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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING, APPARENTLY ABANDONED BY UNSUB, WERE A PAIR OF BROWNISH CHECKERED PRINT UNDERSHORTS AND WHITE JOCKEY TEE SHIRT BEARING CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS. THESE TAGS WERE MADE BY A THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY THE TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. THESE TAGS ARE ONE QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG, RED IN COLOR AND BEAR MARKING WHICH APPEARS TO BE "O TWO B DASH SIX" OR "D TWO B DASH SIX." ONLY A PORTION OF THE FIRST CHARACTER IS PRESENT ON EACH TAG, AND THIS CHARACTER IS CUT ON A SLIGHT BIAS. NO OTHER VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS WERE FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

IMMEDIATE CHECKS OF LOGICAL LAUNDRIES SUGGESTED BY TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY HAVE TO DATE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE.

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CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES IN YOUR DIVISIONS TO IDENTIFY
LAUNDRY USING THIS CODE AND THESE TAGS AND PURSUE LOGICAL
LEADS DEVELOPED.

IF PERTINENT LAUNDRY IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATELY ADVISE
BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY HANDLING TO INSURE
THAT THESE CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS
INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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TO DALLAS, EL PASO, AND HOUSTON
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REBUTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES APRIL EIGHT, LAST.

SAN ANTONIO WILL COVER STATEWIDE CHECKS FOR STATE
SELECTIVE SERVICE, TEXAS DPS IDENT DIVISION, AND DRIVERS
LICENSE RECORDS.

AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION RECORDS AND VOTER REGISTRATION
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FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

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NO OTHER LEADS BEING SET FORTH AT THIS TIME.

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TO MEMPHIS, HOUSTON AND MOBILE
FROM ST LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

REBUTEL TO INDIANAPOLIS AND ST. LOUIS, APRIL NINE, LAST.

RE: SUSPECT DONNIE LEON HARDEN.

FOR INFO HOUSTON AND MOBILE, ANONYMOUS CALL RECEIVED DALLAS
FROM FEMALE ALLEGING SUBJECT THIS CASE HAD ARMY SN RA [REDACTED]
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MPRC RECORDS THIS DATE ST. LOUIS SHOW SN ASSIGNED DONNIE LEON
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WITH PARENTS LEON AND ALICE HARDEN. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

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JOHNSON, DELMA BOWERS, ROBERT KENDALL, WILEY SALTER AND MABRY
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REPRESENTATION IN APPLICATION FOR HARDSHIP DISCHARGE; HE INTENDED
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HOUSTON AND MOBILE CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO
LOCATE HARDEN AND DETERMINE IF HE MAY BE LOGICAL SUSPECT.

DETAILED THREE ZERO TWO FOLLOWS.

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TO HOUSTON, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

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RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS AND
NEW ORLEANS, APRIL NINE, LAST, CONCERNING SUSPECT ERIC
STARVO GALT, AND BUTEL APRIL TEN LAST TO ALL SACS.

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INC., ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WOULD BE AT MAIN OFFICE OF COMPANY
AT FIVE ZERO ONE TWO TELEPHONE ROAD, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF HOUSTON, BIRMINGHAM OFFICE
REPORTED THAT SUSPECT GALT, DATE OF BIRTH JULY TWENTY,
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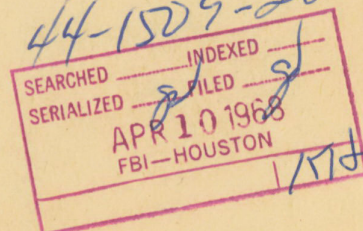
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RE HOUSTON TELETYPE APRIL TEN.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL
FINGERPRINTS JAMES HERMAN SILVER, ARMY SERVICE NUMBER
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FIVE ZERO FIVE THREE FIVE EIGHT EIGHT. NO PALM PRINTS
SILVER BUFILES. PHOTOGRAPHS OF SILVER SEPARATE.

