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Other news items in Doctor BLOCKSMA's file described him as a national figure in YMCA activities. He was named Chairman of the YMCA National Committee 1957, and in 1957 a news item stated he had been a Director of the Board of the YMCA since 1953.

A news item dated 8/18/51 from the now defunct "Grand Rapids Herald" newspaper mentioning his appointment as the Pupil Personnel Director and contained a photo of Doctor BLOCKSMA. It also mentioned his obtaining a Master's Degree at the University of Michigan and having taught at Ohio State University, the University of Michigan, Western Michigan College of Education, and the University of Chicago.

For the information of the Bureau, Doctor BLOCKSMA is widely known in Grand Rapids. In view of the developments in this case, Doctor BLOCKSMA's background, and the fact there would not be any way of determining Doctor BLOCKSMA's whereabouts during the period 3/29-4/4/68 without direct contact with him or someone in his office, it is felt that further efforts in this matter would not be in the best interests of the Bureau. Therefore, no further investigation will be conducted UACB.

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Cross Index to Record of

D. BLOKUSMA

Name

Address

Grand Rapids Press
Doctor's Degree

Dr. D. Blokusma, Director of Guidance in Grand Rapids Public Schools, has completed research for a PhD degree at the University of Chicago.

He received his master's degree at the University of Michigan. He was teacher at Old State University, and the University of Michigan, Western Michigan College of Education, and the University of Chicago. He also had three years of experience in public school guidance work at Godwin Heights and Flint.

DIRECTOR 2 YEARS

He has been director of guidance in Grand Rapids public schools for the past two years, where he has supervision of counselors in the schools and in Junior College. He does some direct guidance work with young people and their parents and has charge of inservice training of teachers in his field. During the summer he has had charge of inservice training of 24 teachers who worked with children at Camp Stedfast as counselors and camp staff.

Blokusma was in service from 1942 to 1949, first as a psychologist with the Army Classification Department and later as a psychologist with the Navy Psychiatric Service.

DR. D. BLOKUSMA

He is a member of several psychological organizations. He received his doctorate from the University of Chicago in 1959 at 1:00 p. m. in Rockefeller Chapel on the campus.

He had received his bachelor's degree at Calvin College and his

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 ATfile 100-5718

ASSASSINATION OF DR.
 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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 ATfile 157-3094

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10/12/01 SP, CLK/gth

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau 4/23/68 captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies, for Chicago, Memphis, New York, and WFO two, copies of LHM.

Source referred to is AT 1387-R.

Source utilized to characterize HOSEA WILLIAMS is NY 4171-S*. Sources utilized to characterize HUNTER PITTS O'DELL are NY 4171-S* and NY 694-S*.

NO ACTION SHOULD BE PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY AT 1387-R WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE HIS SECURITY. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY AT 1387-R MUST BE CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. THE FOREGOING RESTRICTION AND CLASSIFICATION ARE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THIS SOURCE ENJOYS AN EXTREMELY DELICATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SCLC.

The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it contains information furnished by NY 694-S*. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

4- Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
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 (1 - ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
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 (1-170-2204) (1-157-2324) (1-100-6974) (B. LAFAYETTE WILLIAMS)
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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTER

On April 22, 1968, a confidential source advised he had recently learned that subsequent to the death of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Bernard Lafayette, Program Administrator, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC, have on more than one occasion commented to SCLC Executive Staff members that it can be anticipated other members (not identified) of SCLC's Executive Staff might die as a result of violence in the continuing civil rights struggle. They have pointed out that the continuing civil rights struggle will require the utilization of economic pressures (not specified) which will result in conflicts of interests in the Nation's economy.

With reference to the death of Reverend King, some members of the SCLC Executive Staff feel the shooting of Reverend King was the work of a mentally unbalanced person. While others appear to have an open mind regarding this matter, a minority of the staff feel it is quite plausible that the shooting of Reverend King was directly or indirectly instigated by President Lyndon B. Johnson and/or members of his administration. In support of this line of thinking these members maintain that Reverend King's status as a powerful civil rights leader, his staunch opposition to the Viet Nam War, and potential to embarrass the current administration through SCLC's pending Poor People's Campaign, have undoubtedly irked the President and his administration for an appreciable time.

