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Date: 4-9-68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI
ATTENTION:
 CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-83) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
 DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.
Subject: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.

- CR EL VRA-65 CRA-64
- PA PE PF
- BM BM-Threats Racial Matters
- Klan Organization

Re: Itel 4-9-68.

Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed herewith are original and 10 copies of LHM concerning Associated Press article datelined 4-8-68 at Carbondale, Illinois, reporting 10 fire bombings in that city. Also enclosed are 2 copies of FD-376.

USA, EDI, East St. Louis; Secret Service, Springfield; and military authorities advised.

AGENCY: CR, EL, VRA, CRA, PE, PF, BM, BM-Threats, Racial Matters, Klan, Organization
HOW FORW: 8/3
DATE FORW: APR 18 1968
BY: CH/615

- 1 - Bureau (Enc.-12) (AM)
- 4 - Springfield (1: 157-838) (1: 157-816)
- (1: 157-298) (1: 66-1967)

CHG:dlw (5)

ACTION: UACB:

- No further action being taken and
 - LHM enclosed Copy furnished to USA East St. Louis.
 - LHM being submitted
 - Report being submitted
- Preliminary investigation instituted
- Limited investigation instituted

Approved: C/D Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

REC'D
DOM INTELL DIV.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Springfield, Illinois

April 5, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A Associated Press article datelined April 4, 1968, at Carbondale, Illinois, reported 13 fire bombings in that city.

Chief of Police Axel Hazel, Carbondale, Illinois, advised that 13 fire alarm calls answered by the Fire Department and the Police Department, actually on four calls, resulted in fires of any substance and these were limited in nature. He advised nine calls were false alarms. Chief Hazel advised that of the fires reported, one damaged an empty residence which is in the process of being demolished, one was damage to a small pile of salvage lumber, one fire destroyed trash in back of a grocery store, and the remaining fire resulted in limited damage to the roof of a Negro church in northeast Carbondale.

Chief Hazel stated he has reason to believe several young Negro juveniles were responsible but has not identified them to date. Hazel attributes local situation to death of Dr. Martin Luther King and continuing news coverage of King's memorial services. He also believes the recent temporary rejection by the Federal Housing Office of a site selection of a proposed 110 unit housing development in northeast section of Carbondale, which is a Negro section of the city, may have a bearing on the matter.

U. S. Attorney, Eastern District of Illinois,
East St. Louis, Illinois; Secret Service, Springfield,
Illinois; and military authorities advised.

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Date: 4/8/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-838) (P)

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ASSASINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

Re SI airtel and LHM dated 4/8/68.

RACIAL MATTERS

Chief JACK HAZEL, Carbondale, Illinois Police Department, Carbondale, Illinois, advised on 4/8/68 that unfounded rumors through employees of Tech Tape Company, state that this company will be burned tonight, 4/8/68. HAZEL has not been able to further substantiate this rumor. He also advised that JAMES EDWARD KING, FBI # 570 482 E was arrested today for wreckless driving charge, which was impeding fire truck on official duty.

KING, Negro, has been associated with the North East Negro section juveniles for the past several months and was arrested 3/4/68 on assault and battery charge by Carbondale, Illinois Police Department, disposition still pending.

Memorial services for MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. held at Carbondale 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., 4/8/68, and local schools dismissed in order that students might attend services, if so desired. Schools will also observe funeral services of KING tomorrow, 4/9/68.

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Illinois State Police, Security office, Southern Illinois University, Sheriff's Office, Jackson County, will maintain their patrols in the city of Carbondale in connection with rumors.

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Bureau will be kept advised.

- 3 - Bureau
- 5 - Springfield (2: 157-838)
- (1: 157-316)
- (1: 157-298)
- (1: 66-1937)

CHG:skt
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66 APR 25 1968
Approved: *C/DTB*
Special Agent in Charge

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FIELD DIV.

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REC'D
FBI

APR 17 4 55 PM '68

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Date: 4/11/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI ATTENTION:
 CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-838) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
 DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: RYANITE AT CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS, IN CONNECTION
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

G. H. [unclear]

- CR EL VRA-65 CRA-64
- PA PE PF
- BM BM-Threats Racial Matters
- Klan Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Re SI airtel to Bureau 2/8/68 and SI teletype to Bureau 4/3/68.

