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TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) -P-

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Re Tampa airtel to Director 4/16/68; in case entitled "JOHN A. CHAMBLEE, RACIAL INFORMANT, OO JACKSON" the following references: Jackson airtel to Oklahoma City 3/23/65, Oklahoma City airtel to Jackson 3/29/65; in case entitled "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER" the following references: Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/2/65, Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau 4/8/65, Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/8/65, Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/22/65, Phoenix airtel to Jackson 4/27/65, and Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau 5/17/65.

RE: DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, FBI # 716 18A FORMER TOP TEN SUBJECT

Enclosed herewith for the information purposes to Jackson and Atlanta, is one copy of Tampa airtel to Director, 4/16/68, for background information.

Set forth hereafter is a recapitulation of investigation concerning DONALD EUGENE SPARKS (former Top Ten Fugitive) and his allegedly being offered money by the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi to murder Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in 1964.

Jackson Division by airtel to the Bureau 4/2/65 in case "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER"

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OC 44-686 forwarded to the Bureau an original and 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum showing information received from JOHN ARTHUR CHAMBLEE, a detective of the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department, considered by Jackson a reliable individual who is acquainted with members or former members of the WKKKKOM. CHAMBLEE, in reporting this information that was overheard as general rumor among Klansmen and he did not know the source, was doubtful of its truthfulness. The information in substance was that on 3/17/65, CHAMBLEE advised that he had received unverified information that in 1964, the original Knights of the KKK of Mississippi had hired a "killer" from the State of Oklahoma to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. when KING was in Jackson, Mississippi. This "killer" was known as "TWO JUMPS" and came to Jackson, Mississippi to "case" the layout and while in Jackson, stayed at the Terrymore Motel. He was to use a high-powered rifle with telescopic sights. This deal allegedly fell through when the Klansmen could not raise the \$13,000 demanded by "TWO JUMPS." CHAMBLEE also reported "TWO JUMPS" was allegedly also the killer of a Bureau Top Ten fugitive later identified as JOHN GIBSON DILLON. "TWO JUMPS" allegedly killed DILLON at the Flamingo Motel in Jackson, Mississippi and thereafter transported the body to Oklahoma or Kansas where it was dumped in an old well. The Oklahoma City Division by airtel of 4/8/65, advised Bureau and Jackson Division that complete background in the case involving Top Ten Fugitive JOHN GIBSON DILLON did not substantiate that DILLON was killed in Mississippi. From facts available to Oklahoma City, it was doubtful in fact if DILLON was killed in Mississippi. The Jackson Division on 4/2/65 interviewed PCI CLENNIE JOE BUCHANAN, described by Jackson as a notorious confidence man and gambler who had at that time been under development as an informant of the Jackson Division for some two months. -2-

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BUCHANAN was asked if he knew an individual named DONALD SPARKS or GENE SPARKS to which he promptly replied, "Who, TWO JUMPS?" He was thereafter shown a photograph of DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department Number 38224 dated September 7, 1963. BUCHANAN promptly identified this photograph of SPARKS as being identical to the person he has known for many years as "TWO JUMPS." BUCHANAN went on to relate that SPARKS got the nickname of "TWO JUMPS from his ability as a cowbov and according to BUCHANAN, SPARKS was an excellent "broncho buster" and could ride almost any horse. BUCHANAN considered SPARKS to be an extremely hard and tough individual who would not hesitate to kill anyone. Extensive investigation was conducted in several field offices to concretely identify "TWO JUMPS" and from the identification of PCI CLENNIE JOE BUCHANAN, Jackson, Mississippi, it was felt that DONALD EUGENE SAPRKS was identical to "TWO JUMPS."

Investigation by the Jackson Division at the Terrymore Motel in Jackson failed to disclose any registration that could be identified as being that of SPARKS. In addition to the above identification of SPARKS as "TWO JUMPS", Phoenix CI PX 737-C was interviewed at Phoenix on 1/26/65. This informant advised he knew DONALD EUGENE SPARKS and was well aware that SPARKS' nickname is "TWO JUMPS."

Based on this identification on 5/14/65, an attempt was made to interview DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, Inmate Number 71755, at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Following his being advised of his rights, SPARKS stated at the outset he would not furnish any information. He did deny being contacted by anyone at any time to commit a murder and said he did not kill anyone for money or any other reason. He denied ever being hired by anyone in the South and specifically in Mississippi to commit any murder. He denied knowing anyone connected with the Ku Klux Klan.

SPARKS at this time stated he had never cooperated with any police officers and did not intend to start doing so now. He said he had been contacted by numerous officers and would appreciate it if police officers would not bother him again since they wasted his time, as he was working in the plumbing shop in the Penitentiary and could not be away from his job. SPARKS terminated the interview by getting up and leaving the room.

