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He said that in recent months he has regularly frequented the Blue Dolphin, a San Leandro restaurant, and in fact assisted in arranging a couple of luncheons there in honor of WALLACE. Therefore, he has become acquainted with the owner of the Blue Dolphin, BILL PELUSO, and with many of the employees, including the bartenders.

When he goes to the cafe, he frequently goes to the bar and the bartenders frequently "kid" him concerning some current event involving Negroes or the AIP. This has been going on for several months, and everything said has been in jest.

However, he speculated that some person hearing such conversation might misinterpret the conversation, and draw a conclusion which would not be warranted.

In connection with Dr. KING's murder, he recalls such a conversation in the bar of the Blue Dolphin either the same night Dr. KING was killed, or possibly the evening after that.

As he recalled he had been driving on the Nimitz Freeway in Oakland, about 5:00 pm the night of the murder, April 4, 1968, when he first heard the announcement on the car radio.

When next visiting the Blue Dolphin, he recalled one of the employees greeting him with the comment "Well, I see you got him," or some similar comment. He believed he replied that "It wasn't me."

The next comment dealt with "How did you get back from Memphis so soon?"

As he recalled, he made some facetious remark such as "There's planes leaving every hour."

He again stated that the above conversation was strictly in the nature of "kidding," and except for the actual specific subject matter, was very similar to other comments made at the same place on numerous occasions.

He believed that these comments could have been misconstrued by someone who heard them, if the listener did not understand the circumstances or attached some literal interpretation to the remarks.

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Mr. NICHOLS said that he had no objection to furnishing his whereabouts on March 29,30, 1968 and April 4, 1968, and to furnishing independent substantiation if he could.

Relative to the date April 4, 1968, Mr. NICHOLS said that he could definitely establish his whereabouts on that date. He stated that he left the Bay Area in his own car sometime between 7:00 and 9:00 am, drove to Berkeley, California, where he picked up a real estate dealer named CYRIL STEVENSON, Jr., telephone 524-2392. They then proceeded to Oroville, California, to look at some real estate which they were considering for investment purposes.

He recalled that they visited a savings and loan association in Oroville, but does not recall the name of it, although Mr. STEVENSON would probably know. To the best of his recollection, they returned to the Bay Area about 5:00 pm. He dropped Mr. STEVENSON off at his car in Berkeley, and proceeded out the Nimitz Freeway toward San Leandro. It was at this time that he first heard of the killing of Dr. KING on his car radio.

In further support of his whereabouts, Mr. NICHOLS said that when in San Leandro he frequently charges his gasoline at a Douglas Service Station on Marina Blvd. When traveling, he pays cash. He does not use a credit card. Whether charged to his account, or when paying cash, he usually obtains a purchase ticket. He throws these tickets in the glove compartment of his Cadillac where they are available if needed for his business records.

He located in his glove compartment the following charge tickets which he said recorded purchases at Douglas Service Station, Marina Blvd., San Leandro, both dated April 4, 1968:

Ticket #B 036026 dated 4/4/68 recording purchase of \$5.00 of gasoline.

Ticket #B 36186 recording purchase of \$4.55 of gasoline.

Mr. NICHOLS said that undoubtedly he had put gas in the car in the morning when leaving for Oroville, and had put in gas upon his return that evening.

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A search of the available tickets failed to record any purchase of gasoline in the Oroville area, although Mr. NICHOLS believed they must have purchased gasoline. He does not recall, but thought that perhaps Mr. STEVENSON had paid for some gasoline in the area.

Relative to his whereabouts on March 29,30, 1968, Mr. NICHOLD said that he does not recall specifically where he was. He stated that he tries to go to his home in Southern California every other weekend to visit his wife and 2 1/2 year old son. By consulting a calendar, he determined that this would have been the weekend when he normally visited his wife.

When he makes this trip, he normally leaves on Saturday morning, which in this instance would have been March 30, 1968. He sometimes drives and sometimes flies via Air California from Oakland, California Airport to Orange County Airport.

He searched his available gasoline tickets and could locate no record of purchases on March 29 or 30, 1968. This indicated to him that if he had visited his home in Southern California that weekend he had probably gone by air.

Mr. NICHOLS was asked if he could establish his whereabouts on March 29 & 30, 1968 through other records. He said that his business records probably would not show such information, with the exception of his appointment book, which might give him a clue as to where he had been. He contacted his secretary and ascertained there were no notations in his appointment book for those dates.