Enclosed herewith are the original and 10 copies of a LHM concerning unfounded rumor that Teen Tape Company, Carbondale, Ill., would be burned and info re one JAMES KING, FBI #5704827. Also enclosed are 2 copies of M-LHM.

Copies of the LHM have been disseminated to USA, E.D., East St. Louis, Ill.; Secret Service, Springfield, Ill.; OSI, Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.; MI, Evanston, Ill.; and NISC, Chicago, Ill.

- ① - Bureau (Enc. 10) (RM)
- ② - Springfield (2: 157-838) (1: 157-310) (1: 157-298) (1: 66-1987)

CHG:mpb
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ACTION: UACB:

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- LHM enclosed Copy furnished to USAMAST ST. LOUIS
- LHM being submitted
- Report being submitted
- Preliminary investigation instituted
- Limited investigation instituted

CLOSURE

REC-71

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Carbondale, Illinois
April 11, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Chief JACK WAZEL, Carbondale, Illinois, Police Department, advised on April 8, 1968, that unfounded rumors had been received by the manager of the Tech Tape Company, Inc. Illinois Avenue, Carbondale, Illinois, through some of his employees that the Tech Tape factory would be burned that night. WAZEL stated they had not seen any one give any credence to the rumor, through contact with his source.

Chief WAZEL also advised that one JAMES HOWARD KING, FBI #3794827, was arrested at 1:30 p.m. April 8, 1968, at Carbondale, Illinois on a reckless driving charge. WAZEL stated KING had been observed to drive his car in front of a fire truck on official duty and then abandoning the vehicle and fleeing. KING, according to WAZEL, had been associating with negro juveniles of the northeast section of Carbondale for the past several months. KING was previously arrested on an assault and battery charge by the Carbondale Police Department March 1, 1968 and the case is still pending, WAZEL stated.

Chief JACK WAZEL, Carbondale Illinois Police Department, advised on April 8, 1968, that employees of the Tie Processing Plant, in northeast Carbondale, had discovered and reported to him that gas had been stolen from their cars during the day. Chief WAZEL stated that he did not know who was responsible for this, but that in view of the existing rumors to "burn Carbondale", he is taking all precautions to avoid trouble.

The following have been advised of the above:

United States Attorney
Eastern District of Illinois
Federal Building
East St. Louis, Illinois

44-38861-2723X36

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REPORTS AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS REGARDING
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Region I
113th MI Group
2231 Howard Street
Evanston, Illinois

Secret Service
Springfield, Illinois

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

April 11, 1968

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph has been furnished enclosed is not available
 may be available through _____

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form
becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

May 2, 1968

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

ST. LOUIS WILL PROVIDE FULL COVERAGE AT THE GRAPEVINE TAVERN TO DETERMINE IF THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE TAVERN IS POSSIBLY ENGAGED IN ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES WHATSOEVER. ALONG THESE LINES, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN IF THE TAVERN IS POSSIBLY LICENSED AND IS CONFORMING WITH PRESENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THEM. THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING INFORMATION WHICH CAN BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH INTERVIEWS TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT. KANSAS CITY HAS ADVISED THAT SUBJECT RAY UTILIZED THE ALBERT PEPPER STATIONERY COMPANY, SEVEN ONE TWO A SHENANDOAN STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AS A MEANS OF GETTING MONEY OUT OF PRISON, ALLEGEDLY PURCHASING STATIONERY. ST. LOUIS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY OBTAIN A LISTING OF ALL TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT FOR PERIOD APRIL TWENTYTHREE SIXTYSEVEN TO THE PRESENT TIME, MAKING THIS A CONTINUING PROJECT UNTIL OTHER WISE ADVISED BY THE BUREAU.

1 - MEMPHIS

REL: pby (4)

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO....

- Tolson
- DeLoach
- Mohr
- Bishop
- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
- Felt
- Gale
- Rosen
- Sullivan
- Tavel
- Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Holmes
- Gandy

FBI
 COMMUNICATION SECTION
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REC 5 44-2-1-272
 EX 109

19 MAY 3 1968

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

REC'D DE LOACH
FBI

MAY 2 5 20 PM '68

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MAY 2 10 56 AM '68

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MAY 2 5 27 PM '68

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FBI

TELETYPE TO SAC, ST. LOUIS

RE: MURKIN

ALL TELEPHONE CALLS MUST BE THOROUGHLY CHECKED OUT TO DETERMINE ANY CONTACT BY THE SUBJECT. IF GRAND JURY IS NOT IN SESSION TO SUBPOENA RECORDS, YOU SHOULD INSURE THAT REVIEW OF RECORDS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH FULL SECURITY AND THE BUREAU'S INTEREST WILL BE FULLY PROTECTED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

