JDC/dlg (5)

Byers was interviewed at DL on 4/10 & IT sent to Little Rock for investigation

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FBI NORFOLK

4:52PM 4/11/68 URGENT BAK

TO DALLAS (44-2649) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM NORFOLK (44-268) 1P

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RE DALLAS TELETYPES TO NORFOLK AND MEMPHIS DATED
APRIL TEN, LAST, AND APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT.

LT. S. C. WADDELL, VSP, ADVISED ON APRIL TEN, LAST,
THAT ISACC WELDON KIRK AND CREW DEPARTED FRANKLIN, VIRGINIA,
ON APRIL NINE, LAST, ENROUTE TO MANASSAS, VA., FOR SIMILAR
CONSTRUCTION JOB.

RECORDS AT AIRWAY MOTOR LODGE, FRANKLIN, VA., INDICATE
KIRK REGISTERED AT THIS MOTEL FROM MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, LAST,
TO APRIL NINE, LAST. KIRK DRIVING A FORD AUTOMOBILE BEARING
TEXAS LICENSE FLV EIGHT ONE FIVE.

CLARENCE PITTMAN, OWNER, PITTMAN WOOD AND METAL
COMPANY, COURTLAND, VA., SUPPLIED WATER PUMPS FOR KIRK'S
CONSTRUCTION JOB NEAR FRANKLIN. PITTMAN STATES THAT HE SAW
KIRK ON JOB EVERYDAY FROM MARCH TWENTY-NINE THROUGH APRIL
FIVE, LAST.

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444PM URGENT 4/10/68 NJM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, DALLAS, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS
(44-1987), AND RICHMOND
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 3P

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MR. GRANT AHRENS, TWO SEVEN THREE SIX DOLORES STREET, ANTIOCH,
CALIFORNIA, ADVISED ON APRIL NINE, LAST, AS FOLLOWS;

HE STATED THAT HE WAS TRAVELING ON BUSINESS TO DALLAS, TEXAS,
VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES ON MARCH TWO EIGHT, LAST. AT DALLAS HE BOARDED
AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT TWO NINE SIX WHICH DEPARTED DALLAS AT ONE
TWENTY P.M. FOR LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. THIS FLIGHT MADE A STOP IN
MEMPHIS.

AS AIRCRAFT PREPARED TO LEAVE MEMPHIS, AHRENS NOTED THAT A YOUNG
MAN WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS WMA, IN HIS LATE THIRTIES OR EARLY FORTIES,
APPROXIMATELY ONE FIVE ZERO TO ONE FIVE FIVE POUNDS, FIVE FEET EIGHT
INCHES TALL, SLENDER BUILD, LIGHT HAIR, POSSIBLY BLOND, WITH RECEDING
HAIRLINE, WEARING DARK GRAY CASUAL BUSINESS OR SPORTS TYPE SUIT, NO
GLASSES, NO HAT, LIGHT SHIRT, AND DARK TIE, TOOK THE SEAT DIRECTLY
TO THE REAR OF AHRENS' SEAT.

44-2649-744
AHRENS RECALLED THAT THIS AIRCRAFT WAS A SEVEN TWO SEVEN JET AND
THAT HE WAS SEATED ABOUT THE FOURTH ROW FORWARD OF THE REAR LOADING
ENTRANCE ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE, POSSIBLY SEAT NUMBER TWO ONE OR
TWO TWO.

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AHRENS STATED THAT THIS UNKNOWN MALE MADE A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT "MARTIN LUTHER KING HAS BEEN SHOT AND KILLED." AHRENS STATED HE TURNED AND LOOKED THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE FACE AND SAID, "REALLY, IS HE DEAD?" IN REPLY THE UNKNOWN MALE STATED, "YES." AHRENS COMMENTED, "THAT'S TOO BAD."

AT THE TIME AHRENS RELATED HE PLACED NO CREDENCE IN THE STATEMENT AND RECALLED NOTHING FURTHER REGARDING THIS INCIDENT OTHER THAN THAT THERE WAS SOME TYPE OF DEMONSTRATION OR MARCH IN MEMPHIS ON THAT PARTICULAR DAY. AHRENS FURTHER STATED HE WAS POSITIVE OF THE DATE AS MARCH TWO EIGHT, LAST, WHICH WAS ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE ASSASSINATION

IT WAS ALSO DETERMINED FROM AHRENS THAT THE SEATING ON THIS AIRCRAFT WAS THREE ABREAST AND IMMEDIATELY TO HIS LEFT WAS A YOUNG AIRMAN, FIRST OR SECOND CLASS, ONE NINE TO TWO ZERO YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES TALL, ONE SIX ZERO POUNDS, SLENDER BUILD, WHO HAD BOARDED THE PLANE IN DALLAS AND HAD INDICATED HE WAS RETURNING FROM VIETNAM, HAVING SERVED ON A MEDICAL EVACUATION TEAM ABOARD A HELICOPTER. THE AIRMAN WAS RETURNING TO HIS HOME IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. AHRENS COULD NOT RECALL HIS LAST NAME, BUT IT WAS A SIMPLE NAME, POSSIBLY WHITE. AHRENS STATED THAT THE AIRMAN MUST HAVE HEARD THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE

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UNKNOWN MALE SEATED DIRECTLY TO AHRENS' REAR.

ALSO, AHRENS RELATED THAT ON HIS RIGHT SAT A WM IN UNIFORM, A CAPTAIN IN THE AFGHANISTAN ARMY, WHO HAD A LONG UNPRONOUNCEABLE FIRST NAME AND LAST NAME OF JUST FOUR LETTERS, SOUNDING SIMILAR TO BEJA. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS EN ROUTE TO FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY, FOR SEVERAL MONTHS TRAINING AND DEPARTED AIRCRAFT AT LOUISVILLE.

DALLAS DETERMINE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL OCCUPYING THE SEAT TO THE REAR OF AHRENS ON FLIGHT TWO NINE SIX FROM DALLAS ON MARCH TWO EIGHT, LAST. ALSO DETERMINE IDENTITIES OF OTHER TRAVELERS MENTIONED ABOVE. IN ORDER THAT THEY CAN BE QUESTIONED BY RECIPIENT OFFICES CONCERNING IDENTITY OF UNKNOWN MALE IN THE EVENT HE IS NOT FULLY IDENTIFIED AT DALLAS.

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