He said that he has discontinued the use of a checking account due to several civil suits having been filed against him, so he could not establish his whereabouts by cancelled checks.

He does not use credit cards, whether for gasoline or airline travel. He examined numerous airline ticket folders which he found in his apartment. He said he makes no particular effort to save these. He found some undated and none for the pertinent dates. There were no copies of tickets.

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Mr. NICHOLS advised that he makes numerous long distance telephone calls, business, personal and political in nature. He makes them from his business phone, 483-3151, and from the phone in his apartment, 483-1270.

He said his telephone bill for the period contains record of numerous long distance telephone calls which could definitely establish that he was in San Leandro on March 29, 1968 and probably on March 30, 1968. He furnished the following concerning these records:

March 29, 1968

- 10:13 am Telephone call to 714 774 2969, Anaheim, California where he talked to an ex-business associate RUSSELL TOWNSEND.
- 4:34 pm Telephone call to 714 871 2950, Fullerton, California, where he talked to JIM TOWNSEND, brother of above RUSSELL TOWNSEND.
- 3:49 pm Telephone call to 805 831 5379, where he talked to Mr. MAYALL, State Chairman of the Committee directing AIP campaign in California. He believes this telephone number is no longer in use, but Mr. MAYALL can be reached through 871 6283 in Bakersfield, which Mr. NICHOLS believes is the home telephone of Mr. MAYALL.

Collect telephone call, person to person, received by him from AL STANLEY, who was calling from telephone 553 4530 in Oroville, California. Mr. STANLEY does not have a telephone, so location of above phone is unknown to him. STANLEY can be located through the M&K Hancock Service Station in Oroville.

March 30, 1968

His telephone records reflect that at 12:11 pm, a call was placed from his office to 916 725 2908, Roseville, California. He noted that this is the telephone number of his employee, CHUCK SULLIVAN, who works in San Leandro but returns to his home in Roseville on Friday evening for the weekend.

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Mr. NICHOLS does not specifically recall making this call, and in reality it could have been made by any company employee. However, he sometimes handles Saturday business at the office so SULLIVAN can go home on Friday, and it is most likely that he is the one who made the call.

Since this is the last recorded call on Saturday, March 30, 1968, and since he is quite certain he visited his wife in Southern California on that weekend, he feels that shortly after this call he went to the Oakland Airport and got a flight to Orange County Airport.

He said he would have flown Air California Air Lines and since they make their reservations by name, this line should have a record of his having made such a trip.

He also volunteered information on a trip he had made back East. He said his mother-in-law, JEANNETTE CRITTENDEN, 502 Lee Circle, Johnson City, Tennessee, died about two to three weeks prior to March 1, 1968. His wife had naturally gone back for the funeral. His wife remained there for two or three weeks after the funeral to clear up details of the death and the estate.

Mr. NICHOLS said that he desired to visit his wife's relatives and to bring his wife back to California. He decided to drive his car back to Johnson City, and because of his interest in activities of the AIP, he decided to stop and confer with leaders of that party in Montgomery, Alabama.

He said that en route to Johnson City, he stopped in Montgomery on the night of February 27, 1968, at which time he stayed at the Holiday Inn, Midtown. Next day he drove to Johnson City, where he stayed a few days at 502 Lee Circle.

On March 3, 1968, accompanied by his wife and small son, he was again in Montgomery en route to California. At this time, he stayed at the Town House Motel.

He next has record of a cash receipt from Cotton's Truck Stop, Las Cruces, New Mexico on March 5, 1968, which he said was for the purchase of gasoline on his return trip to California.

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Mr. NICHOLS advised that he was born [redacted] Aberdeen, Washington. He has been in California most of the time since 1945. He attended high school at Golden Gate Academy, which was at that time in Berkeley, California, but which moved to some hill area near Oakland. He is not sure it is still in operation. He graduated in 1947.

During the school year 1950-51 he attended La Sierra College in Riverside, California.

From 1951 to 1953 he was in the U.S. Marine Corps under MSN 1206458. Since 1953, he has worked as a salesman, principally in California, but actually traveling in numerous states.

He is married and his wife lives in Southern California. He said he is reluctant to furnish her specific address because he feels that reprisals against his wife and child are very possible because of his political activities in behalf of AIP should her address become generally known.

He said that he established a business in Sacramento, California in July, 1967, known as Certified Wire Service. This business is still in operation but he intends to dissolve it as it is losing money.