NOTE: Kansas City has advised that Ray has utilized the Albert Pepper Stationery Company of St. Louis, Missouri, as a means of getting money out of the prison. St. Louis being instructed to obtain telephone calls from this business. St. Louis also being instructed to fully cover the Tavern as owned and operated by subject's relatives and to ascertain if illegal activities involved and to establish the Tavern operating in compliance with regulations.

- 2 -

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Long

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: May 2, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. McDonough
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Trotter
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Gale

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

It has been previously reported that Ray spent a brief period in the penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, in 1952 when Louis Lomax was an inmate at Joliet. It has been determined that Ray was in the diagnostic clinic and Lomax was in the vocational school. It does not appear that they would have had any contact.

In a news article published in Los Angeles, Louis Lomax alleged the FBI had telephone company records for telephone booths at the St. Francis Hotel and would not make the records available to him. It is noted we have obtained information from the telephone company as to calls made from all public telephones in the St. Francis Hotel. Prior to publishing his article, Lomax contacted the Los Angeles Office and inquired as to whether the FBI had any telephone records. He was referred to the press release made in this case by the Bureau and informed that no other information could be made available to him.

Charles Stein advised that he was not able to locate the Texas telephone booth allegedly used by Ray although it is noted a "Newsweek" representative told the telephone company Lomax and Stein had located a telephone at Uvalde, Texas, used by Ray to call New Orleans between 6 p. m. and 9 p. m., 12/16/67. The telephone company has no record of such a call.

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Stein stated he received no money from Lomax or any newspaper source although he claimed he had been promised up to \$200,000; he declined to say who had made this offer. Stein said he has been conned, duped, used, and made a mark by the newspapers. He advised he is presently so confused about the trip he made to New Orleans with Ray in December that he cannot distinguish between the facts and the newspaper stories he has read.

WLM:vea
(13)

STUB: SPS

MURKIN

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5-16-78

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MAY 2 9 34 AM '68

RECEIVED DIRECTOR
F. B. I.

MAY 2 9 48 AM '68

FBI
REC'D BISHOP

MAY 2 2 18 PM '68
REC'D DE LOACH
F B I

REC'D
MAY 2 11 59 AM '68

Plotter

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Charles De Carvelho, New Orleans, close friend of Charles Stein, advised that he and Stein are close friends of District Attorney James Garrison and all are members of the New Orleans Chess Club. Five or six years ago Garrison allegedly told De Carvelho that Stein was a good boy but kept bad company.

John Eugene Gawron, also known as Uncle Jack, St. Louis, advised he taught Ray burglary and taught him to always use gloves; therefore, he cannot understand Ray's apparent failure to use gloves in this case. Gawron said he was closely associated with Ray in 1958 and 1959 and participated with him in out-of-town burglaries. He never knew Ray to pull a job alone.

Gawron related that Ray has a tendency to lisp or stutter which is most apparent in connection with his bashfulness when he first meets any female. Gawron also said Ray can drink an enormous quantity of whiskey without noticeable effect and preferred Laurel Springs Bourbon with sweet soda.

Gawron denied any contact with Ray since 1959 and expressed the opinion Ray is in Europe because he once said he would like to go to Spain.

James W. Brown stated he knew Ray in Missouri State Penitentiary from 1963 to 1965. He recalled that when President Kennedy was killed Ray made a statement to the effect "that is one nigger loving S. O. B. that got shot." According to Brown, Ray became aggravated over newspaper accounts of Martin Luther King's demonstrations and would curse King and the Negroes stating that King could get the Government to do anything he wanted it to do.

Brown heard it rumored that Ray killed three Negroes in prison and in the fall of 1963 Ray told Brown he was going to kill Martin Luther King, Jr., when he got out of prison. Ray allegedly said Cooley (phonetic) or Cooley's organization would pay \$10,000 to have King killed. Brown could not identify Cooley.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Brown recalled that Ray seemed to be well supplied with money and allegedly received money regularly from outside the prison. Ray never discussed his past but he did talk to Brown about tunneling out of prison and hiding in a cave somewhere in Virginia. The only foreign country mentioned to Brown by Ray was Liberia where Ray said he had a brother-in-law who was making large sums of money.

