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Submitted herewith is black box with caption "Browning Shotguns, Rifles, Pistols, Mauser Rifle" appearing on top of box. At end of box appears label bearing Number 130712 with marking "Caliber 243W." Further descriptive data on this label discloses it is Browning high-powered rifle, 22" barrel, light with sights, grade Safari, and SN 444915. Possibility exists that number may read "4Y4425."

Inside box is Remington Qumemaster rifle, Model 760. Number appearing on rifle is 461476. Rifle bears Redfield Tube Sight 2X7X. In addition, box contains clip which was removed from weapon by SA O. V. JOHNSON. Also contained in box is shell casing which was removed from weapon by SA O. V. JOHNSON and SAC R. G. JENSEN. Also in box is package of Peters high velocity center fire cartridges; nine cartridges in case, eleven empty slots.

This material recovered by Inspector M. E. SACHARY (NA), Memphis Police Department, in area immediately in front of 424 South Main Street. This is location Canipe Amusement Co. Box in which rifle contained was partially obscured and covered by blanket of green herringbone type material. This blanket also recovered by Inspector SACHARY. It is noted blanket has some mud stains thereon. Inspector ZACKARY advised blanket is not property of rooming house at which UNSUB stayed.

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REQUEST OF LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to examine all possible places on rifle, scope, cartridges, and box for possible evidence of finger-prints.

In connection with enclosed blanket, Laboratory requested to submit to soil examination since evidence of soil appears thereon. Also determine, if possible, nature of composition of blanket, as to whether it is synthetic or animal fiber. If possible, determine percentage of content, if it is a mixed type composition, cotton fiber, woolen fiber, or synthetic fiber. Also advise if possible any knowledge available to Laboratory as to possible manufacturer of blanket. Any other appropriate examination in connection with this blanket should be conducted by the Laboratory.

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AIRTEL #2

Re Airtel #1 submitted this date, Attn: FBI Laboratory.

In separate container there is submitted second item recovered by Inspector N. E. ZACHARY (MA), Memphis PD, in same area as rifle submitted in prior Airtel. This mipper bag was recovered in area in front of 424 South Main Street. Business located at this address is Canipe Amusement Co.

Individual items in blue mipper hag, 20×30 inches, have not been individually marked. They were all, however, recovered by Inspector ZACHARY. Contents of hag are as follows:

- $\sqrt{(1)}$ In outside mipper compartment is one small magnetic tack hammer.
- (2) Small needle-nose type pliers bearing sales tag, or identifying tag, on handle which reads either "Compage" or "Rompage" Hardware.
- (3) Georgia-Alahama Standard Oil map.
 - (4) "Commercial Appeal," Memphis newspaper, first section only, issue of April 4, 1968.
- $^{\vee}$ (5) Standard Oil V. S. map.
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When opened, blue bag has insert and enclosed in insert is one roll of toilet paper.

In bag proper is a set of binoculars, Banner by Bushnell, binocular case and a box in which binoculars in case belong. Binoculars carry magnifying 7 x 35 and No. DQ408664.

- (2) Gillette shaving kit razor, lotion, foamy cream. Right Guard, Heads Up appears purchased from Oliver Rexall Drug Store, Whitchaven, Tenn., price \$1.89.
- (3) Gray paper sack bearing York Arms Co. price tag \$41.55, dated 4/4/68. This appears to be bag in which binoculars purchased.
 - (4) One white and yellow checked towel.
 - (5) One white handkerchief, no laundry mark.
 - (6) Tube Colgate toothpaste
 - ? (7) Pair black socks
 - (8) 3 oz. can Right Guard
 - (9) 6-Transistor Channel Master Radio
 - (10) Bottle Bufferin
 - (11) String belt, gray in color.
 - (12) Brillcream
 - (13) Bottle of one-a-day Vitamins
 - (14) Cashmere Bouquet bar of soap
 - (15) Hair brush
 - (16) Dial Soap
- (17) Head and Shoulders Shampoo bearing-Liggitt-Rexall #1678, Price \$1.10.
 - \checkmark (18) Can Kiwi brown polish

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- $\sqrt{(19)}$ Palmolive Rapid Shave with Liggitt Rexall #3478, 79¢
 - (20) Loose button, marcon color
- (21) Tooth brush and safety razor
- ✓ (22) Monnin Afta
 - (23) Cameo Small toilet soap
 - (24) Two bobby pins
- 🗸 (25) 2 cans Schlitz beer in paper sack.