He came to San Leandro in December, 1967, and established his present business known as Diamond Fence Co., 14494 Wickes Blvd., San Leandro.

He is active in experimenting with gold dredging combined with skin diving, and spends some weekends in the Sierra stream areas searching for gold, or conducting experiments along those lines.

He also had interest in speculative investment in businesses in the Oroville area, which are in a depressed state due to departure of the workmen engaged in building the now completed Oroville Dam. He believed such property could be purchased cheaply and held until business picks up, insuring an excellent profit. He has abandoned this idea, at least temporarily.

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He said that he has no photo of himself at the present time due to theft of his billfold, with the exception of the photo on his driver's license, California #B 295 330.

He said he has been arrested, but not since he was in the US Marine Corps.

He is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Aberdeen, Washington
Height	5' 3"
Weight	220
Hair	reddish blond
Eyes	Grey-green
Build	Obese
Complexion	Light
Teeth	even & smoke stained

Mr. NICHOLS volunteered that should further information or clarification be desired, he would be pleased to attempt to furnish such information.

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WH: cmg

LEADS:

KNOXVILLE

AT JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE: Verify death of JEANNETTE CRITTENDEN about February, 1968, and conduct investigation to establish presence of NICHOLS in that city from about February 28, 1968 to March 3, 1968.

LOS ANGELES

AT ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA: Locate RUSSELL TOWNSEND through telephone number 714 774 2969, a business associate of NICHOLS to verify telephone call he received from NICHOLS 3/29/68.

AT FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA: Locate JIM TOWNSEND, brother of RUSSELL TOWNSEND, to verify telephone call he recieved from NICHOLS 3/29/68.

MOBILE

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA: 1) Will check registration of Holiday Motel, Midtown, to verify presence of NICHOLS in that city 2/27/68. (He drives 1967 Cadillac convertible, white canvas over light blue, California license UPD 482).

2) Will verify that NICHOLS and his wife stayed at Town House Motel night of 3/3/68.

SACRAMENTO

AT OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA: Will locate AL STANLEY through M&K Hancock Service Station to verify that STANLEY placed collect person to person call to NICHOLS in San Leandro on 3/29/68, and talked to him.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA: Will interview realtor CYRIL STEVENSON, Jr., telephone number 524-2392, to verify he took a trip with NICHOLS to Oroville on 3/29/68.

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WH: cmg

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: At Oakland Airport, ascertain if NICHOLS made trip to Orange County Airport on 3/30/68.

AT SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA: Verify gas charges of NICHOLS at Douglas Station, Marina Boulevard, on 4/4/68, and any record of charges on 3/29,30/68.

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Date: 5/3/68

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

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, Sacramento (100-427) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re airtel to Bureau from Legat, Mexico City,
4/23/68.

RE: UNITED STATES RESIDENTS STAYING
AT HOTEL RIO,
PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO,
10/19 - 11/6/67

On May 2, 1968, JAMES W. HINES, 2740 Creekside Lane, Sacramento, California, advised that he was on tour in Mexico during November, 1967. He advised that he stayed at the Hotel Rio on the night of November 4, 1967, and again on November 10 and 11, 1967.

Various photographs of RAY and GAULT were displayed to HINES, and he advised that he did not recall seeing anyone resembling either RAY or GAULT while visiting in Mexico.

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3 Bureau
2-Kansas City
2-Memphis
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(9) S. C. Bishop

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25 MAY 8 1968

Approved: 346 Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/3/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)
MURKIN
RE: FRANK BUTLER STEVENS - SUSPECT

Re Director airtel to Detroit, 5/1/68.

Investigation at Detroit indicates FRANK BUTLER STEVENS has returned to Detroit Metropolitan area. Investigation is continuing in effort to locate STEVENS and interview him regarding his alleged trip to Memphis, Tennessee.

The Bureau will be immediately advised of the results of the interview of STEVENS.

2 - Bureau
2 - Detroit

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Date: 5/3/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Jackson, 4/24/68, concerning
"UNSUB, MISSISSIPPI LICENSE 120-134."

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an
LHM disclosing results of investigation in this matter. It
should be noted there is no such license number as 120-134,
Mississippi. It was determined that license number 12D-134
is in all probability the license number ~~that~~ the complainant
observed.

Jackson indices negative re WILLIAM E. SIKES, JR.

Investigation at BMV was conducted by SA LAURIER
C. BUTEAU.

Investigation at Clarke County, Mississippi,
conducted by SA FRANK B. WATTS.