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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
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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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Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1504)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA JAMES S. WEIR

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM

On 4/10/68, HORACE F. KUHLEMAN, owner, Kuhleman Machinery Company, 2210 Taft, advised that the following laundry and cleaning concerns utilized the thermo seal marking machine which is manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. KUHLEMAN has the exclusive franchise for the thermo seal marking machine for the territory of southeast and south Texas. It has been determined through KUHLEMAN that his distributorship area is inclusive of the Houston Division. Companies are:

Pilgrim Cleaning and Laundry, Galveston, Texas
Hi-hat Cleaners, Houston, Texas
Pilgrim Cleaners, Homestead Road, Houston
Pilgrim Cleaners, Baytown, Texas
Fame Cleaners, Pasadena, Texas
Wilkins Laundry, Conroe, Texas

*contacted by Weir 4-15
+ do not use thermo seal on laundry*
~~MONARCH LAUNDRY, HOUSTON (Mrs. A. Smith, owner)~~

~~In the presence of SA WEIR, Mr. KUHLEMAN telephoned each of the above concerns and determined from the owner the type of laundry tag used. At this time it should be noted that the following tag is the tag which is trying to be located.~~

~~02B-6 or
D2B-6~~

KUHLEMAN's inquiry resolved the pertinent fact that none of the above cleaning or laundry establishments utilized the "dash" preceding the last digit six. ~~It therefore follows that all of the above establishments have been eliminated and the lead as set forth in serial 22 has been covered.~~

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Date: 4/10/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN ; CR.

REURTEL, APRIL NINE, LAST.

HORACE F. KUHLEMAN, KUHLEMAN MACHINERY CO., HOUSTON,
EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTOR FOR THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE ADVISED
SIX THERMO SEAL MACHINES BEING USED IN HOUSTON DIVISION.

✓ ALL OWNERS CONTACTED BY KUHLEMAN IN AGENTS PRESENCE AND
NONE UTILIZING "DASH" PRECEDING LAST DIGIT ON TAG NUMBER.
SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATION BY KUHLEMAN IS THAT A MAN WHO SENDS
UNDER SHORTS AND TEE SHIRTS TO LAUNDRY IS PROBABLY A BACHELOR
AS SUCH LAUNDRY GENERALLY DONE BY HOUSEWIFE.

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Approved: KH
Special Agent in ChargeSent 8 48 MPer JSW

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Date: 4/11/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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TO: MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS (44-755)

FROM: HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN; CR.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL, APRIL TEN, LAST.

COURTNEY ALLEN, VP, SIOUX CITY AND NEW ORLEANS BARGE LINES,
HOUSTON, TEX. ADVISED CHECK OF COMPANY RECORDS ONE NINE FIVE
THREE TO DATE REFLECTS NO EMPLOYMENT RECORD FOR AN ERIC
STARVO GALT.

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Approved: Kid
Special Agent in ChargeSent 7:25 44-1509-33 MPer ju

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TO MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS (44-755)
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509) 1P

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS
FROM: HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN; CR.

WILLIAM LEO BEIER, BEAUMONT PD NO. TWO THREE SIX FIVE FIVE,
WM, SIX FT. ONE FIVE TWO LBS., GRAY HAIR, ^{BLUE}~~BLEU~~ EYES, BORN
SEPT. FOUR, THIRTY SEVEN, TUCSON, ARIZ. TATTOO "ELLA" ON
LOWER RIGHT ARM, RESIDENCE ONE ZERO ONE FOUR SPEEDWAY AVE.,
TUCSON, ARIZ., FPC TWO ONE - M - ONE - U - ZERO ZERO ZERO -
ONE SIX OVER L - ONE - U - ZERO ZERO ZERO - SEVEN, ARRESTED
APRIL EIGHT, LAST FOR INVESTIGATION. BEIER HAD NO IDENTIFICATION
AND CLAIMED WAS EX-CON FROM WASHINGTON STATE. PHOTO AVAILABLE.
BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO SEARCH BEIER'S FINGERPRINTS AGAINST
~~LATENT~~
~~SUSPECTS~~ PRINTS IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

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Special Agent in Charge

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921AM URGENT 4-11-68 JLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509) 1P

MURKIN; CR.

WILLIAM LEO BEIER, BEAUMONT PD NO. TWO THREE SIX FIVE FIVE,
WM, SIX FT. ONE FIVE TWO LBS., GRAY HAIR, BLUE EYES, BORN SEPT.
FOUR, THIRTY SEVEN, TUCSON, ARIZ. TATTOO "ELLA" ON LOWER RIGHT
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IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

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Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-1509)

FROM : ASAC KARL V. HETHERINGTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/9/68

At 10:30 p.m., 4/8/68, I received a telephone call from SA JOHN FOARDE, Legat, Mexico City, in above captioned matter. He stated he had received information indicating that an individual who resembles the description of the assassin of Dr. KING was presently on Pan American Flight No. 502, which was due to arrive in Houston at 11:59 p.m., 4/8/68. He stated this individual reportedly came to Mexico City from Honduras, however, it was not known what transportation he used from Honduras to Mexico City or what his destination was other than Houston, Texas.