Lieutenant John Gruver, Sheriff's Office, Tucson, Arizona, telephoned the Bureau, 5/2/68. He advised that he is taking a close interest in this case and in view of news reports that Ray might be in Australia he telephoned the Chief of Police at Sydney, Australia, 5/1/68, to determine if he had any information concerning Ray. Gruver said the Chief of Police at Sydney told him a man they had in custody on some other charge might be identical with Ray. Gruver did not know the name of this prisoner. This is being expeditiously checked out.

ACTION:

The investigation continues to receive top priority attention.

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PLAINTEXT

5-2-68

TELETYPE

URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

TO SACS BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)
KANSAS CITY
SPRINGFIELD
ST. LOUIS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE MAY ONE LAST, NO COPIES
ST. LOUIS, CONCERNING INTERVIEW OF JAMES W. BROWN AND
INFORMATION HE FURNISHED REGARDING RAY'S COMMENT THAT
COCLEY (PHONETIC) OR COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION WOULD PAY TEN
THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HAVE KING DEAD. FOR INFORMATION OF
ST. LOUIS, BROWN WAS INMATE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FROM
APRIL NINETEEN SIXTY THROUGH JUNE NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND
ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES EARL RAY WHILE IN PRISON.

BIRMINGHAM REINTERVIEW BROWN THOROUGHLY REGARDING
RAY'S STATEMENT TO OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO
COCLEY. DETERMINE ANYONE ELSE FAMILIAR WITH THAT STATEMENT

AND IF COOLEY WAS IN OR OUT OF PRISON AT THE TIME. ATTEMPT TO
ESTABLISH WHERE RAY KNEW COOLEY.

FJH:erg

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SEE NOTE PAGE COMMUNICATION SECTION

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REC'D DE LOACH
FBI

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REC'D DE LOACH
FBI

TELETYPE UNIT

MAY 2 3 20 PM '68

TO SACS BIRMINGHAM
MEMPHIS
KANSAS CITY
SPRINGFIELD
ST. LOUIS

RE: MURKIN.

ALL OTHER OFFICES WHEN INTERVIEWING RAY'S PRISON
ASSOCIATES, ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY
COOLEY OR INFORMATION WHICH WOULD SUBSTANTIATE OR ELIMINATE
THE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO RAY.

NOTE:

Birmingham interviewed James W. Brown, who knew subject Ray when both were confined in Missouri State Prison. Brown advised Ray had commented that Cooley (phonetic) or Cooley's organization would pay \$10,000 to have King dead. The name Cooley previously has not come to our attention, and offices contacting prison associates of Ray being instructed to thoroughly explore this information. Brown unable to furnish any identifying data concerning Cooley.

FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 2 1968

FBI MEMPHIS

TELETYPE

1053 AM URGENT 5-2-68 SAB
TO DIRECTOR, AND CHICAGO
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL ELEVEN FORTY PM, MAY ONE PAST.

INFO ON PAGE TWO RETEL MAKES COMMENT TO EFFECT JERRY RAY
STATED HE RECEIVED NO INDICATION IN CONVERSATION WITH JOHN OR
CAROL THAT THEY AWARE OF SUBJECT'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OR WHERE-
ABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE UNTIL SEPTEMBER ONE LAST.

REQUEST CHICAGO CLARIFY INFO SINCE MEMPHIS HAS NO DATA
TO DISCLOSE THAT BROTHER JOHN OR SISTER CAROL HAD PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE AS
TO WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT. INFO AVAILABLE AT MEMPHIS DISCLOSES
THAT SUBJECT PROBABLY IN BIRMINGHAM AT THAT TIME.

REQUEST CHICAGO ADVISE HOW JOHN OR CAROL KNEW WHEREABOUTS
SUBJECT, DID SUBJECT CONTACT THEM BY TELEPHONE, IN PERSON, OR BY
LETTER? IF CONTACT WAS MADE FROM BIRMINGHAM, DETERMINE IF POSSIBLE
WHETHER OR NOT INFO AVAILABLE INDICATING SUBJECT RESIDED AT
HIGHLAND AVENUE ADDRESS OR DID HE HAVE NEW ADDRESS.

SUTEL.

AM COPIES TO ATLANTA, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM.

