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in Sebastopol during April, 1968, and she recalls that she had telephone #823-5911 disconnected on about March 1, 1968. She stated that she and her son have no relatives living in the East or the South part of the United States and she knows of no one who would be calling a disconnected number on 4/1/68 from Kirkpatrick Pharmacy, 14th and Peachtree Streets, N.E. Atlanta. She stated she knows no one by the name of JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On 5/1/68, the Business Office of Pacific Telephone advised that #823-5911 had been disconnected and the number has not been re-issued.

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Date: 5/6/68

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

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)

RE: MURKIN
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RE CARS STOLEN FROM STATE OF GEORGIA

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau and all offices
4/25/68; San Antonio airtel to Bureau 4/25/68.

The files in the 26 classification of the
San Antonio Division, in which San Antonio is origin and
which were opened between 3/23/68 and 4/4/68, were reviewed
with negative results concerning cars recovered which were
stolen in Georgia.

San Antonio is conducting no further investigation
in this phase of this case.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Atlanta (44-2386)(RM)
1 - Dallas (44-2649)(Info)(RM)
1 - El Paso (Info)(RM)
1 - Houston (44-1509)(Info)(RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)
1 - Savannah (Info)(RM)
2 - San Antonio
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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/6/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Legat Mexico City airtel, 4/23/68.

On 5/2/68, Mr. and Mrs. CLYDE B. GORDON, 49 Otter Cove, Old Saybrook, Conn., were contacted by SA ROBERT A. DUFFY and furnished the following information:

They were at the Hotel Rio, Morales 28, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, from the period 10/21-24/67, and during this time stayed in Room 106. After observing a photograph of the subject they stated that they could not recall seeing him at the hotel and could furnish no information concerning him or his present whereabouts. Both noted that while they were there they did not recall seeing any single individuals at the hotel and that most of the guests appeared to be couples or families.

C.C. Bishop

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3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - New Haven
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Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)
MURKIN
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OO Memphis

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

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

Telephone Call 12/15/67 to Britton, Oklahoma, Phone
Number 843 3887

Above telephone number is listed to Market Produce Distributors, 801 W. Wilshire, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a Division of Allied Supermarkets, Inc.

On 5/2/68 DUANE SAXON, Manager, Produce Division, Allied Supermarkets, Inc., advised SA J. A. GRIMES there are no records available which would specifically identity the receipt of a phone call to this company on 12/15/67 from the Pecos, Texas, area. He advised that truck drivers hauling produce for the company will generally call the produce division one or two days before arriving and he would assume that the call from the Pecos area was from a truck driver. He advised that a check of his records revealed the company received a load of tomatoes from the Nogales, Arizona, area on 12/18/67. The records indicate the load ~~was~~ a split load, where part of the load was delivered to Dallas, Texas. From these circumstances, Mr. SAXON feels certain the telephone call would have been a check call from the trucker advising the company of the expected date of arrival of the load of tomatoes in Oklahoma City.

3 - Bureau C. C. - Bishop
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - El Paso (Info)
1 - Oklahoma City
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Special Agent in Charge

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2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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Telephone call 12/17/67 to Ponca City, Oklahoma,
Phone Number 762 3996

The following investigation was conducted by SA JACK
H. BALES.

At Ponca City, Oklahoma

It was determined that telephone number 405-762-3996
is listed to EARL FISHER, present address 425 D South Palm,
Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. EARL FISHER, 425 D South Palm, on 5/2/68
advised they have had that number for over a year, and that the
photographs and description of Subject are totally unfamiliar to
them. They are a retired farmer and wife, and at first advised
they could recall no telephone call from Southwest Texas received
in December, 1967. After discussion, they recalled that in
December, 1967, their daughter MELBA and her husband JIM WHEELER
were staying with them in Ponca City and that JIM had been driving
a construction job dump truck in Southwest Texas near El Paso
for JACK MC CUNE, who owns two such trucks used on contract work.
WHEELER had returned to Ponca City, and had been called shortly
before Christmas, 1967, by MC CUNE from somewhere in Southwest
Texas to tell him his pay check was being mailed to him, and
possibly to be asked by MC CUNE to return to work for him.
MC CUNE, who had previously been working around Ponca City, also
had a check coming to him in care of the FISHER's address, he
thought, which he wanted forwarded.