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By airtel to the Bureau dated 5/17/65, in case "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER", the Bureau was advised of the attempted interview with SPARKS. Additionally, 9 copies of an FD 302 dated 5/17/65, was furnished to the Jackson Division. This showed the interview with SPARKS. At that time, it was the considered opinion of Agents that had worked cases involving SPARKS, his associates, and Agents who handled the former case involving former Top Ten Fugitive JOHN GIBSON DILLON, that information that SPARKS was hired to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and that he did kill DILLON was not accurate nor truthful information. It was pointed out that following DILLON's murder there was a massive amount of rumor, speculation and hearsay information circulated among the criminal element concerning the death of DILLON. It was this hearsay information that was probably being reported by Jackson's informant in all honesty.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that HERMIT EUGENE WING, aka, ANTI-RACKETEERING, is the subject of a current pending file, Oklahoma City 92-588, Bureau file 92-9329. He is an Oklahoma ex-convict, Burglar, Armed Robber, who travels extensively throughout the United States. He was last interviewed by Bureau Agents, 3/5/68, where he was living at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He was at that time employed at Jeanie's Lounge in Bartlesville.

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ATLANTA, JACKSON AND TAMPA DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Information copies of this communication are being furnished to Divisions above in the event additional inquiry appears necessary.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

At Fort Payne, Alabama

Although DONALD EUGENE SPARKS is notorious for his failure to cooperate with police officers, it is suggested an attempt be made to interview him concerning his using the name "TWO JUMPS" and being offered money by the Ku Klux Klan of

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Mississippi in 1964 to murder Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. An attempt should be made in the interview with SPARKS to determine if he is at all familiar with JAMES EARL RAY, present fugitive being sought for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and exhibit photograph of RAY to him.

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Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Instructions set forth in re Bucab have been complied with and pertinent information which may be received by this office will be acted upon immediately.

It is suggested that consideration be given to preparation of subject's Wanted Flyer in Portuguese, the official language of Brazil, for distribution in that country. This would afford more efficient coverage in that area and would give less cause for possible offense to Brazilian officials.

In the event that investigation indicates need for more intensive coverage in Latin America it is suggested that consideration be given to possibility of putting an appropriate article with subject's picture in the Spanish and Portuguese editions of Readers' Digest, which receives the widest distribution of all mass communications media in this area.

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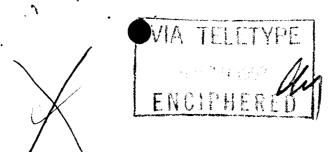
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SIXTYSEVEN AND DEFINITE DATE LAST SAW GALT NOT RECALLED.

OWNER OF APARTMENT, ROTHMAN, ALSO REINTERVIEWED AND SAID
NO ATTACHMENT TO LEASE LOCATED AND SINCE NO ACCURATE RECORDS
KEPT COULD NOT ESTABLISH EXACT DATE OF GALT'S DEPARTURE BUT
BELIEVED JUST PRIOR LABOR DAY WEEK END. ALSO RECALLED GALT'S
TRIP TO U. S., NO DETAILS RECALLED, FOR THREE-DAY PERIOD A
WEEK OR TWO PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, AND COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL

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12:30PM URGENT 4-29-68 JKW

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND LITTLE ROCK
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS, APRIL TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT, TWO PM.

REFERENCED TELETYPE STATES JAMES PAFFORD OF SPRINGHILL, LOUISIANA, ALLEGEDLY MADE A THREAT AGAINST KING ON JANUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYFIVE. THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF SPRINGHILL DID NOT GIVE ANY CREDENCE TO THE REPORT. PAFFORD WAS REPORTEDLY A GUN COLLECTOR OF GOOD REPUTATION RESIDING IN CULLEN, LOUISIANA.

RECENT INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE REVEALS PAFFORD

NOW RESIDES AT MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS, AND HAS LIVED THERE

FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. LITTLE ROCK HAS CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION

TO ELIMINATE PAFFORD AS THE SUBJECT OF THIS CASE BY

ASCERTAINGING HIS WHEREABOUTS ON PERTINENT DATES.

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REFERENCED TELETYPE STATES THAT, ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY
HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT IN THIS CASE,
INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF PAFFORD
MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

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FROM:	SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)	
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	Re Bureau teletype to Knoxville 4/26/68.	
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Charlotte 4/26/68.

## RE JAMES W. COLE

On 5/10/66, Associated Press representative in Charlotte, N. C., reported that BRYAN SEYMOUR, a free-lance reporter, Kinston, N.C., received a call from JAMES WILLIAM "CATFISH" COLE on 6/9/66 and met with COLE at his request. At that time, COLE had a prepared written statement in which he stated he was going to Mississippi for the purpose of killing MARTIN LUTHER KING. The the statement he said that he would go alone and did not need any help for the job.