A & D. P

END.

LCC

FBI WASH DC

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 2, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561869 JK**

Examination requested by: **Los Angeles**
Reference: **Airtel 4/26/68**
Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q296 and Q297.

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MAILED 4
MAY 2 - 1968
COMM-FBI

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

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DIVISION
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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**
Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Date: **May 2, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561869 JK**

Specimens received **4/30/68**

Q296 White envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF. PM 24 APR 1968" bearing typewritten address "FBI 1340 West 6th Street Los Angeles, Calif."

Q297 Piece of paper to which is attached a mailing address sticker for "Mr. Eric S. Galt 1535 N. Serrano L. A. 90027"

Result of examination:

Specimens Q296 and Q297 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

The typewritten impressions on Q296 and Q297 differ from each other and from those impressions appearing on items received in this case attributed to Eric S. Galt.

Q296 and Q297 are temporarily retained. Photographs were made.

- Tolson _____
- DeLoach _____
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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 2 1968

FBI CHICAGO

TELETYPE

1059AM URGENT 5/2/68 EOM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE "TONY DEXTER." AS BUREAU AWARE, SYDNEY FINLEY, NAACP,
CHICAGO, ON NOVEMBER THREE, SIXTYSIX, INFORMED FBI, CHICAGO, HE
HAD RECEIVED ANONYMOUS CALL THAT "TONY DEXTER," AN "EMPLOYEE OF
THE CITY OF CHICAGO WORKING FOR CITY OF CHICAGO ASPHALT COMPANY,"
WAS AWARE OF INDIVIDUAL OFFERING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR
ASSASSINATION OF KING.

INVESTIGATION HAS DISCLOSED CITY OF CHICAGO HAS NOT
EMPLOYED ANYONE WITH LAST NAME DEXTER AND CHECKING OF POSSIBLE
ASPHALT COMPANIES HAS BEEN COMPLETELY NEGATIVE. LOGICAL SOURCES,
INCLUDING CREDIT AND POLICE CHECKS TOTALLY NEGATIVE. FBI FILES,
CHICAGO, NEGATIVE. LOGICAL UNION RECORDS NEGATIVE, INCLUDING
MUNICIPAL AND ASPHALT LOCALS. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT NEGATIVE.

IN VIEW OF ANONYMITY OF ALLEGATION, LACK OF REAL SUBSTANCE,
AND NEGATIVENESS OF INQUIRY, CHICAGO ELIMINATING "TONY DEXTER"
FROM FURTHER MURKIN INVESTIGATION, UACR.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

LCC

FBI WASH DC

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[Handwritten signature]

EX-100 REC-40

12 MAY 3 1968

5/3 - Sup. [unclear] was advised to take Finley into custody and attempt to identify [unclear]. This would be [unclear] 5/3

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TELETYPE UNIT
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MAY 2 12 50 PM '68

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CABLEGRAM

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1 - Mr. Long *Long*

TO: CHIEF OF POLICE
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT A PERSON RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY MAY BE IN YOUR CUSTODY. PLEASE REFER TO OUR IDENTIFICATION ORDER NUMBER FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO REGARDING SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY NOW IN YOUR POSSESSION FOR POSSIBLE ELIMINATION PURPOSES. PLEASE ADVISE BY CABLEGRAM OF RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION. SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - LEGAT, MANILA VIA AIR MAIL

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

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NOTE: St. John Gruver, Tucson, Arizona, Sheriff's Office advised Bureau 5/2/68 he was in telephonic contact with Chief of Police, Sydney, Australia, on 5/1/68, and the Chief advised him they have an individual in custody, name unknown, who may be identical with subject Ray. It has been determined that Legat Manila is presently on leave and will not return to his post until 5/5/68. Chief of Police, Sydney, Australia, who is in possession of our IO, is being requested to ascertain if the person whom he has in custody is possibly identical with our subject.

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CABLEGRAM

IMMEDIATE

1 - Mr. Long

TO: LEGAT, MANILA
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

LT. JOHN GRUVER, TUCSON, ARIZONA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ADVISED BUREAU THIS DATE HE WAS IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH CHIEF OF POLICE, SIDNEY, AUSTRALIA, ON MAY ONE, LAST, AND COP ADVISED HIM THEY HAVE INDIVIDUAL IN CUSTODY, NAME UNKNOWN, WHO MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY, FUGITIVE IO FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO, SUBJECT OF THIS CASE.

