

JN 157-9586

JN 23-R (PROB) advised on 11/16/64 that at a state-wide meeting of the WKKKKOM near Harrisville, Miss. on 11/16/64 SAM BOWERS was asked by an unknown Klansman why MARTIN LUTHER KING was not killed when he came to Miss. during the Summer of 1964. BOWERS allegedly replied that two men came to him who claimed they were good with a rifle and wanted his approval to take care of KING. BOWERS stated at this particular meeting that he gave these two men strict orders not to take any chances whatsoever and added that these two men never returned and he heard no more concerning this matter.

On 11/16/64 JN 55-R (PROB) advised that during the same state meeting as set forth above, some individuals reported that MARTIN LUTHER KING had expected to come to Mc Comb, Miss. on Monday, 11/16/64 and that all business places in Mc Comb would be tested by integrationists on that date. Someone remarked that something should be done about this and SAM BOWERS stated that when MARTIN LUTHER KING last toured the State of Miss., two men were assigned with high-powered rifles to take care of KING, but plans went amiss when KING took a route other than the one he was supposed to. BOWERS stated that these two men are working on this matter. He did not identify the two men.

On 4/30/68 JN 23-R (PROB) ^(closed) was located and interviewed. He could add nothing further to the information he furnished on 11/16/64.

On 5/1/68 JN 55-R (PROB) reported that he had nothing additional concerning the above incident.

JN 55-R (PROB) was contacted during the evening of 4/4/68 immediately after the assassination of KING and he had no information of value at that time.

Other incidents summarized in referenced airtel are being investigated, where possible, to determine if any persons concerned ^{are} ~~or~~ implicated in anyway with KING's death.

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Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re threats against MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Re Bureau teletype to NY dated 4/29/68.

The following sources, reliable in the past, were contacted on 5/1/68, and all advised they had no information regarding any conspiracy involving OAAU members in the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

SourceContacting Agent

NY 5011-R
NY 5094-R
NY 4711-R
NY 4605-R
NY 2846-R
NY 4657-R
NY 4873-R
NY 5443-R

L. GREY BROCKMAN
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RODGER T. BRESNEE
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DANIEL BRYAN LYONS
JOHN TRACY CURTIN

3-Bureau
1-Memphis
1-New York

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Special Agent in Charge

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All of the above sources are familiar with OAAU activities which organization now has only 10 to 15 active members.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 5/2/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)
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(OO:ME)

Re Dallas teletype to the Director, 4/30/68, re telephone calls by subject RAY en route from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

On 4/30/68, a review of the Dade City, Trilby, Lacoochee and San Antonio 1967 phone book, revealed that telephone number 588-2227 was subscribed to by a Mr. RAY RICHTER, Highway 52 West, San Antonio, Florida.

On 5/1/68, Mr. and Mrs. RICHTER were interviewed at which time they stated that their phone number was 588-2227 and has been that for at least the past year. Mr. and Mrs. RICHTER stated that the call in question on 12/16/67, at 8:42 p.m. was made by their son-in-law, DON SAMEC, 337 Northeast Ridgeton Road, Portland, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. RICHTER stated that SAMEC was on his way to San Antonio to marry their daughter, PAT, and had been in an accident somewhere in Texas, but could not recall the name of the town. SAMEC had called to notify them of this accident and that there would be no delay in

- ③ - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
1 - Dallas (44-2649) (Info)
1 - Tampa
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the forthcoming marriage. Mr. and Mrs. RICHTER stated that DON SAMEC is now married to their daughter and lives with her in Portland, Oregon.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was shown to the RICHTERS who stated that they had no information regarding the subject and that if at anytime anything came to their attention, they would notify the FBI immediately.

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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO SPRINGFIELD MAY ONE LAST.

ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD BRANCH, FILE ON
JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, AKA, REVIEWED MAY ONE LAST. NOTHING
PERTINENT TO WHEREABOUTS OF JAMES EARL RAY FOUND.

DETAILS WILL FOLLOW BY AIRTEL.

COPIES MAILED TO MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO.