Investigation at Jackson, Miss., conducted by
SA ANTHONY E. DANIELS.

3-Bureau (Enc. 4)
2-Memphis (Enc. 2)
1-Jackson

JLP/wgj

ENCLOSURE
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16 MAY 6 1968

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

MAY 7 1968

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: [illegible]

RE: [illegible]

ON [illegible]

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU [illegible]

ADVISE THE BUREAU OF THE RESULTS OF YOUR [illegible]

YOUR OFFICE IS REQUESTED TO [illegible]

VERY TRULY YOURS,

[illegible]

cc: [illegible]

cc: [illegible]

END



*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
May 3, 1968

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; MISSISSIPPI
LICENSE NUMBER 120-134.
COMPLAINANT - V. R. COLLIER

By communication dated April 24, 1968, FBI Headquarters, Washington, D. C., forwarded a copy of the following letter from V. R. Collier to the Jackson, Mississippi, Office.

Room 10
1072 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39203

Mr. Ramsey Clark,
United States Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
Constitution Avenue & Tenth Street NW.,
Washington, D.C., 20530

Honorable Sir:

About 9:30 PM, on the night of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther, Jr., I saw a white convertible 1967 "Wildcat" with a Clarke County Mississippi tag number 120-134. This car passed me on South Prentiss (in Jackson, Mississippi). We were both traveling South; this car turned West on Central Street, and so did I. The next turn was South on Eastview Street, after our turn on Eastview Street, this wildcat abruptly stopped and parked.

As soon as I passed, this car turned completely around and headed in the opposite direction.

This car may not be in any way connected with the crime that took place in Memphis 2½ to 3 hours earlier, but it was on my mind and it bothered my conscience.

If you think it will help in solving the case of the uncaught killer please check it out.

Sincerely,

V. R. Collier

VRC/111

4/15/68

PS: Honorable Sir: Since sending you the original of the above letter, I have seen and examined the sketch (in the News paper) of the suspected killer. So let me please add this: The driver of the white convertible Wildcat was White male fully matured. In his quick turn of his head to get a look at who was following him, he shook loose the long hair that was covering a bald spot on the back part of his head. So I urge you to please check out this above described automobile.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
MISSISSIPPI LICENSE NUMBER 120-134

On April 25, 1968, Miss Sherry Armstrong, Motor Vehicle Comptroller's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that there is no such prefix as 120 for automobile registrations in the State of Mississippi, and further that there is no such tag number issued as 12-0134.

The 1968 Mississippi tag 12-134 is registered to Mrs. J.N. McRee, Quitman, Mississippi (Clarke County) for use on a 1954 Ford.

The 1968 Mississippi tag 12-1034 is registered to W. W. Buckley, Jr., Route 2, Enterprise, Mississippi (Clarke County) for use on a 1961 Ford.

The 1968 Mississippi tag 12D-134 is registered to William E. Sikes, Jr., Stonewall, Mississippi, (Clarke County) for use on a 1965 Buick, Vehicle Identification Number 464675X132855.

A review of the Road and Bridge Privilege Tax receipt for 1968 tag number 12D-134 disclosed it is registered to William E. Sikes, Jr., Stonewall, Mississippi, for use on a 1965 Buick Wildcat, white convertible, eight cylinder, bearing Vehicle Identification Number 464675X132855.

On April 29, 1968, Mrs. Beatrice Sikes, mother of William E. Sikes, Jr., operator of Stonewall Hotel, Stonewall, Mississippi, advised that her son, William E. Sikes, Jr., is employed at the Emporium Department Store, Jackson, Mississippi, and resides at 820 Eastview Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

On May 2, 1968, Mr. William E. Sikes, Jr., was located at the Emporium Department Store, Jackson, Mississippi, where he is employed as a salesman.

Mr. Sikes advised that on April 4, 1968, he worked

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MISSISSIPPI LICENSE NUMBER 120-134

at the Emporium Department Store in downtown Jackson from 12:00 noon to 9:00 P.M., closing time. He stated he could not specifically recall whether or not he went anywhere that particular night after working but his usual procedure is to go home to his Eastview Street address immediately after work. Mr. Sikes could not recall any unusual event on the night of April 4, 1968, but assumes he went straight home after work. He advised that South Prentiss Street is less than a block away from his home on Eastview Street. He said he could not recall whether or not anyone followed him home this particular night.