REQUEST OF LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to arrange for appropriate latent fingeprint examination of all items contained herein, as well as exterior and interior of blue bag, various and sundry items enclosed inside bag, and various compartments. Consider all for possibility latent fingerprint examination.

In addition to latent examination, Laboratory should conduct any appropriate Laboratory examination that will assist Memphis in determining manufacturer and distributor of any of items enclosed in blue bag.

See next page for additional Request of Laboratory.

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REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY

Laboratory requested to process all material within this outer compartment for fingerprints and conduct any other appropriate Laboratory examination to assist Memphis in ascertaining where this material came from.

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Submitted herewith under separate cover is the bullet which was removed from Dr. KING's body. It is requested the Laboratory perform the necessary examinations to determine if this bullet came from the rifle being submitted.

In addition to item mentioned above, there is submitted herewith 3 separate \$20 bills bearing the following serial numbers:

> Federal Reserve Note Series 1963 A SN F14002844A

> Federal Reserve Note Series 1963 A SN H16164663A

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These were received from BESSIE RUTH BREWER at flop house in which captioned subject stayed. Mrs. BREWER advised subject paid her this date shortly after 3:00 P.M. with a pro Dill. She does not know which of these \$20 bills subject used. Therefore, Laboratory requested to have necessary latent examination conducted on these \$20 (Encs 5)

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REPORT

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FBI FILENO

44-38861 - 56

April 10, 1968

LATENT CASE NO.

SAC, Memphis

RE: 图112114913

> Memphis airtels 4-4-68 and 4-6-68, Birmingham airtel 4-7-68, delivery of Memphis evidence by SA Robert Fitzpatrick 4-5-68 and 4-6-68, and delivery of Birmingham evidence by SA Neil P.

REFERENCE:

Shanahan 4-5-68 and SA Robert N. Butler 4-8-68

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Memphis and Birmingham

SPECIMENS:

Memphis Evidence:

Black rifle box. Q1 Remington model 760 rifle, serial #461476, with

telescopic sight and clip, Q2

Cartridge case. Q3

Nine cartridges, C4 through Q12 Large green and brown cloth, Q13

Binoculars, Q14

Blue zipper bag and contents. Q15 through Q63

Three \$20.00 bills. Q65 through Q67

Elimination fingerprints of Bessy Ruth Brewer, Q68

Pair of shorts, Q69

T-shirt, Q70

Board (part of window sill), Q71

Five cards bearing ten lifts

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Birmingham Evidence:

Remington model 700 rifle, serial #283749, Q72
Telescope sight mount, Q73
Original invoice, #2251-A, Q74
Copy of invoice, Q75
Factory box for rifle
Nine boxes of ammunition
Elimination major case prints of store clerks
Donald F. Wood and U. L. Mathew Baker
Browning rifle, serial #3700Z5
Remington model 700 rifle, serial #266009, with
tag attached to trigger guard
Remington model 788 rifle, serial #020726, with
tag attached to trigger guard

This report confirms and supplements Butels to Memphis and Birmingham 4-6-68, 4-7-68, and 4-8-68.