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1 - Springfield (44-561)
1 - Bureau (AM)
1 - Chicago
1 - Memphis (AM)
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-166) (P)

MURKIN

PERSON RESEMBLING RAY ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. 338Re FTS tel call from EP to AQ, 5/2/68, which
furnished the following:

By teletype dated 4/30/68, from New York to
Baltimore, Dallas, El Paso, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia,
Phoenix, Richmond and WFO, the following information was
set forth:

Mrs. DONOVAN WOODSIDE (protect identity), 309
Elmwood Drive, Edmond, Oklahoma, was re-interviewed and
IO #4182 displayed to her. Mrs. WOODSIDE said the individual
she saw on American Airlines Flight 338 from Dallas, Texas,
to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 4/6/68, very strongly
resembled RAY and she believed him to be identical with RAY.
She stated she first noticed this individual in Love Field
Terminal, American Airlines waiting area a few moments
prior to boarding this flight. Mrs. WOODSIDE could not
locate her ticket stub but believed she occupied Seat 14-C,
an aisle seat on left side of plane in tourist section and
that the above individual occupied the aisle seat one row
up on the right. Mrs. WOODSIDE said this individual did
not get off the plane when it landed at Friendship Airport,
Baltimore, Maryland, and did not converse with anyone on
the plane and carried no luggage. She informed that he
departed at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and she lost sight of
him when her husband met her at the airport. A report
of American Airlines of persons traveling tourist class on
American Airlines Flight 338 which departed Dallas, Texas,
4/6/68, at 9:05 a.m. and made one stop at Friendship Airport,
Baltimore before arriving at Philadelphia, 1:31 same date,
included the following:

- ③ - Bureau (REG. AM)
- 2 - Albuquerque (REG. AM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (Reg. AM)
- 1 - El Paso

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EP 157-186

"Mrs. MORRISON, area code 915, telephone number 678-1738", El Paso, Texas

El Paso telephone 678-1738 was dialed on 5/1/68.
A Mr. D. A. DEPUE answered and advised:

This number was that of the family housing management of White Sands Missile Range located at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. This office handles some 600 housing units at White Sands looking out for their rental, repair and maintenance. This office has no one named MORRISON working there and no one of this name is in the indices of tenants. Mr. DEPUE did not know anyone of this name.

LEAD

ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

AT WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, NEW MEXICO:

Will endeavor to locate and interview "Mrs. MORRISON, El Paso, Texas, telephone number 678-1738" to determine if above mentioned individual is identical with subject JAMES EARL RAY.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI SAN FRAN

1152AM URGENT 5-2-68 MS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

MURKIN

REBUTEL APRIL TWO NINE, LAST, AND SAN FRANCISCO TEL, SEPTEMBER TWO SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, ENTITLED "UNSUB, THREAT AGAINST SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND ^DMARTIN LUTHER KING, INFORMATION CONCERNING."

ON MAY ONE, LAST, DEAN PAPE, ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP, ADVISED NO RECORD OF FNU OWENS COULD BE LOCATED IN THE RECORDS OF THEIR SPECIAL OPERATIONS BRANCH. PAPER OPINED IF ANY RECORD HAD BEEN MADE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AFTER ONE YEAR.

BUREAU WILL NOTE IN REFERENCE^N SAN FRANCISCO TEL OWENS WAS NOT IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER OF THE MIG OR NBC, BUT THAT WHEN HE HAD BEEN BEATEN UP IN WASHINGTON, ^DD.C., SAID BEATING HAD BEEN WITNESSED BY MEMBERS OF THE MIG AND NBC. FOR THE BUREAU'S INFO, SAN FRANCISCO ATTEMPTED TO FURTHER IDENTIFY OWENS^E IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX BY SHOWING MICHAEL MOUNT PHOTOS OF FUGITIVES WHO MET OWENS DESCRIPTION, BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS.

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MICHAEL MOUNT, ONE ZERO ZERO NINE PACIFIC AVE., HALF MOON BAY,
CALIF., ^GAE NINETEEN YRS., STUDENT, COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO, ON MAY ONE,
LAST, ADVISED HE COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING
FNU OWENS, THE HITCHHIKER HE GAVE A RIDE TO ABOUT A YEAR OR TWO AGO.
HE STATED HE HAD NEVER HEARD NOR SEEN OWENS AGAIN AND HAD NO OTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM. COP CERSANSKI, HALF MOON^N BAY PD, ADVISED
NO RECORD REGARDING OWENS.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 5/2/68

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

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)
 RE: MURKIN
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 (OO: ME)

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/30/68,
 re telephone booths St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles.