Mr. Sikes advised that he is leaving the Jackson, Mississippi, area around June 1, 1968, and is taking a new position as a salesman with the National Jewelry Company, Ruston, Louisiana, and that his new address will be 1602 Ridge Street, Ruston, Louisiana.

The following descriptive information was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	William E. Sikes, Jr.
Address	820 Eastview Street Jackson, Mississippi
Place of birth	Meridian, Mississippi
Date of birth	
Height	Five feet eight inches
Weight	One hundred sixty pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Social Security Number	
Military Service	United States Marines, Honorable Discharge
Marine Serial Number	8317-80

Mr. Sikes is not identical to James Earl Ray

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MISSISSIPPI LICENSE NUMBER 120-134

but does bear a slight resemblance in height, weight, and age only.

Mr. Sikes advised he has no information other than what he has read in the newspapers concerning the assassination of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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

To: FBI, Los Angeles (44-1574)

Date: May 3, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-562013 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 4/26/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished on the latent
fingerprint examination and the disposition of Q300 and Q301.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosure (Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Los Angeles (44-1574)
Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: May 3, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-562013 JK

Specimens received 4/30/68

- Q300 Envelope postmarked "LOS ANGELES CALIF. 4A PM APR 22 1968" bearing typewritten address "Editor, Citizens News, 1545 N. Wilcox, Hollywood, Calif. 90028" and return address "James E. Ray, Far Away"
- Q301 Accompanying clipping captioned "88 Days in a Red Prison" which appears to have been smeared with a fecal material and bears on the reverse side typewriting beginning "The Citizens News has. . ."

Result of examination:

It was determined that the typewriting on Q300 and Q301 is not identical to typewriting on material previously submitted in this case attributable to Eric S. Galt.

Q300 and Q301 were searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies have been added to this file for future reference. The typewriting on these specimens most closely resembles Corona pica style of type spaced ten to the inch. The submitted material was examined for watermarks and indented writing with negative results.

Q300 and Q301 have been photographed and are being returned to Los Angeles separately.

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Date: 4/26/68

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

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

Enclosed for laboratory examination is an envelope addressed to the editor, Citizen News, 1545 North Wilcox, Hollywood, California, with returning address of JAMES E. RAY, Far Away, and its contents which is a clipping captioned "88 Days in a Red Prison" which appeared to have been smeared with a fecal material. On the reverse side of this clipping is typed "The Citizen News has become toilet paper".

The enclosure is submitted for latent fingerprint and typewriting examination and to be compared with pertinent information developed in this matter.

The enclosed was furnished by HALL HUBBARD, Hollywood Citizen News, 1540 North Wilcox Avenue, Los Angeles. He advised that several individuals employed at this newspaper handled the letter in the normal procedures connected with the mail department and the routine handling of mail at this newspaper. He stated that it is not possible to identify all the employees who have handled the enclosures.

SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN was the only Bureau employee who handled this letter.

The enclosed need not be returned.

4 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
2 - Los Angeles
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Rec'd
4-30-68
CARBON COPY

Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5-4-68

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

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL)
SAC CHICAGO
SAC ST. LOUIS

FROM SAC SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

-MURKIN, CR.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE MAY TWO, LAST AND SPRINGFIELD TELEPHONE
CALLS TO CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS, MAY THREE, LAST.

RE: JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, AKA., "BLACKIE."

COP WILLIAM H. PETERSEN, (NA), ALTON, ILLINOIS, POLICE
DEPARTMENT ADVISED AUSTIN ARRESTED FOR ARMED ROBBERY WITH
SUBJECT RAY IN ALTON IN ONE NINE FIVE NINE, AND REFERRED TO
BY JERRY RAY AS BEING ONE OF SUBJECT'S CLOSEST ASSOCIATES,
HAS SINCE DIED IN PRISON.

AIRMAIL COPY TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

1 - Bureau (AM)
1 - Memphis (AM)
1 - Kansas City (AM)
1 - Springfield (44-561)
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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/4/68

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

Re Atlanta teletype to Director dated 5/3/68.

Referenced communication requesting Kansas City to advise Atlanta of identities of all recent releasees from Missouri State Penitentiary from Atlanta area. These records reveal that the only releasee from Atlanta since 4/1/67 is a JOHNNY VELANTI who is now reportedly residing St. Louis, Missouri, area. St. Louis has been advised by teletype.

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2-Atlanta
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25 MAY 8 1968

C. C. - Bishop

Approved: 388 KYL Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/4/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)

MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Los Angeles teletype to Director, 5/3/68.