Source could furnish no further details regarding the above matter, but expressed the opinion that such thinking might be the result of an emotional reaction to a catastrophe, coupled with a distrust of "the establishment".

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Atlanta, Georgia
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Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
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ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference RACIAL MATTER

Atlanta Memorandum dated and captioned
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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HOSEA WILLIAMS

During October, 1964, a confidential source advised that on October 3, 1964, RUTH BAILEY, then an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), Harlem, New York Office, while discussing several SCLC personalities with one CONNIE CAMPBELL, referred to WILLIAMS. BAILEY said WILLIAMS had mentioned to her (date not specified) that on a prior occasion (date not specified) HUNTER PYTTS O'DELL had told him more about politics than he could read. (u)

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

In July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, also known as JACK H. O'DELL, was considered by the Communist Party, USA, as a member of its National Committee. (u) (c)

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL told EDWINA SMITH December 27, 1963, he would not go back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the same basis because he is now a "left person" and if they cannot accept him the way he is then they will have to forget about him. (u) (c)

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ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL AND CHICAGO SUMMARYTEL BOTH MAY ONE LAST.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON. INFO FURNISHED BY JERRY RAY
CONCERNING GAWRON WAS VOLUNTEERED BY HIM WITH STATEMENT THAT
GAWRON WAS AN INDIVIDUAL HE PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE TOLD AGENTS
ABOUT BEFORE SINCE HE WAS AWARE THAT GAWRON HAD SERVED TIME
WITH SUBJECT. JERRY OF OPINION SUBJECT WOULD NOT CONTACT
GAWRON BUT BELIEVES SUBJECT KNOWS GAWRON WELL AND CONSIDERS HIM
TO BE SLIGHTLY "STIR CRAZY." NO INFORMATION ELICITED FROM
JERRY INDICATING THAT GAWRON AND SUBJECT PARTICIPATED IN
BURGLARIES TOGETHER. CHICAGO WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP FROM
JERRY HIS KNOWLEDGE AS TO CLOSENESS OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN
SUBJECT AND GAWRON. THIS WILL NOT BE DONE BY DIRECT INQUIRY
BUT DISCREETLY SO AS NOT TO COMPROMISE GAWRON'S POSSIBLE USE
AS SOURCE. NOTE THAT JERRY OF LIMITED MENTAL CAPACITY. IN
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INTERVIEWS JERRY EXPRESSES NO PERSONAL OPINION OF SUBJECTS ACTION IN KILLING BUT CONTINUALLY SETS OUT OPINIONS FROM NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER SOURCES THAT SUBJECT INNOCENT OF CRIME. STATES BOTH CAROL AND JOHN ALSO OF OPINION SUBJECT "SET UP" AND USED AS "FALL GUY" IN MURKIN; HOWEVER THEY GIVE NO REASON FOR OPINION OTHER THAN NEWS MEDIA.

JERRY CONTINUALLY DENIES POSSIBILITY THAT JOHN AIDED SUBJECT IN ESCAPE AND CAN OFFER NO INDIVIDUALS CLOSE ENOUGH TO SUBJECT WHO WOULD TAKE THAT CHANCE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Enclosed for latent fingerprint examination and typewriting comparison with samples previously submitted in captioned matter are the following:

1. One photograph of ERIC S. GALT, taken approximately August 1967 - February 1968.
2. Typewritten letter dated 2/17/68 addressed "Dear Miss:" and signed "ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Calif., 90028, Phone number 464-1131."
3. Typewritten advertisement sent to "Los Angeles Free Press" by ERIC S., with return address 406 So. 2nd Avenue, Alhambra, 91802.

Also submitted to the Bureau is one copy of the 2/2/68 issue of the "Los Angeles Free Press." On page 27, column 7, item 2, appears the advertisement submitted by ERIC S.

The copy of the advertisement submitted to the "Los Angeles Free Press" was furnished to SA's JAMES PACE and EUGENE B. MC CARTHY on 5/2/68 by GENE TURNER, Accountant, "Los Angeles

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Free Press", 938 North Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles.

It is requested that enclosures 1, 2 and 3 be returned to the Los Angeles Office for return to the respective donors. These enclosures were handled by numerous individuals during the normal course of business, both at the Postal Inspector's office and the "Los Angeles Free Press."