Mr. JAMES HANDLOSER, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Little Rock, Arkansas, former SA of FBI, advised that due to the telephone strike, unable to locate telephone bills for Little Rock subscribers for February, but a check of IBM message charge tickets located a telephone call on February 16, 1968, from Los Angeles telephone number 462-9910 to Little Rock telephone number MOhawk 4-1478, a station to station call in the daytime.

Mrs. E. H. WILSON, 2000 Magnolia Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, subscriber to the above Little Rock telephone, recontacted on May 2, 1968, and she advised she has now determined that her son, E. H. WILSON, JR., telephoned her apartment on February 16, 1968, and talked to Mrs. WILSON's daughter.

No further action being taken in this matter.

3 - Bureau
 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (Info.)
 2 - Little Rock
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)P
RE: MURKIN

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau 4/30/68.

Re telephone calls by subject RAY en route Los Angeles to New Orleans 12/67.

Rev. R. H. COMBS, Pastor, Church of the Nazarene, 1316 Park Drive, Las Cruces, N.M., on 5/2/68, advised he received a telephone call about 12/16/67, from J. A. CECIL, a builder from VanHorn, Texas, who was snowed in. He has had no contact with subject RAY.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED & DANGEROUS

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2 - Albuquerque
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FBI EL PASO

609 PM URGENT 5-2-68 LMT

TO DIRECTOR 44-38361 MEMPHIS 44-1987 DALLAS 44-2549

FROM EL PASO 157-186

MURKIN

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES
TO NEW ORLEANS.

RE BUTEL, APRIL TWENTY FIVE, LAST, AND DALLAS TELETYPES APRIL
THIRTY AND MAY ONE, LAST.

RECORDS WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE COMPANY, PECOS, TEXAS, AND
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LUBBOCK, TEXAS, REFLECT ABOUT
SEVENTY SEVEN TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIX
TEEN, AND SEVENTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN, FROM PHONE BOOTHS AND PAY STATIONS
ON INTERSTATE TEN AND HIGHWAY NINETY BETWEEN SIERRA BLANCA AND
SANDERSON, TEXAS, TO OTHER COMMUNITIES IN THE GENERAL AREA AND
BETWEEN COMMUNITIES ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED ROUTE. FOR EXAMPLE,
TEN CALLS WERE MADE FROM MARFA, TEXAS, TO ALPINE, TEXAS, SEPARATED
BY ABOUT TWENTY SIX MILES ON ROUTE.

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IT IS BELIEVED THESE TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN VARIOUS POINTS
IN THE LOCALIZED AREA IN WEST TEXAS HAVE NO BEARING ON THIS CASE.
THEREFORE, THESE CALLS WILL NOT BE CHECKED OUT, UACB.

DALLAS NOTE THAT MC KINNEY, TEXAS, MENTIONED IN DALLAS
TEL MAY ONE LAST IS IN DALLAS TERRITORY.

AIRMAIL COPY BIRMINGHAM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 2, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

PURPOSE:

To recommend that the reports in this case be disseminated to the Department and that Birmingham be instructed to disseminate one copy of each of the reports to the U. S. Attorney, Birmingham.

BACKGROUND:

SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

Based upon evidence left at the scene of the crime and investigation conducted, we established that a person using the name of Eric Starvo Galt was responsible for the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. With Department approval and authorization of the U. S. Attorney, Birmingham, we obtained a warrant of arrest for Galt in Birmingham, Alabama, on 4/17/68.

We have subsequently determined that James Earl Ray's fingerprints match the latent fingerprints developed on the evidence, and we are conducting an investigation to locate and apprehend James Earl Ray.

The Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles, and Memphis Offices have submitted reports on this case. At the outset of this investigation Attorney General Ramsey Clark requested a copy of any reports and thereafter Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division, Stephen J. Pollak, requested a copy of any report. The U. S. Attorney in Birmingham, has requested that we submit our investigative reports to them as soon as possible. To date the reports have not been disseminated. The evidence as submitted by Memphis has been returned to the Memphis Police Department accompanied by a report reflecting the results of our Laboratory examination.