RE: LOCAL SWINGER CORRESPONDENCE CLUB

Investigation was instituted 5/4/68 to locate and interview individuals, Sacramento Division, who were listed as individuals on correspondence list:

CONNIE RIAL, 339 Roosevelt, Manteca, Calif.;

PATRICIA TEVES, 244 Oak St., Chico, Calif.;

CHRISTINA RIVERS, 1137 Tuoline, Fresno, Calif.;

JEAN SLATON, 2827 W. Clinton, Fresno, Calif.

AT MANTECA, CALIFORNIA:

Mrs. MARIAN MELLGREN, aka. Connie Rial, 339 Roosevelt, advised that sometime in 1966 letters began

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (RM)
1 - San Diego (RM)
1 - San Francisco (RM)
2 - Sacramento

Approved: JRB:sab

Special Agent in Charge

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arriving at her home and have been coming to her home since; however, she denies having participated in this correspondence in any way. She has saved all letters received and displayed them for review. None of the letters viewed were from RAY under any of his known aliases. She claimed she was not acquainted with RAY or any of his known aliases. She was left a copy of the I.O. on RAY and advised she would immediately contact the FBI if she received any contact from RAY or anyone with a picture resembling him.

AT CHICO, CALIFORNIA

Owner of dwelling at 244 Oak St., Chico, advised has owned dwelling at this address since January, 1965, and does not recall PATRICIA TEVES. A neighborhood resident remembers name of TEVES; however, possesses no information. The 1964 Chico "Polk's City Directory" lists a GERALD and PATRICIA TEVES at 419 West 6th St., Chico. Occupation listed as U. S. Army. Subsequent directories negative re TEVES family. U. S. Post Office, Chico, has no address in records under TEVES name. Forwarding addresses cleared every two years by U.S. Post Office, Chico. No record Chico PD re TEVES family.

It would appear PATRICIA TEVES would not have received correspondence from "Swinger Correspondence Club" in view of U. S. Post Office clearing forwarding addresses every two years and Sacramento contemplates no investigation re TEVES.

AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

CONSUELO RIVERA, 1137 Tuolumne Avenue, Fresno, sister of CHRISTINA RIVERA, advised CHRISTINA has been married 3 years and previously belonged to Swinger Correspondence Club and all mail received from club during past 3 years destroyed by CONSUELO at CHRISTINA's request since CHRISTINA has a jealous husband and mail was vulgar in content. CONSUELO does not recall any correspondence from GALT or ERIC and added all mail received was destroyed without attention to sender. She advised no mail was forwarded to CHRISTINA and CHRISTINA has no knowledge of contents of mail.

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JEAN STATON, aka. Jean Slaton, 1184 N. Marks Avenue, Fresno, advised she formerly resided in trailer court at 2827 W. Clinton. She advised she may be listed as member of club but never signed up for membership. She has, however, received a quantity of mail as result of joining two other clubs. She stated most of mail vulgar in content and she could recall no correspondence with anyone named ERIC or GALT and photograph of GALT not familiar to her. A review of correspondence in her possession failed to reflect any correspondence from ERIC or GALT.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
MAY 4 1968

TELETYPE

FBI DETROIT

1:01 AM URGENT 5-4-68 SPW

TO: DIRECTOR 44-38861

MEMPHIS

FROM: DETROIT 44-989

MURKIN

RE NEW YORK TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST.

RE: WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

FLOYD RAY, ONE EIGHT ZERO TWO MARYLAND, FLINT, MICH.,
INTERVIEWED AND IS NOT IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY. FLOYD
RAY IS FROM SOUTHERN MISSOURI, NORTHERN ARKANSAS AREA, HOWEVER,
TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, JAMES EARL RAY IS NOT RELATED. HE HAD NEVER
HEARD OF JAMES RAY UNTIL RECENT PUBLICITY REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION
OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. JR.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
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URGENT 5-5-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO 217

VIA TELETYPE
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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Mohr	_____
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MURKIN.

REMYCAB MAY THREE LAST.