It is to be noted that the address 402 South 2nd Avenue, Alhambra, California, is a mail forwarding service subscribed to by ERIC S. GALT, according to information furnished by C. M. HEDGPETH, owner of this service, on 4/14/68.

Polaroid Corporation, Los Angeles, advised that the number H 716664 on reverse side of film indicates the date of manufacture. H indicates the month of August, and the 7 indicates 1967. Polaroid Corporation advised that they keep no record of distribution of film.

Two witnesses at Los Angeles have viewed the enclosed photograph and stated that it is an extremely good likeness of the subject. The Bureau may wish to consider giving this photograph circulation to other field offices for viewing as to likeness of subject.

Enclosures 1 and 2 were obtained from Mr. L. O. POINDEXTER, U. S. Postal Inspector, Los Angeles, California, on 5/2/68 by SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN. A polaroid copy of enclosure 1 and a photographic copy of enclosure 2 were received at the Los Angeles Office on 5/2/68 from JAMES V. P. CONWAY, Postal Inspector in Charge, Post Office Department, San Francisco, California. He advised the original photograph and letter were furnished his office by PATRICIA K. ANDERSON, 2800 Glenview Avenue, Los Angeles, who had received them via "The Local Swinger", a correspondence club operating from P. O. Box 3802, Downey, California 90242, which club is a subject of investigation of the Postal Inspector's Office.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: RAY, James Earl, RA 16 163 129
aka: Eric Starvo Galt (U)

Handwritten initials: JV, LIT

1. (U) Subject is the Federal Bureau of Investigation's prime suspect in the killing of Martin Luther King.

2. (FOUO) The following summary concerning James Earl Ray, RA 16 163 129, has been extracted from his Official Service Record:

a. Ray enlisted in the United States Army as a Private on 19 February 1946, at East St. Louis, Illinois and was given a General Discharge as a Recruit on 23 December 1948, at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey under Paragraph 1, AR 615-369. Specific recommendations from the convening Board of Officers were: General Discharge from the service on account of inaptness and lack of adaptability for military service. Attached at TAB A is Ray's Official Statement of Military Service.

b. Attached at TAB B is a general statement concerning the type soldier Ray was during his service period.

3. Ray does not have an intelligence dossier at United States Army Investigative Records Repository.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF MILITARY SERVICE

of

JAMES EARL RAY, 16 163 129
Born 10 March 1928, Alton, Illinois

Pvt, RA	19 Feb 1946
PFC, RA	16 Jan 1947
Pvt, RA	8 Jun 1948
Rct, RA	1 Aug 1948

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Enlisted in RA, 19 Feb 46, at East St. Louis, Illinois	Feb 1946	Feb 1946
USA Main Rctg Sta, 1659 SCU, East St. Louis, Illinois	Feb 1946	Feb 1946
ASFS, 6th SC, Fort Sheridan, Illinois	Feb 1946	Feb 1946
ASFTC, Cp Crowder, Missouri	Mar 1946	May 1946
9136 TSU, QMC, ASFTC, Cp Lee, Virginia	May 1946	Jun 1946
O/S Repl Dep, Cp Kilmer, New Jersey	Jun 1946	Jul 1946
Enroute to ETO	Jul 1946	Jul 1946
53d Repl Bn, 3d Repl Depot	Jul 1946	Aug 1946
53d QM Base Depot, APO 124	Aug 1946	Aug 1946
626th QM Refrig Co (10), APO 162	Aug 1946	Dec 1946
Co C and B, 382d MP BN, APO 69		
D/S w/Brake MP Sch,		
APO 751 - Feb 47 - Mar 47	Dec 1946	Apr 1948
Co B, 7892 Inf Regt, APO 757	Apr 1948	Jun 1948
Co B, 16th Inf, APO 757 and 696	Jun 1948	Dec 1948
7749 Staging Area, APO 69	Dec 1948	Dec 1948
Enroute to US	Dec 1948	Dec 1948
Pers Ctr, Cp Kilmer, New Jersey		
(Gen Disch 23 Dec 48)	Dec 1948	Dec 1948

ACTIVE SERVICE

He is credited with active service as an enlisted man from 19 February 1946 to 23 December 1948.