Enclosure

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FBI

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REC'D DE LOACH
FBI

COPIES MADE. DATE 5-1-68 BY
FOR REVIEW AT FBI
TO HQS. AT NEW YORK 5-3-68
(SEE BUFILE 100-447880)

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that we have returned the evidence to the Memphis Police Department and in view of the fact that if the subject is located and apprehended we will need to show identity and probable cause, it is recommended that the reports be disseminated to the Department. The Department will be specifically advised in writing that the reports or the contents thereof are for their use only and they should not be disclosed to any person outside the Department. USA, Birmingham will be so advised also in writing.

If approved, it is recommended that the attached teletype be transmitted to Birmingham and Memphis.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: May 6, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special
Agent _____ dated _____
at _____.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and
no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken
by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☒ The investigation is continuing and you will
be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now
been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further in-
quiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Depart-
ment, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless
specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further in-
vestigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you
will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no
further investigation will be conducted unless specifically re-
quested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no
further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department
so directs.

Enc. **NOTE:** Enclosed is one copy each of reports in this matter from
our Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles and Memphis Offices. Copies
are being furnished to USA, Birmingham, Alabama.

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NOTE CONTINUED:

Reports in this matter and/or information contained therein should not be disseminated outside the Department or the USA's Office, Birmingham. USA, Birmingham is being advised similarly.

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FBI ST LOUIS

1040PM URGENT 5-2-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS KANSAS CITY CHICAGO

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN SUMMARY

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ST. LOUIS THIS DATE.

RE GRAPEVINE TAVERN.

LICENSE OBTAINED BY CAROL PEPPER, SUBJECTS SISTER, AS
SOLE OWNER AND OPERATOR, WHEREAS JOHN LARRY RAY, SUBJECTS BROTHER,
WHO HAS CRIMINAL RECORD, HAS EVERY APPEARANCE OF BEING ACTUAL
OPERATOR. ALLOWING EX-CON TO OPERATE IS GROUND FOR LICENSE
REVOCATION UNDER STATE LAW. LEASE IS IN NAME OF CAROL PEPPER,
AND RENT PAID BY HER CHECKS. UTILITIES IN HER NAME. SUPPLIES
PAID IN CASH ON DELIVERY. JOHN RAY EXECUTED MORTGAGE FOR CAFE
COOLED WITH CAROL AS CO SIGNER. FACTS WILL BE DISCUSSED
HYPOTHETICALLY WITH ATU TO DETERMINE IF SUFFICIENT TO CONSTITUTE
VIOLATION OF TITLE TWENTY SIX, SECTION SEVEN TWO ZERO SIX PARAGRAPH
TWO, U. S. CODE. IF SO, WILL BE USED AS LEVER TO OBTAIN COOPERATION
OF BOTH.

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TAVERN BEING COVERED BY SOURCES AND SECT CHUCKS IN MAY 7
CONNECTION WITH COVERAGE OF JOHN RAY. FB HAS NO TELEPHONE
RESIDENCE. TOLL CALLS FROM TAVERN BEING COVERED BY TELEPHONE
COMPANY AT THIS TIME.

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RE JOHN LARRY RAY:

BE INTERVIEWED TODAY. APPEARED COOPERATIVE. SAID RECALL JERRY ARRIVED NINE THIRTY AM APRIL THIRTY. THEY TALKED WITH CAROL PERRER OF MASSACHUSETTS BY REPORTERS. JERRY SAID IF IT CONTINUED HE WOULD QUIT JOB. JERRY LEFT FOR CHICAGO ELEVEN AM MAY FIRST. JOHN HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE JERRY OR CAROL CONTACTED OR HEARD FROM SUBJECT SINCE ESCAPE. JERRY SAID IS ONLY MEMBER OF FAMILY WITH STABLE ADDRESS KNOWN TO SUBJECT, WHO HAS NOT MOVED SINCE ESCAPE. ADMITTED SENDING MONEY TO SUBJECT IN PRISON AS SUBJECT HAD DONE SAME FOR HIM. UNABLE TO RECALL SPECIFIC DATES OR AMOUNTS. BELIEVED IF SUBJECT KILLED KING HE WAS EITHER CRAZY OR PAID. IF CRAZY, WOULD NOT CONTACT FAMILY. IF FOR MONEY, WOULD NOT CONTACT AS WOULD NOT NEED HELP, AND WOULD PROBABLY BE KILLED BY PAYER. BELIEVED SUBJECT BECAME NARCOTICS USER IN ARMY AS HAD NOT SEEMED RIGHT SINCE. KNEW OF NO CLOSE FRIENDS OF SUBJECT. NO IDEA OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS. WELCOMED RECONTACT AT ANY TIME.