ALLEGED SUSPECT IN MEXICO CITY:

AT EIGHT THREE ZERO P.M., MAY THREE LAST, MEXICAN CITIZEN ROBERTO MURGUIA PERSONALLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE TO REPORT AMERICAN HERE ATTEMPTING TO SELL ONE NINE SIX SIX CAR AND HIGH-POWERED RIFLE WITH TELESCOPIC SIGHT UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES THROUGH MIDDLE MAN AND FOR UNUSUALLY LOW PRICE. IMMEDIATE LOCAL INQUIRY AND ASSISTANCE FROM LOS ANGELES OFFICE ESTABLISHED THAT SUSPECT IS JAMES E. GIROD OF ONE THREE TWO ONE EIGHT BUDLONG STREET, GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, BORN [REDACTED] HIS DOCUMENTS SHOW HE CROSSED BORDER WITH CAR ON APRIL TWO LAST AND HIS MOTHER IN CALIFORNIA DESCRIBES HIM AS UNSTABLE AND STATES HE HAS BEEN GONE SEVERAL WEEKS AND PRESUMABLY IN MEXICO; ALSO VERIFIED THAT CAR REGISTERED IN HIS NAME AND NO STOLEN REPORT. GIROD HAS CRIMINAL RECORD IN CALIFORNIA FOR MINOR OFFENSES BUT NOT CURRENTLY WANTED. SINCE HE CROSSED BORDER APRIL TWO LAST AND IN VIEW OF OTHER FACTS DEVELOPED, NO FURTHER ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO GIROD IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

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INVESTIGATION AT CAMPECHE, CAMPECHE:

AGENT ON SCENE REPORTS MAXIMUM COOPERATION BEING RECEIVED FROM CAMPECHE STATE JUDICIAL POLICE AND STATE HIGHWAY POLICE. THESE TWO AGENCIES HAVE BROADEST JURISDICTION AND A RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR USE IN COVERING EACH COMMUNITY IN A STATE WITH SOME ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND INHABITANTS AND AN AREA SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, CONSISTING OF ABOUT TWO ONE SEVEN ZERO ZERO SQUARE MILES. CAMPECHE CITY HAS OVER FIVE FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO PEOPLE AND THERE ARE SEVEN OTHER MUNICIPAL AREAS IN THE STATE WHICH ARE ONLY MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS BESIDES CITY OF CAMPECHE. SOME PUBLICATIONS HAVE ALREADY PRINTED NEW ITEMS CONCERNING CASE SINCE ARRIVAL OF AGENT IN AREA AND ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY EXPECTED IN MAJOR EDITIONS THIS WEEKEND. RELIABLE AMERICANS WITH ESTABLISHED RESIDENCE IN AREA ALSO BEING ALERTED FOR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT.

MEX-THREE FOUR HAS CHECKED ALL HOTELS, MOTELS, BARBER SHOPS, LIQUOR STORES, GROCERY STORES, HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION IN CITY OF CAMPECHE. NO ONE YET LOCATED WHO CAN RECALL ALLEGED EARLIER VISITS BY SUBJECT SOME YEARS AGO OR HAS SEEN ANYONE ANSWERING HIS DESCRIPTION IN RECENT PAST.

RE SUSPECT IN CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA:

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DRIVERS OF TRES ESTRELLAS DE ORO BUS NUMBER ONE FOUR INTERVIEWED AT GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MAY FOUR INSTANT AND STATE THAT ON APRIL TWO FIVE LAST ONLY THREE PASSENGERS BOARDED BUS AT CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA. ALL THREE WERE MEXICANS AND PERSONALLY KNOWN TO DRIVERS AS FREQUENT PASSENGERS ON THIS RUN.

INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANT AT CIUDAD OBREGON WILL COMPLETE INTERVIEWS OF LOCAL TAXI DRIVERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY CAN RECALL A PASSENGER ANSWERING DESCRIPTION OF THIS SUSPECT. MEX-TWO SEVEN TWO, WHO APPREHENDED MONTOYA BROTHERS IN "BOPAT" CASE, IS MAKING THOROUGH SEARCH OF GUAYMAS, SONORA, AND NEARBY AREAS, SINCE SUSPECT COULD HAVE OBTAINED TAXI OR BUS TRANSPORTATION TO GUAYMAS FROM CIUDAD OBREGON.

ALL LEADS AND POSSIBLE SUSPECTS BEING GIVEN VIGOROUS INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION.

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

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

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

In regard to telephone call made from pay booth at either Van Horn, Valentine, or Sierra Blanca, Texas, to Denison, Texas, on 12/16/67, to Area Code 214-465-5262:

Subscriber identified 5/6/68, as MRS. J. W. HAGER, 47 Loy Drive, Denison. MRS. HAGER advised her son, JOHN J. HAGER, of Hanford, California, traveled to Denison during mid-December, 1967 because of death in family. She recalled that en route back to California, her son and family were stranded overnight 12/16/67, at Van Horn, Texas, due to bad weather, and they had spent the night in a church. She recalled he had telephoned to advise he and family were well.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : *Wm. J. J.* SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: MOTOR VEHICLES AND LICENSE
PLATES STOLEN IN ALABAMA

Reference is made to Bureau airtel to Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile, and Savannah, 4/26/68.