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TAB A

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AGUZ-SMP-SAS Ray, James E. 16 163 129

His personnel records contain no authorization for release of
information from his records.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

KENNETH G. WICKHAM
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

General Statement concerning James Earl Ray, aka: Eric Starvo Galt

Ray was known as a Veneral Disease repeater, having contracted both Syphilis and Gonorrhea during his service. During the period of June 1948, to December 1948, Ray was AWOL four times, in addition to receiving company punishment for drinking while on duty. He was described by his last commanding officer as inept and as a soldier with a general attitude of indifference.

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8:45PM URGENT 4-30-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE LOUIS LOMAX AND CHARLES STEIN.

LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER, APRIL THIRTY, CONTAINED ARTICLE
BY LOMAX CONCERNING TRIP WITH STEIN TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH
UTILIZED BY SUBJECT DURING DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN. LOMAX REPORTED
THAT DURING TRIP HE AND STEIN HAD LOCATED PHONE BOOTH IN TEXAS,
AND THAT PHONE COMPANY WAS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE RECORDS RE CALLS
MADE FROM SUCH BOOTH IN EFFORT TO LOCATE QUOTE CASH MAN UNQUOTE
WHO BANKROLLED SLAYING OF KING. LOMAX ALSO CLAIMED THAT FBI HAD
PHONE COMPANY RECORDS AND HAD DECLINED TO LET LOMAX SEE SUCH
PHONE RECORDS RE TELEPHONE BOOTHS LOCATED IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL
AT LOS ANGELES. LOMAX TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LOS ANGELES
OFFICE AM APRIL TWENTY NINE AND ASKED FOR ANY INFORMATION RE THIS
CASE AND WHETHER OR NOT FBI HAD ANY PHONE RECORDS. LOMAX WAS
ADVISED ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE WAS CONTAINED IN PRESS RELEASE
ISSUED BY THE BUREAU. NO FURTHER COMMENTS MADE TO HIM.

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PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFICIALS ADVISE THAT LOMAX HAS NOT ASKED FOR ANY CHECK OF TELEPHONE BOOTH IN TEXAS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CHARLES STEIN, WHOSE INFORMATION FOLLOWS THIS, INDICATES THAT NO PHONE BOOTH WAS LOCATED DURING TRIP.

RE CHARLES STEIN

STEIN INTERVIEWED TODAY STATED HE DID NOT LOCATE PAY PHONE BOOTH USED BY SUBJECT DURING COURSE OF TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN. STEIN STATED HE RECEIVED NO MONEY FROM ANY NEWSPAPER MEN, INCLUDING LOMAX, ALTHOUGH PROMISED UP TO TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR HIS COOPERATION. STEIN DECLINED TO ADVISE WHO MADE SUCH AN OFFER. STEIN STATED HE HAS BEEN CONNED, DUPED, USED AND BEEN MADE A MARK BY NEWSPAPERS. STEIN ADVISED HE IS PRESNETLY CONFUSED AS TO WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED DURING DECEMBER TRIP AND WHAT NEWSPAPERS HAVE SAID HAPPENED.

RE ITEMS IN TRUNK OF MUSTANG

STEIN ADVISED HE CAN NOT REMEMBER ANY POSSESSIONS OF SUBJECT IN MUSTANG OTHER THAN SUIT CASE AND YELLOW BOX. HE STATED SUBJECT PICKED HIM UP AT HOUSE OF SISTER, MARIE LEE, NEW ORLEANS TO BEGIN RETURN TRIP. STEIN ADVISED DECARVELHO AT SISTER'S HOUSE, BUT CANNOT RECOLLECT WHETHER ANYTHING PUT IN TRUNK AT THIS TIME. TRUNK THEN LOADED WITH CARDBOARD BOX AT RESIDENCE OF MOTHER, BUT STEIN ONLY REMEMBERS YELLOW BOX AND SUIT CASE AS BEING IN TRUNK.

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RE BACKGROUND OF CHARLES J. AND RITA STEIN
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL
POSSIBLE ASSOCIATES OF CHARLES STEIN IN HIPPIE AREA, WHO
MIGHT HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING HIS PAST ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT.

RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER
SHOW UTILITIES AT FIVE SIX SIX SIX FRANKLIN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES
LISTED TO RITA ROSSI, LISTED AS WIDOW OF STAN ROSSI, WITH THEIR
FORMER RESIDENCE AT THREE THREE FOUR ZERO FLOYD TERRACE, LOS
ANGELES UNTIL NOVEMBER TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY SEVEN. STAN
ROSSI'S FORMER EMPLOYMENT SHOWN AS O AND M MOTORS, ONE FIVE FIVE SEVEN
MANCHESTER AVENUE, AND RITA ROSSI'S EMPLOYMENT AS THE ORBIT, FOUR
FOUR ZERO FOUR MELROSE, BOTH LOS ANGELES. HOME PHONE LISTED AS
SIX SIX TWO DASH ONE FOUR ONE TWO.

RE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BARTENDING
TOMAS R. LAU, OWNER, INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BARTENDING,
LOS ANGELES, OBSERVED PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT TAKEN IN NINETEEN
SIXTY SIX AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. LAU STATED PHOTOGRAPH
NOT GOOD LIKENESS OF SUBJECT WHO HE KNEW AS ERIC GALT JANUARY
TO MARCH NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re NY airtel to Bureau, 4/25/68.

The following investigation was conducted to identify DONALD J. RAY, 994 South Roys Avenue, Columbus, Ohio:

Current city and telephone directories list DONALD J. RAY at 994 South Roys Avenue, wife SUSANNA, telephone 274-8883, employed as firefighter, City of Columbus. Directories reviewed 4/26/68.

Mrs. RUTH CLAPROOD, Clerk, Driver's License Index, OBMV, Columbus, Ohio, advised records show DONALD J. RAY, 994 South Roys Avenue, was born [redacted] Columbus, Ohio, is 5'8" tall, weight 158 pounds. has brown hair and brown eyes. His SSN is [redacted] and he is employed as a firefighter, City of Columbus.

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Mrs. CARLA JACQUES, Credit Bureau of Columbus, Inc., on 4/26/68 advised from records ~~DONALD JEAN~~ RAY, wife SUSANNA, 994 South Roys Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, employed as a firefighter, City of Columbus, was employed by Pure Oil Company for 10 years. Since 1956 he has been employed as a firefighter. Nothing

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derogatory appears in credit records concerning him.

Mrs. KAY NICHOLS, Record Room, Columbus PD, on 4/26/68 advised there is no record there for DONALD J. RAY.

RAY was interviewed 4/26/68. Residence and employment was verified. He has been employed as a firefighter, City of Columbus 12 years. His physical description does not fit that of JAMES EARL RAY, and his facial appearance does not resemble fugitive. He claims to have no relatives who resemble fugitive nor can he furnish any information to assist in locating subject.

No further investigation being taken concerning this person.

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Date: 4/19/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)
 FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)
 RE: MURKIN
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RE: DONALD D. TANNER--Look-Alike

Re teletypes Houston to Memphis 4/15/68; San Antonio to Memphis 4/16 and 17/68; and New Orleans to San Antonio 4/17/68.

On 4/17/68, W. T. COVINGTON, Owner, Trek Motel, 3100 S. Congress, Austin, Texas, made available to SA JAMES E. FARMER the registration card dated 4/14/68 for SP/4 DONALD D. TANNER, 3925 Canor St., Bellflower, California, which is enclosed for examination by the FBI Laboratory. COVINGTON requested that the registration card be returned for his permanent records.

On 4/17/68, VIRGINIA SCHLEICHER, Day Manager, Trek Motel, advised that the above registration card had been handled by her and by Mr. and Mrs. COVINGTON, the motel owners. It is noted the card has been handled by SA FARMER.

Mrs. SCHLEICHER also advised that she observed TANNER at breakfast prior to his departure and she believed he was left handed.

For the information of the Bureau, Houston advised that it was learned on 4/15/68 one KEN ANDREWS, traveling from California to Conroe, Texas, on 4/13/68 at Benson, Arizona, picked up a hitchhiker dressed in Army uniform, name DON TANNER. TANNER claimed home was Lackville, Calif.,

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and assigned Fort Polk, Louisiana. On 4/14/68, ANDREWS dropped TANNER off at Trek Motel, Austin, Texas. ANDREWS subsequently saw composite drawing in newspaper of MURKIN suspect, claiming composite drawing "dead ringer" of TANNER.

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To: Director, FBI ATTENTION:
 ☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
 From: SAC, MIAMI (157-2448) (C) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
 ☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.
 Subject: PROSPECTIVE VIOLENT
 DEMONSTRATION CONCERNING
 ASSASSINATION OF REV. MARTIN
 LUTHER KING, COCONUT GROVE, FLA.