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RE ALBERT PEPPER AND PEPPER STATIONERY CO.

NO INDICATION OF EXISTENCE OF PEPPER STATIONERY CO., TO WHOM SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY SENT MONEY THROUGH SHERIDAN FROM MSP. ADDRESS GIVEN WAS FORMER RESIDENCE OF ALBERT PEPPER, HUSBAND OF CAROL PEPPER, SUBJECT'S SISTER.

ALBERT PEPPER REINTERVIEWED. NOT ANTAGONISTIC. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM SUBJECT IN MSP OR AT STATIONERY CO., BUT INDICATED WIFE MIGHT HAVE, AS SHE IS HOME AND HE IS GONE DURING DAY. NEVER MET SUBJECT. MARRIED CAROL AFTER SUBJECT IN MSP. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS OR ANY CONTACT WITH FAMILY. TOLD RUNNING OFF LIFE REPORTED WITH CLUB. REALIZED FBI NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LIFE ARTICLE. AGREED TO URGE CAROL TO COOPERATE WITH FBI. HE WILLING TO BE RE CONTACTED ANY TIME NECESSARY. PEPPER RESIDENCE COVERED BY NEIGHBORS, SPOT CHECKS AND SA RESIDING IN AREA. PHONE COMPANY COMPILING TOLL CALLS.

RE JOHN GAWRON.

REINTERVIEWED TODAY. LEARNED AT GRAPEVINE LAST NIGHT OF JERRY RAY SL VISIT. DENIED TELLING JOHN RAY OF PREVIOUS FBI CONTACTS. WAS CONVINCED FROM PREVIOUS TALKS WITH JOHN AND CAROL SUBJECT HAD NOT GONE TO SL AFTER ESCAPE. RECALLED SUBJECT CONTACTED HIM THROUGH CAROL THREE TIMES WHILE IN MSP WITH REQUEST HE PURCHASE CASE OF COLD INHALANT, PROBABLY BENZEDRINE. UNIDENTIFIED MSP GUARD MADE TRIPS TO PICK UP SAME AND STATED PAID ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH TRIP. GAWRON BELIEVED SUBJECT

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BOILED DOWN FOR SALE TO PRISONERS AND ALSO HAD LOAN BACKET IN MSP. WAS FURNISHED COPY OF LIFE AND AGREED TO VISIT CATCH ~~24~~ DISCUSSION THIS WEEKEND. JOHN RAY USES GAWRON ADDRESS FOR ALL. ALL LETTERS RECEIVED TO DATE HAVE BEEN APPARENTLY FROM LEGITIMATE BUSINESSES.

RE JERRY RAYNES, FATHER.

NEIGHBORHOOD SOURCES IN RURAL AREA ADVISED TODAY RAYNES HAD NO VISITORS PAST WEEK. CHECK MADE TO BE SURE JERRY RAY HAD NOT SPENT NIGHT WITH ENROUTE SL.

RE MAX ANTHONY DYAN, BROTHER.

JOHN GAWRON ADVISED MOTHER LUCILLE ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO LOCATE MAX BEFORE HER DEATH. IS CONVINCED NO MEMBER OF FAMILY HAS SLIGHTEST IDEA OF HIS ADOPTED NAME OR WHEREABOUTS. SL CONCURS WITH CHICAGO AND SPRINGFIELD RECOMMENDATION THAT INTERVIEW WITH MAX BE HELD IN ABEYANCE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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

FBI WASH DC*

TELETYPE

FBI LOS ANG.

11:02

PM DEFERRED 5-2-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), WASHINGTON FIELD (44-703), AND RICHMOND
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TT TO BUREAU MAY ONE LAST.

RE MAR. TWO TELEPHONE CALL FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS
ANGELES TO WDC, THREE THREE SEVEN DASH FIVE THREE ONE FIVE.

LA INDICES NEGATIVE RE RICHARD LEE OGG AND PETER HOLDEN.