Transmitted to Mobile and Birmingham was a list of motor vehicles and license plates stolen in Alabama, as compiled from information retained in NCIC.

SA MYRON G. TURNER, on 4/30/68, 5/1, 2, and 3/68, reviewed the files concerning these stolen licenses and automobiles which were listed on the enclosure from the Bureau. The information reviewed by him was made available by MICHAEL SULLIVEN, Investigator, Investigation and Identification Division, Alabama Dept. of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama.

Information concerning each offense was recorded in handwriting on a separate sheet. Enclosed herewith for Birmingham are 96 sheets reflecting information concerning licenses and automobiles stolen in that portion of Alabama recovered by the Birmingham Division.

Mobile is instituting investigation concerning the licenses and automobiles stolen within that portion of Alabama, covered by Mobile to develop any information indicating whether or not subject RAY may have been involved in any of these thefts.

Details of these investigations are being handled in Subfile one of Mobile File 157-2627, and any pertinent information developed will be reported to the Bureau, Memphis, and Atlanta.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)
 RE: MURKIN
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Re El Paso airtel to Bureau dated 4/30/68.

Telephone Calls by Subject RAY Enroute
from Los Angeles to New Orleans

A call was placed from Texas to Sacramento, telephone No. 422-5789, on 12/17/67.

On 5/3/68, CS SC 55-S advised that this number was listed to BETTY HUMAN, 5622 Florin Road, Apartment 72, Sacramento. Source said this service was established in November, 1967, and because of the heavy toll charges, HUMAN's employment was checked and it was determined she was a waitress at the Richfield Cafe, 7891 Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove, California. Source said in checking this number for names of collect caller or callers, it was determined that HUMAN had received over 120 calls during the past three months from an individual named SIDBURY from all over the United States.

On 5/3/68, BETTY J. HUMAN was contacted at which time she said FLETCHER L. SIDBURY, her boyfriend who is separated from his wife, is a driver with USAC Transport, main office

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being in Detroit, Michigan. She said he calls her almost daily and subsequently pays the phone bill. She displayed her last phone bill dated 4/23/68 in the amount of \$189.37. This bill reflects he called her from Abilene on 4/4/68. She also had a photograph of SIDBURY taken Easter Sunday, 1968, who she said was 56 years old and has brown eyes. He has no resemblance to the subject of this case.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

Re El Paso airtel to Director, dated 4/30/68.

On 5/3/68, Mrs. NEIL L. PETERS, 20175 Buckshire, Southfield, Michigan, advised that their phone number is 313-356-3329. On approximately 12/12/67, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. GLEN YAKES of Detroit, left Detroit by automobile en route to Los Angeles, California. On approximately 12/16/67 or 12/17/67, her parents phoned her from the El Paso, Texas area to advise that they were being detained by a snow storm.

This was the only telephone call Mrs. PETERS could remember receiving from Texas in the past several years and she feels certain that her husband has not received a phone call from Texas without her knowledge.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone calls, Atlanta, Ga., and Atlanta teletype, 4/30/68.

Atlanta advised that on April 1, 1968, a telephone call was made to number 707-823-5911, Sebastopol, California from an outdoor telephone located on the wall of Kirkpatrick Pharmacy, 14th and Peachtree Sts., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

The following investigation was conducted by SA MERLE R. ADAMS:

AT SEBASTOPOL, CALIFORNIA

The current Sonoma County telephone directory lists #707-823-5911 to GORDEN FOWLER, 8149 Covert Lane, Sebastopol.

On 5/1/68, it was determined that this residence was vacant and inquiry of a neighbor revealed the occupants, GORDEN FOWLER and his mother, Mrs. HESTER, about a month or six weeks ago, had moved to 1995 Cooper Road, Sebastopol, Calif. They have telephone #823-6225.

Mrs. BETTY HESTER, 1995 Cooper Road, Sebastopol, advised she had moved from the 8149 Covert Lane address about the last week in February, 1968. She stated that her son, GORDEN FOWLER, is an Evangelistic Minister and he is presently traveling in Northern California. She stated he was not

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