On 6/10/66, COLE was located and interviewed at Kinston, N.C., and after being advised of his rights, he refused to furnish any statement concerning the press release he had issued to BRYAN SEYMOUR. He refused to discuss his statement to SEYMOUR or the contents of the statement. He advised he had no plans to leave North Carolina and that he had never planned to go to Mississippi.

On 6/10/66, BRYAN SEYMOUR was interviewed concerning the press release. He advised at time that COLE did not identify any of his supporters and would not give any details as to when he would leave Kinston.

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	On 7/27/67, COLE was killed in an automobile accident near Greensboro, N. C.
	Inasmuch as no information was developed in 6/66 indicating that COLE had any supporters in his alleged intention to go to Mississippi for the purpose of killing KING and due to the fact that COLE was killed in 7/67, no further action is being taken regarding COLE.
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Jackson was designated office of origin in this matter and Dallas has had no investigative interest since submitting RUC letter to Bureau and interested offices dated 7/14/67.

Jackson should refer to their file captioned as set forth in paragraph one and conduct logical investigation to determine if NISSEN and persons referred to by him are implicated in KING's death.

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1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long 2260)

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

FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

May 1, 1968

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Re: CR

00: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861

FBI File No. **D-561772 JK** 

Lab. No.

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

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Re: MURKIN

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Specimens received 4/27/68, from FBI, Tampa

K208 Four sheets of ruled paper each containing samples of laundry tapes obtained from four Thermo-Seal machines located at Oak Park Cleaners, Tampa, Florida

Specimen received 4/29/68, from FBI, San Francisco

Three pieces of white cloth containing sample of laundry tapes obtained from Economy Cleaners, San Carlos, California (three different Thermo-Seal machines)

Specimen received 4/28/68, from FBI, San Francisco

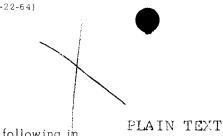
K210 Four pieces of cloth containing a total of sixteen laundry tapes obtained from Deluxe Laundry, Oakland, California

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned laundry tapes appearing on Q97 and Q99 were not prepared by the machine with serial number 30942 (a portion of K210) or the machine with serial number 32667 (a portion of K209). Differences were noted between the questioned laundry tags and the other known specimens but the lack of significant differences precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

The submitted items described above have been retained.

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TO DIRECTOR (MAIL), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

#### MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL INSTANT.

RE HILLIARD ALLEN SANDERS.

SANDERS, RESIDING ONE THREE SEVEN E. ACTON, WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS, INTERVIEVED BY BUAGENTS TODAY. SANDERS ADVISED INCARC-ERATED AT MISSOURI STATE PEN, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., FROM JANUARY TUENTY, NINETEEN FIFTY TWO TO SEPTEMBER ONE, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE, OUT OF ST. JOSEPH, MO. NEVER MET OR KNEW OF JAMES EARL RAY DURING TIME HE WAS IN MISSOURI STATE PEN. SANDERS INDICATED ON RELEASE ON PAROLE IN NINETECN SIXTYFOUR HE WENT TO GADSDEN, ALABAMA WHERE WORKED EIGHTEEN MONTHS, THEN TO CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA WHERE VORKED NINE MONTHS FOR E. I. DUPONT. CAME TO WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS AND HAS BEEN WORKING AS PIPEFITTER, SHELL OIL COMPANY, SINCE JULY SITTYSEVEN. LAST TWO JOBS IN PEN WERE SEWING MACHINE MECHANIC AND HALL TENDER.

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RE "COLONEL" JIM GIBSON:

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 210

MEXICO CITY APRIL TWO NINE LAST AND AT FIRST DENIED KNOWLEDGE
OF CALL TO CINCINNATI ALLEGING THAT ASSASSIN WAS IN GUATEMALA.
HE SAID HE HAD BEEN ON TWO DAY DRUNK AND CALL PROBABLY MADE BY
DRUNKEN FRIENDS FROM HIS RESIDENCE. ON APRIL THREE ZERO INSTANT
GIBSON ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY
THAT HE HIMSELF MADE THE CALL BUT STATED THAT HE WAS APPARENTLY
TOO DRUNK TO RECALL IT. HE WAS EXTREMELY APOLOGETIC AND STATED
THAT HE HAD NO CONCRETE FACTS REGARDING LOCATION OF SUBJECT
BUT HAD HEARD RUMORS OR SPECULATION IN ACAPULCO, BUERRERO, THAT
SUBJECT HEADED FOR CUBA AND WAS IN GUATEMALA CITY PREPARING
FOR THIS TRAVEL. HE COULD NOT QUOTE SOURCE OF THIS SPECULATION
BUT THEN CONTACTED A FRIEND IN ACAPULCO WHO CONFIRMED THAT

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