SAM LUGASH, MANAGER, AUTO DRIVE AWAY, TWO TWO SEVEN SOUTH VERMONT,
LA, ADVISED HOLDEN, NOW RESIDING FIVE ONE ONE NINE FOUNTAIN, LA,
CONTRACTED MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST TO HAVE HIS NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN HALF
TON CHEVROLET PICKUP TRANSPORTED FROM COLONIA PARK INCORPORATED, WDC,
TO AUTO DRIVE AWAY, LOS ANGELES. LUGASH'S RECORDS REFLECT
TRUCK DRIVEN FROM WDC TO LA BETWEEN APRIL EIGHT AND APRIL
FIFTEEN LAST BY RICHARD L. OGG, FIVE EIGHT ONE ONE MARLBORO
PIKE, DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MARYLAND, AND THAT HOLDEN TOOK POSSESSION
LATER DATE. LUGASH BELIEVES OGG ACCOMPANIED BY BROTHER,
FURTHER DESCRIPTION UNKNOWN. HE DESCRIBED HOLDEN AS WMA,
FORTY FIVE TO FORTY EIGHT YEARS, FIVE FOOT TEN INCHES, ONE
NINETY POUNDS, STOCKY, SHORT BROWN HAIR, REPUTABLE SELF-EMPLOYED

PAINTER AND NOT RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY PHOTOS,

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LUGASH CERTAIN HOLDEN AND OGG UNKNOWN TO ONE ANOTHER.

MRS. FOWLER, MANAGER, FIVE ONE ONE NINE FOUNTAIN, LA, ADVISED HOLDEN AND FAMILY RESIDED APARTMENT TWO TWO THREE HER LOCATION, AND THAT HOLDEN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER. HOLDEN PERSONALLY CONTACTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED MAR. TWO CALL TO WDC TO ARRANGE RELEASE OF HIS TRUCK. HOLDEN OCCASIONALLY USED TELEPHONES AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL WHEN RESIDING AT NEARBY RESIDENCE OF ONE SEVEN FOUR THREE GARFIELD. NAME AND PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY UNKNOWN TO HOLDEN.

RICHMOND DISCONTINUE RE HOLDEN.

WASHINGTON FIELD WILL FORWARD PHOTO OF OGG FOR DISPLAY IN UNSOLVED LA AREA BRS.

MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: May 3, 1968

FROM : C.L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Helgeson

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 10:30 p.m., 5-3-68, a call was received by Extra-Duty Supervisor H.E. Helgeson from a female who identified herself as Jeanette Mason. She stated she resides at 30 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and that she was then calling from the Plaza Hotel, Hamilton, Bermuda, where she was vacationing with her son. She was very excited in her speech and at times incoherent. She said she had been in the Pan American Airways Office at the Civil Air Terminal, Hamilton Airport, just a short time before her call and had observed an employee of PAA whom she felt was identical with James Earl Ray. She said she called this to the attention of other PAA personnel and they "let him get away." She said they told her he was a Mr. Sperling, one of their employees. She stated this individual was a white male, age 35, 5'10", 135-140 pounds, dark hair, dark eyes. She then became rambling in her conversation and talked about a Sergeant Rose at Kimberly Air Force Base and said "they" are trying to get her committed. When asked who "they" were, she said local police and members of the Klan. She said a local police officer was with her as she was making her call. When she was asked to put this officer on the phone, she said he declined.

ACTION:

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The above information was telephonically furnished to Night Supervisor Karl Buckman, New York Office, and he was instructed to check with the Security Officer for PAA on 5-4-68, to determine if they do in fact have an employee by the name of Sperling at their Bermuda Office and further if there had been any incident wherein a woman may have tried to identify this individual as James Earl Ray on the night of 5-3-68. SA Buckman was advised that if they do have an employee by the name of Sperling, the New York Office should determine how long he has been employed with PAA. He was instructed to sutel results of inquiries on 5-4-68. It should be noted that Security Agent for PAA is John Willis, former Special Agent.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
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Date: 5/3/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: (A) SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
MURKIN

Re Baltimore airtel to the Bureau dated 4/25/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Memphis is one copy of Classification Material, which includes psychiatric reports, obtained on 5/2/68 at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, re CARLOS LEE BILLINGS. Material made available to SA JAMES A. MITCHELL by MELVIN LEMONS, Secretary to the Director, MCFP.