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

Summary of Complaint:

MM T-1 is identified as BARRY LAWRENCE LEIBOWITZ, Owner and Operator of Gil's Spot, 3692 Grand Ave., Coconut Grove, Fla. LEIBOWITZ is a Probationary Racial Informant (Ghetto) of the Miami Office.

AGENCY: CRD, ~~ISD~~, IIU, RAO, ~~CD~~,
 ACSI, OSI, ~~SS~~
 HOW FORW: 4/19
 DATE FORW: APR 24 1968
 BY: ALB CDS 4/20/68

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44-38861-2744X
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ACTION: UACB:

☒ No further action being taken and
 ☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA Miami
 ☐ LHM being submitted
 ☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

Approved: 7
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-2448

Miami, Florida
April 19, 1968

RE: PROSPECTIVE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION
CONCERNING ASSASSINATION OF REVEREND
MARTIN LUTHER KING, COCONUT GROVE,
FLORIDA
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to the memorandum dated April 5, 1968, at Miami, Florida, captioned as above.

On April 10, 1968, MM T-1, who operates a business in the Negro District of Coconut Grove, Florida, advised that although many of the residents were discussing the recent death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, there were no indications of any planned demonstration or disturbance.

With respect to a report that a Negro displayed two machine guns in Gil's Bar, located in Coconut Grove, Florida, MM T-1 stated he was unaware of the incident and when MM T-1 related the allegation to CLYDE PERRY, Negro manager of Gil's Bar for the last twenty-one years, PERRY dismissed the report as that of a prank.

Copies of this memorandum have been disseminated locally to the United States Attorney, Miami, the United States Secret Service, Miami, and the 111th MI Group, Orlando and Miami, Florida.

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Title PROSPECTIVE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION
 CONCERNING ASSASSINATION OF REVEREND
 MARTIN LUTHER KING, COCONUT GROVE,
 FLORIDA

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Letterhead Memorandum dated and
 captioned as above at Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Date: 4/17/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

PC-45730

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES W. SAMMON on 4/15/68, at Southaven, Mississippi:

Located at the Southaven Minnow Shop, Highway 51 S, one-half mile from the Tennessee State Line, was a quantity of "Schlitz" beer, 12 ounce, pop-top cans in the plastic six-pack holder. This beer was dated "03/158", and was distributed from Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Also located in that bait shop was a brown paper bag bearing the trademark "Homestead; Stubby; 28; 31K7", which is used to package six-packs of beer by the bait shop personnel.

This bait shop is located exactly three miles south from the Oliver Drugstore, Highway 51, Whitehaven, Tennessee.

BILL MC LAUGHLIN, owner of the bait shop; his wife, JANE MC LAUGHLIN; his son, WILLIAM MC LAUGHLIN; and frequent customer, LAWRENCE PARKER, all of Southaven, were interviewed. All failed to identify the Birmingham and Memphis composite photos of Unsub in this matter. None recalled seeing a white Mustang with an Alabama license around 4/3-4/68, nor do they.

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- ① - Bureau (1-Package) (RM AM)
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
 - 1 - Atlanta (Info)
 - 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)

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- 1 - Los Angeles (Info)
 - 2 - Jackson
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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 Hismow 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.

K119 Can of Schlitz beer, 12 oz size from Southaven
Hismow Shop

K120 Brown paper bag from Southaven Hismow Shop

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *9/5*

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Based on information from Atlanta, we asked Stephen Hocking, Washington representative of the Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO), to check with the local Australian visa issuing authorities to determine whether any application for an Australian visa had been made during the past year under the name or aliases of the subject. The Atlanta request was based on information from an Austrian diplomatic representative who had received an anonymous telephone call from an individual asking whether his admission to Australia would be denied if he had a prior criminal record. Hocking completed the inquiry with negative results and routinely informed his headquarters regarding the matter. They apparently alerted Australian police regarding the case and the police have apparently informed the press as a number of inquiries have been received to which we are making no comment.

Hocking telephoned 5/1/68 and stated that his Embassy is being besieged with press inquiries and would like to quiet these by saying that they have merely made a routine check of their records at FBI request to see if there had been a visa application for Australia under the name or aliases of the subject. Hocking was informed that we are making no response to press inquiries in this matter but that if his Embassy wished to make the statement proposed, we would have no objection as it was, of course, a matter for their own decision.