All evidence examined for latent prints and latent impressions of value found or developed as follows:

Memphis evidence:

One palm print on black rifle box, Q1 One fingerprint on side of rifle, Q2 One fingerprint on telescopic sight of rifle. Q2 One fingerprint on binoculars. Q14 One fingerprint on front page of Memphis newspaper "COMMERCIAL APPEAL" for 4-4-68, Q19 One fingerprint on after shave lotion bottle, part of Q24 One fingerprint on Schlitz beer can. Q53 One fingerprint on board, Q71 One fingerprint on lift marked in part "Lifted from Dresser top" One fingerprint on lift marked in part "Rt. side of fireplace (front)"

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SAC, Memphis

Birmingham evidence:

Eight fingerprints on original invoice, Q74
Seven fingerprints on copy of invoice, Q75
Three fingerprints on Federal Center Fire
Cartridge box bearing #56 H 31 D 243 B
and marked #3 in Latent Fingerprint Section
Three fingerprints and three palm prints on
factory box for rifle
Two fingerprints and one palm print on
Browning rifle, serial #3700Z5

No other latent impressions of value found or developed.

Latent palm print on rifle box, Q1, identified as right palm print of Birmingham gun store clerk, Donald F. Wood. Latent fingerprint on board, Q71, identified as fingerprint of SA Franklin L. Johnson. Eight latent fingerprints on original invoice, Q74, identified as fingerprints of Birmingham gun store clerk Wood. Six latent fingerprints on copy of invoice, Q75, identified as fingerprints of Wood and remaining latent fingerprint on copy of invoice identified as fingerprint of SA Shanahan. Three latent fingerprints and three latent palm prints on factory box for rifle identified as prints of Wood.

Remaining latent fingerprints on Memphis evidence not identical with fingerprints of SAC Robert G. Jensen, SA Fitzpatrick, SA Franklin L. Johnson, SA Orville Vernon Johnson, Nevelyn Ecdray Zachary, born in Robbs, Mississippi, or Guy Warren Canipe, born in Lufkin, Texas. Zachary and Canipe may or may not be individuals named for elimination purposes. Remaining latent prints on Birmingham evidence not identical major case prints of Wood or Baker or fingerprints of SA Shanahan.

Latent fingerprint on rifle, $\mathbb{Q}2$, identical latent fingerprint on binoculars, $\mathbb{Q}14$. Latent prints compared with each other, but no additional identifications effected.

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April 10, 1968

SAC, Memphis

Thirteen latent fingerprints and one latent palm print remain unidentified. These latent prints have been compared and found to be not identical with fingerprints, and palm prints where available, of all suspects named to date.

Three rifles listed in Birmingham airtel of 4-7-68, and major case prints of Wood and Baker being retained temporarily in LFPS. You will subsequently be advised of the disposition of these items.

Results of laboratory examination and disposition of all other submitted items subjects of separate report.

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN

44-38861 File # PC-A5780 BX Lab. # 0561212 JK EXPEDITE

FBI, Jackson (157-9586) Airtel 4-17-68 Examination requested by: ce Rose zcc Kempelun (44-1287) Examination requested: Date received: Toolmarks Result of Examination:

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Specimens submitted for examination

Schlitz beer 12-ounce size, from Southaven K169 Minnow Shop

K170 Brown paper bag from Southaven Minnow Shop

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Specimens submitted for examination

K169 Can of Schlitz beer, 12-ounce size from Southaven

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K170 Brown paper bag from Southaven Minnow Shop

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Special Agent in Charge

JN 157-9586

recall a stranger to the area purchasing a six-pack of Schlitz beer there, although they have numerous customers who have never been there before.

Under separate cover being forwarded to the Bureau is a 12 ounce, pop-top Schlitz beer can from the Southaven Minnow Shop dated "03/158". Also being forwarded is one of the aforementioned brown paper bags from that bait shop.

The Laboratory is requested to examine both items to determine the tool mark dating the beer can and the paper bag are identical with those previously submitted by Memphis. The Laboratory is requested to advise interested offices. The items need not be returned.

CONSIDER UNKNOWN SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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K170 Brown paper bag from Southhouse Minion Shops

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TO:

SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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SUBJECT:

UNSUB, aka JOHN

MARTIN LUNNER KING, JR. - VICTIM

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Reference phone call SAC Jensen to Bureau, 4/6/68.

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The numbers impressed on the tax stamps on tops of both the Q52 and Q53 beer cans were found to be 03 over 158.

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Above information furnished to SAC Jensen on 4/6/68 19 44-38861-564 NOTE:

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