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ENCLOSURE

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3 Bureau (Enc. 1) (AMSD)
2 Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 1) (AMSD)
2 Kansas City
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReButel 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

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- 3 - Bureau
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- 2 - Denver
- 2 - Louisville
- 2 - Miami
- 2 - New York City
- 2 - Norfolk
- 2 - Omaha
- 2 - Philadelphia
- 2 - Sacramento
- 2 - Seattle
- 2 - Springfield
- 2 - St. Louis
- 2 - Tampa
- 2 - Houston

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>DENVER:</u>			
12/16/67	835-9495 (Beaumont, Texas)	303-636-1773	Colorado Springs, Colo.
<u>LOUISVILLE:</u>			
12/17/67	835-9074 (Beaumont, Texas)	502-798-9309	Ft. Campbell, Ky.
<u>MEMPHIS:</u>			
12/16/67	468-9078 (Houston, Texas)	615-293-4542	Cornersville, Tenn.
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12/15/67	468-9081 (Houston, Texas)	615-293-4542	Cornersville, Tenn.
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<u>MIAMI:</u>			
12/15/67	769-9108 (Vidor, Texas)	813-657-3181	Immokalee, Fla.
<u>NEW YORK CITY:</u>			
12/15/67	673-9289 (Houston, Texas)	212-748-7417	Brooklyn
12/15/67	673-9236 (Houston, Texas)	212-254-2288	New York City
<u>NORFOLK:</u>			
12/16/67	452-9260 (Houston, Texas)	703-722-7921	Hampton, Va.

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<u>OMAHA:</u>			
12/15/67	835-9546 (Beaumont, Texas)	712-375-4191	Pierson, Iowa
<u>PHILADELPHIA:</u>			
12/17/67	835-9318 (Beaumont, Texas)	717-637-8759	Hanover, Pa.
12/12/67	835-8273 (Beaumont, Texas)	215-433-9403	Allentown, Pa.
<u>SACRAMENTO:</u>			
12/15/67	468-9850 (Houston, Texas)	209-464-8050	Stockton, Calif.
<u>SEATTLE:</u>			
12/15/67	468-9868 (Houston, Texas)	206-622-4911	Seattle, Wash.
<u>SPRINGFIELD:</u>			
12/16/67	835-9435 (Beaumont, Texas)	309-452-4852	Normal, Ill.
12/15/67	835-9419 (Beaumont, Texas)	217-528-2815	Springfield, Ill.
12/17/67	835-8273 (Beaumont, Texas)	618-932-2403	West Frankfort, Ill.
<u>ST. LOUIS:</u>			
12/16/67	682-9361 (Houston, Texas)	314-664-3747	St. Louis, Mo.
<u>TAMPA:</u>			
12/17/67	769-9103 (Vidor, Texas)	813-229-1414	Tampa, Fla.

1 - Mr. McGowan, 2712
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Devine

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

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REURAIRTEL MAY TWO SUBMITTING HERTZ RENTAL AGREEMENT
SIGNED JAMES E. BODKER, LOOK-ALIKE FOR SUBJECT RAY.
DIFFERENCES NOTED INDICATE THAT BODKER SIGNATURE ON
RENTAL AGREEMENT NOT EXECUTED BY JAMES EARL RAY, SUBJECT
IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, LIMITED NATURE OF QUESTIONED
WRITING PRECLUDES A DEFINITE OPINION.

LATENT RESULTS FURNISHED SEPARATELY. COPY BEING
SENT AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS.

1 - MEMPHIS (44-1987) - Airmail

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NOTE FOR MEMPHIS: No Laboratory report will be submitted
regarding the results of the examination
set out above.

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5/2/68

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2330) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Director dated 5/1/68.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Laboratory is Hertz Rental Agreement #300434 executed 4/19/68, signed JAMES E. BODNER and bearing his initials.

For the information of the Laboratory, an employee of Hertz at Albany, Ga. has described BODNER generally the same as JAMES EARL RAY and has viewed his photos and believes possibly identical. The only handwriting appearing on this contract which is in BODNER's handwriting is JAMES E. BODNER and the initials "JEB."

The Laboratory is requested to compare this handwriting with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

It is also requested that the contract be processed for latent fingerprints in this matter re Mr. CHARLES V. TYSON, manager, Hertz, Albany, Ga. who has handled this document. He was in the U.S. Army with serial number 34 976 214. This document should be returned to Atlanta for return to Mr. TYSON unless it becomes of value as evidence in the MURKIN case.

(3-Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)
2-Memphis
2-Atlanta
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- 2 - San Diego
- 2 - Houston

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U. S. G. Bishop

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