ACTION: For information.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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They talk too much.
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(MANHUNT)

WASHINGTON--AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE FBI TO MAKE A "ROUTINE CHECK" OF WHETHER JAMES EARL RAY, SOUGHT IN THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, HAS APPLIED FOR A VISA TO GO TO THAT COUNTRY, AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL SAID TODAY.

THE OFFICIAL EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT "AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NO EVIDENCE AT ALL THAT THE PERSON CONCERNED (RAY) IS IN AUSTRALIA."

AMERICAN SOURCES ALSO UNDERScoreD THE ROUTINE NATURE OF THE REQUEST. THEY SAID IT WOULD BE LOGICAL TO ASSUME THAT SIMILAR REQUESTS EITHER HAD OR WOULD BE MADE OF OTHER NATIONS IN WHICH RAY MIGHT SEEK REFUGE. THE FBI HAD NO COMMENT ON THE EMBASSY OFFICIAL'S STATEMENT.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY REC-100
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) —
MURKIN

REURTEL APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST.

INASMUCH AS A COMPLETELY UNEQUIVOCAL DETERMINATION
HAS NOT BEEN MADE BY THE LABORATORY RELATIVE TO THE IDENTI-
FICATION OF THE LAUNDRY MACHINE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MARKING
ON THE SHORTS AND TEE SHIRT, NAMELY, O TWO B DASH SIX, AND
THE POSSIBILITY STILL EXISTS THAT A SIMILAR MARKING
COULD HAVE BEEN PRODUCED BY ANOTHER SUCH MACHINE, YOU
SHOULD CONTINUE TO HANDLE APPROPRIATE LEADS RELATIVE TO THESE
LAUNDRY TAPES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

Walter
1 - SAC, MEMPHIS

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FBI ALBANY

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DEFERRED 4/24/68 RWP

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICERS, APRIL NINETEEN LAST; CHARLOTTE AIRTEL TO ALBANY, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST; LOS ANGELES TT TO BUREAU, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

RE: LAUNDRY MARKS.

REGARDING LEAD SET FORTH TO RE-CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES FOR PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING LAUNDRY USING CODE, "TWO ZERO R DASH THREE", IT APPEARS FROM INFORMATION DEVELOPED AND SET FORTH IN RE LOS ANGELES TT, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST THAT THIS CODE IS THAT USED ON TAPE OF AVALON CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, INC., CULVER CITY, CALIF. RECORDS OF THIS LAUNDRY INDICATED TICKET DATED DEC. EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN WITH THAT CODE REVEALED THE LAUNDRY WAS RECEIVED FROM ONE "GALT".

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE IT IS FELT THAT ALL OTHER OFFICES SHOULD NOT RECONTACT LAUNDRIES REGARDING THIS CODE.

IT IS FURTHER NOTED THAT NUMEROUS INQUIRIES ARE BEING DIRECTED TO ALBANY TO RE-CONTACT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. TO
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LOCATE INVOICES, PURCHASE ORDERS AND ACCOUNTING RECORDS RELATING TO MANY OF THE THERMO SEAL MACHINES WHICH WERE SET OUT IN ALBANY AIRTEL OF APRIL TEN LAST AND APRIL ELEVEN LAST. THE ORIGINAL LEAD WAS SET OUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING THE SUBJECT, AND SINCE HE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED, AND INVESTIGATION TENDS TO INDICATE THAT HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DID THE LAUNDRY ON WHICH THE THERMO SEAL TAPE WITH CODE ZERO TWO B DASH SIX APPEARED, IT WOULD NOT NOW APPEAR DESIRABLE TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE EVERY MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., PARTICULARLY SINCE NO MORE THAN TWENTY OF THESE MACHINES ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURER^R_A WOULD HAVE BEEN CAPABLE OF PRODUCING THE ABOVE CODE.

ALBANY IS HOLDING RE-CONTACTS WITH TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. IN ABEYANCE AND WILL NOT FURTHER REVIEW THESE RECORDS UAC BY THE BUREAU OR MEMPHIS.

IF BUREAU AND MEMPHIS CONCURS^N A COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED
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