He stated that the individual was traveling under the name of CLAUDE CHESTER McCLAREN, JR., and had American Passport No. [REDACTED]. The only background information available to FOARDE was that McCLAREN was born 9/12/36 in Texas.

He stated that the only information the Legat had concerning the assassination of Dr. KING was what had been published in the newspapers and, therefore, he was furnishing such information to this office for evaluation and for whatever action was deemed appropriate.

Subsequent to the receipt of my call from the Legat, I called the Houston Office and caused a search to be made of the indices concerning McCLAREN. No record was located. At that time I was advised by Security Patrol Clerk TISDALE that he had received information from Pan American relaying information which had been received from INS and the Mexican Police in Mexico City which was generally the same information as furnished by the Legat. The only exception was to the effect that McCLAREN apparently has been out of this country since 3/30/68.

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I telephonically contacted SA MAL PRICE, Night Supervisor at the Memphis Office, who stated that he would furnish this information to SAC JENSEN, who was unavailable to the writer to determine if the name McCLAREN was known to that office. He stated that possibly the description of McCLAREN may have resembled the initial sketch (artist's conception) of the assassin as prepared by a newspaper man, however, this was only a general description and it was the opinion of the Memphis Office that this artist's conception was not too accurate. He stated, however, he would contact SAC JENSEN and let this office know.

He subsequently called the Houston Office and advised that he was not suggesting any specific investigative action, however, that if McCLAREN was interviewed particular attention should be paid to his whereabouts on 3/29/68 and 3/30/68, and on 4/4/68, the date of the assassination. It is to be noted that the rifle used in the assassination had been purchased in Birmingham on either 3/29 or 3/30/68.

The writer and SA WEIR, to whom this case is assigned, immediately proceeded to the Houston International Airport where they contacted Captain THOMAS N. WHITE, pilot of Pan American Flight No. 502. Captain WHITE advised that McCLAREN was supposed to have boarded his flight in Mexico City at 10:20 p.m., however, he was detained by the Federal Police in Mexico City. However, the details were unknown to Captain WHITE. He did state, however, that McCLAREN had a ticket which indicated that he had entered Honduras on 3/30/68, and had been ticketed from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Honduras. Captain WHITE also furnished a Xerox copy of an artist's conception of the assassin which had been prepared by a member of the Federal Police in Mexico City and which had been published in a local newspaper there. He also furnished a Xerox copy of a photograph of CLAUDE McCLAREN which had been taken by a photographer at the airport in Mexico City. These are attached to this memo. It should be noted that there is a strong resemblance between the photo of McCLAREN and the artist's conception of the assassin as appearing in the Mexican newspapers, however, it is not known how reliable this sketch might be.

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I subsequently contacted SA FOARDE in Mexico City and advised him that McCLAREN had been detained in Mexico City and was not on Pan American Flight No. 502 as previously furnished to this office. He stated that he would follow this matter with the Mexican authorities.

This should be routed to SA WEIR who is handling this case.

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TO: MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL APRIL FIVE, LAST AT SEVEN FORTY FIVE AM
AND HOUSTON TEL, APRIL FIVE, LAST.

INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY W. DAVIS AND B. CHIDLOW, LAWRENCE
RAND OR REND, VINCENT WALKER AND JOHN WILLARD THROUGH PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AT ~~THE~~ HOUSTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
~~HAVE BEEN~~ NEGATIVE TO DATE. ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION ~~IS~~ BEING
CONDUCTED IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY TAXICAB DRIVERS WHO POSSIBLY
WERE AT ~~THE~~ AIRPORT AT APPROXIMATELY TWO FIFTY AM, APRIL FIVE,
LAST AT TIME DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT ARRIVED ~~AT~~ HOUSTON, TEXAS.

DCS:SJM

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Approved: KH
Special Agent in Charge

Sent Me: 12
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412PM URGENT 4-10-68 JLN

TO MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, SAN FRANCISCO.
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN

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IDENTIFY TAXICAB DRIVERS WHO POSSIBLY WERE AT AIRPORT AT
APPROXIMATELY TWO FIFTY AM, APRIL FIVE, LAST AT TIME DELTA
AIRLINES FLIGHT ARRIVED HOUSTON, TEXAS.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA DONALD C. STEINMEYER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM

In an effort to develop information concerning possible suspects in this matter who reportedly flew on Delta Airlines from Memphis, Tennessee to Houston, Texas on the night and early morning of 4/4-5/68 which flight arrived in Houston, Texas at 2:50 AM, 4/5/68 the following investigation was conducted by SAs DONALD C. STEINMEYER and OTTO T. VAN RY:

On 4/8/68 JIM HAYDEN, Limousine Service, which service handles the Houston Municipal Airport, advised that his records disclose LUPY DELAO who is currently working for Delta Airlines at the Houston Municipal Airport was on duty at the airport when the Delta Flight arrived at 2:50 AM and his records disclosed that DELAO had six persons whom he transported in his limousine to downtown Houston, which persons presumably were from the Delta flight mentioned above.