IMMEDIATELY CONTACT COP, SIDNEY, AUSTRALIA, AND DETERMINE IF THIS UNKNOWN PERSON IS IDENTICAL WITH RAY, AND SUCAB. PHOENIX ADVISED BY MAIL.

1 - Phoenix (airmail) (info)

1/1- Foreign Liaison

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. Lt. Gruver telephonically advised Extra Duty Supervisor H. G. Rowse of the above. Gruver's telephone number is 602 325-1850.

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1 - Mr. McDonough

TO: SACS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY
MEMPHIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH,
SPRINGFIELD

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

IT IS NOTED THAT SUBJECT APPARENTLY WAS NEAT IN HIS
DRESS AND REGULARLY UTILIZED LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING
SERVICES.

THE ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON, MEMPHIS, MOBILE AND
SAVANNAH OFFICES SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO CIRCULARIZING

IO'S AND/OR WANTED FLYERS TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY
CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN YOUR HEADQUARTERS CITY AND
OTHER LOGICAL POINTS IN YOUR TERRITORY. IN THE OTHER
OFFICES THIS CIRCULARIZATION MAY BE LIMITED TO SUCH
ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE LARGER CITIES AT THIS TIME. IT IS
SUGGESTED THAT THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED IN THE LOWER
CLASS ROOMING HOUSE AREAS BE CONTACTED FIRST. IN ADDITION
PERSONAL CONTACT FOR PURPOSE OF SHOWING SLICK PHOTOGRAPHS

OF SUBJECT SHOULD BE UTILIZED WHERE JUSTIFIED.

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TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY
MEMPHIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH,
SPRINGFIELD

RE: MURKIN

MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY FURNISH EACH OFFICE SUFFICIENT
BACKGROUND REGARDING LAUNDRY MARKINGS AND ANY OTHER
PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE LAUNDRY ASPECTS OF THIS CASE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

NOTE: In view of the fact that the subject in the past
frequently utilized laundries and dry cleaning services and
has been described as neatly dressed, the designated offices
are being instructed to intensify laundry coverage by displaying
the slick photographs of the subject previously furnished those
offices. This coverage may possibly assist in his location and
apprehension.

and

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RS*

DATE: May 1, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the night of 5-1-68, SA Louis Sims, Intelligence Division, Secret Service, Washington, D.C., telephonically furnished the following information to Extra-Duty Supervisor H.E. Helgeson.

At approximately 7 p.m., 5-1-68, he received a call from an individual identifying himself as Bailey Mann Sandlin, 77 East Amelia Street, Orlando, Florida. Sandlin described himself as a white male, born [redacted] and divorced. Sandlin stated that at approximately 8:30 a.m., 4-26-68, as he approached his office at 1906 West Colonial in Orlando he observed a man sitting in a car under the carport at his office. Sandlin approached this individual and asked if he could help him. The individual stuck a snubnose in his face and said "You ain't never seen me" and drove off. He was in a 1967 or 1968 dark blue Chevrolet bearing a Florida license, partially recorded by Sandlin as 7W15. Sandlin thought this individual appeared to be identical with James Earl Ray. He was interviewed by Special Agents of the Orlando FBI Office but was calling today because he felt the Vice President should have this information. In addition, he told Sims that he had seen the same car circling his house three times on the night of 4-29-68. He also told Sims that he thought Charlotte McDaniels, Sandlin's girl friend, knows something about the King killing. Sandlin was calling Secret Service from the Mt. Dora Motel, Mt. Dora, Florida.

Supervisor Lee Bellanger, Tampa Office, advised that on 4-26-68, Agents at Orlando interviewed Sandlin who furnished them with the information concerning the man observed under the carport at his office. At that time Agents noted he was very vague and when pressed for a description of the man he observed, he hesitated and then carefully scrutinized one of the interviewing Agents and related the description of this Agent. The Agents followed up and checked with Sandlin's secretary for any information she might have and she advised them that she had not been at the office that morning. She said that Sandlin was an alcoholic and when drinking suffered from hallucinations. Supervisor Bellanger also stated that Agents later in the day on 4-26-68, observed Sandlin in a very intoxicated condition.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: MURKIN

Supervisor Fred Buol, Jacksonville Office, advised on 4-29-68, the Jacksonville Office had received a call from Sandlin at the Mt. Dora Motel in which he related similar information as that furnished to the Orlando Agents. The Jacksonville Agent observed that Sandlin appeared to be intoxicated at that time.