LUPY DELAO, 1815 Louis, telephone CA 8-6119 advised that he did in fact transport passengers from the Delta flight which arrived at 2:50 AM and he recalled that there were six adult white males who requested transportation in his limousine. He stated he dropped three of the men at the Sheraton Lincoln Hotel in downtown Houston, two of the men were dropped at the Rice Hotel in downtown Houston and one man was dropped at the Downtowner Motel in Houston, Texas. DELAO advised that the two men he dropped at the Rice Hotel indicated at first that they intended to be dropped at the Downtowner Motel however when getting in the vicinity of the Rice Hotel changed their minds and asked to be dropped off at the Rice Hotel. DELAO stated that these two men had very little luggage and each one carried only a small handbag. DELAO stated he could not furnish any descriptive data regarding the two men he dropped off at the Rice Hotel and did not in fact know if they actually stayed at the Rice Hotel or one of the other hotels in the area. DELAO stated that he would have arrived at the Rice Hotel at approximately 3:30 AM as this is the amount of time it normally takes to drive to the Rice Hotel from the airport via the route he took.

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On 4/8/68 Mr. JOHNNY RAGLEY, Credit Manager, Rice Hotel ~~with the assistance of SA STEINMEYER and OTTO T. VAN RY~~ personally checked all available logical records in an effort to identify two individuals who may have checked in the Rice Hotel approximately 3:30 AM on 4/5/68. Further all available records were checked for the following names:

JOHN WILLIARD
VINCENT WALKER
LAWRENCE RAND or REND
W. DAVIS
B. CHIDLOW

No records ^{were} ~~was~~ located which could possibly be identified with the two individuals possibly identical with the suspects who reportedly flew from Memphis to Houston, Texas on the morning of April 5, 1968.

Similar record checks were made at the Milby Hotel which is located across the street from the Rice Hotel and at the Downtowner Motel also in the vicinity of the Rice Hotel and the results of the checks were negative. ~~Efforts are being made to possibly determine whether any of the taxicab companies can identify a particular driver who may have picked up fares at the airport during the period of approximately 2:50 AM to 3:15 AM on the morning of April 5, 1968.~~

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AM CST URGENT 4-11-68 DMB
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), DALLAS (44-2649),
EL PASO, HOUSTON, AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL 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 SIXTYSIX MUSTANG, VIN SIX T
ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN.

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1159 AM CST URGENT 4/11/68 FLK

TO HOUSTON, JACKSON (157-1586) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM MOBILE (157-2627) 2P

MURKIN, CR 00; MEMPHIS

RE ST. LOUIS TEL. FOUR TEN SIXTYEIGHT.

RE SUSPECT DONNIE LEON HARDEN. ✓

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FOR INFORMATION OF JACKSON, ANONYMOUS CALL RECEIVED
DALLAS FROM FEMALE, ALLEGING SUBJECT. THIS CASE HAD ARMY
SERIAL NUMBER RA [REDACTED]
ST. LOUIS ADVISED THIS SERIAL NUMBER ASSIGNED DONNIE LEON
HARDEN, WHITE MALE, BORN APRIL TWENTY ONE, TWENTY EIGHT,
CONECUH COUNTY, ALA., SIX FEET ONE INCH, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY
FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, HARDSHIP DISCHARGE
FROM ARMY JUNE FOUR, SIXTYFIVE. HOME ADDRESS LISTED AS
ROUTE C, EVERGREEN, ALA., WITH PARENTS, LEON AND ALICE
HARDEN, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT, C.W. KENT, CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF,
EVERGREEN, ALA., STATED WELL ACQUAINTED WITH HARDEN AND
HIS PARENTS. HARDEN EMPLOYED INGALLS SHIPBUILDING CO.,
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PASCAGOULA, MISS., BUT SPENDS SOME WEEKENDS IN EVERGREEN WITH PARENTS. 'REPORTEDLY SEPARATED FROM HIS WIFE WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE IN HOUSTON OR DALLAS.

HOUSTON DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE HARDEN.

JACKSON CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT INGALL' SHIPBUILDING CO., PASCAGOULA, MISS., TO LOCATE HARDEN AND DETERMINE IF HE MAY BE LOGICAL SUSPECT. PENDING. .

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