ACTION:

Tampa and Jacksonville have been instructed to submit the results of their contacts with Sandlin.

5-2-68

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2-1-2735 1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SACs, Jacksonville
Tampa

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Bailey Mann Sandlin - complainant, 77 East
Amelia Street, Orlando, Florida.

Re Bureau telephone calls to Jacksonville and
Tampa 5-1-68.

Although the license number of the automobile
Sandlin referred to was allegedly partially recorded as
7W15, Jacksonville should attempt to determine through
state records whether 7W15 could be a complete number;
and if so, set out appropriate leads.

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Box 113 County Home R.D.
Una, S.C.
April 24, 1968

Dir, of F.B.I.
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FBI Building
Washington, D.C.

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I would like some infirmation of the Death of Martin Luther King. I would like to know. Where He was assassinated. Where He was Berried. and Where his furinal was heald. and Who was there. Where was he at. What dat was he shot.

Sincerely,
Donald Hild

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Box 113 County Home
Una, S.C.
April 24, 1968.

Dir, of F.B.I.
Edgar Hoover
FBI Building
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I would like some information of the Death
of Martin Luther King. I would like to know
where He was assassinated. Where He was Buried,
and where his funeral was held, and who
was there. Where was he at. What date was
he shot.

Sincerely
Donald Hild

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44-1987-12

Mr. Donald Hild
Box 113, County Home
Una, South Carolina 29378

Dear Mr. Hild:

In response to the inquiries in your letter of April 24th, Martin Luther King was shot and killed at the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4th. The funeral was held on April 9th in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was interred on that date. You may wish to consult your local newspaper for an account of those in attendance at the funeral.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel 4/25/68, regarding cars stolen from Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68.

No vehicles have been recovered in the Philadelphia Field Division that were stolen in the state of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68.

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- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Atlanta (44-2386)
- 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ✓

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh
4/26/68 regarding Mrs. JO ANN CROSS - Complainant.

JO ANN CROSS was interviewed and her letter
orally acknowledged.

CROSS could furnish no additional information
to elaborate on the letter which was furnished as enclosures
to re Bureau airtel and could furnish no information of
specific value.

Her total information appeared to consist of
assumptions on her part formed from overhearing parts of
a conversation of individuals who were discussing the
recent murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

CROSS was unable to make a positive identification
of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY with anyone whom she
observed on the bus as mentioned in her letter.

3 - Bureau (44-38861)
1 - Pittsburgh
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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C. C. - Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

Reference is made to New York airtel to Bureau dated 4/28/61 and Bureau airtel to New York dated 5/1/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 5/1/61 and captioned as above.

The LHM contains information regarding the activities of [Illegible] in New York City during the period 4/28/61 to 5/1/61.

Very truly yours,
[Illegible Signature]

Enclosure

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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989) (RM)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reurairtel, dated 4/17/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a Xerox copy of a news item from the "Grand Rapids Herald" newspaper, dated 8/18/51, re Doctor DOUGLAS D. BLOCKSMA.

The 1966 Grand Rapids City Directory lists DOUGLAS D. BLOCKSMA, wife NANCY M., residing at 2523 Union, SE. His occupation is listed as Psychologist, with offices at 1328 Madison, SE.

The records of the Merchants Service Bureau, 190 Monroe, NW, Grand Rapids, as made available by Mrs. JANET STILES, Reporting Division, to SA EDWIN JOHN LANGE, revealed that Doctor DOUGLAS D. BLOCKSMA, 2523 Union, SE, Grand Rapids, wife NANCY, is approximately 51 years of age. He has been in the Credit Bureau files since 1949. He is a native of Grand Rapids and attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. From 1942 to 1946 he was in the military service first as a Psychologist with the Classification Department and secondly with the Psychiatric Service of the Navy.

In 1949 Doctor BLOCKSMA was named the Director of Pupil Personnel in the City of Grand Rapids Public Schools when that position was created. He served in that capacity for six years and then resigned to enter private practice. Doctor BLOCKSMA specializes in psychological services to private industry. He also served on the night faculty of Hope College in Holland, Michigan, beginning in 1955.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)
 1 - Detroit
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ENCLOSURE

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

79 MAY 19 1968 Special Agent in Charge

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