Mr. and Mrs. FISHER advised MELBA and JIM are presently
residing at P. O. Box 207, Lockwood, Missouri, but that JIM
WHEELER is now driving an over-the-road truck for Tri-State
Trucking Company, Joplin, Missouri, and the last they heard a
few days ago, he was in Portland, Oregon, en route from there
to New Jersey.

They are unable to recall the exact location in
Southwest Texas where MC CUNE was, and possibly still is, located,
as JIM WHEELER stayed there with MC CUNE only a few days after
helping him move his trucks there, since MC CUNE and his wife
both drank heavily and WHEELER figured MC CUNE would be unable to
hold a contract very long. Mr. and Mrs. FISHER advised MC CUNE
is about 50 years of age, bald headed, was originally from
Fairfax, Oklahoma, and has a married sister, name unknown, living
in Ponca City.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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FBI TAMPA

348PM URGENT 5-6-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR, AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM TAMPA (157-3231) 3P

MURKIN, CR, OO MEMPHIS

COPIES MADE, DATE 5-4-78 BY
RE 5-4-78
FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND DELIVERY
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 9-3-78.
(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPES MAY ONE AND THREE, LAST
TO BUREAU, TAMPA AND MEMPHIS, AND BUREAU TELETYPE
TO BIRMINGHAM, TAMPA AND MEMPHIS, MAY TWO, LAST.

L. B. DEMAY, O. J. WEISS, CONCESSIONS SECRETARY,
HYMIE JACOBSON, CONCESSIONS SECRETARY, HARRY STEPHENS,
INDEPENDENT OPERATOR OF CONCESSIONS, DDN PIERSON,
INDIVIDUAL MANNING CONCESSIONS, RICHARD FERLICH, INDIVIDUAL
OPERATOR, LEAD GALLERIES, GUY GARDNER, SECRETARY - TREASURER
AND BUSINESS MANAGER, AND JACK FLYNN, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
OF CONCESSIONS, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, INC., TAMPA,
FLA., ADVISED THEY WERE NOT ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES
"CHEROKEE" AND LINDA SPARKS. GUY GARDNER, SECRETARY-
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TREASURER AND BUSINESS MANAGER, UNABLE TO LOCATE EMPLOYMENT RECORD DURING PAST TWO YEARS FOR JAMES OR LINDA SPARKS OR CHARLES RAY JOHNSON. TED AND JOE PATTERSON UNKNOWN BY ABOVE EMPLOYEES. TED AND JOE WILLIAAS WHO OPERATE COOK HOUSE, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, DEPARTED TAMPA TWO WEEKS AGO AND WILL REJOIN SHOW AT DAVENPORT, IOWA, JUNE ONE, NEXT.

DEMAY STATED NO ONE FITTING SPARKS'S DESCRIPTION AT ANY TIME PREPARED HIS MEALS SINCE HE TAKES MEALS AT COOK HOUSE WITH OTHER EMPLOYEES. ALSO STATED NO EMPLOYEE SLEEPS IN RAILROAD CARS WHILE IN WINTER QUARTERS, TAMPA, FLA.

DEMAY ADVISED MANIFEST CARDS ISSUED ANNUALLY AND EXPIRE SAME YEAR. ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS MANIFEST NUMBER FIFTEEN, ISSUED FOR NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, ISSUED TO ROOSEVELT GUNNARSON. DEMAY, GUY GARDNER, JOE BROWN, TIMEKEEPER AND FOREMAN, ANGELO HAMILTON, LABORER AND JAMES

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ALLEN JOHNSON, LABORER, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, UNABLE
TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SPARKS OR HIS WIFE AS
ANYONE ASSOCIATED WITH SHOWS AT ANY TIME.

ALL OF THE ABOVE EMPLOYEES, ROYAL AMERICAN
SHOWS, OBSERVED SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND COULD RECALL
NO ONE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SHOW AT ANY TIME RESEMBLING
SUBJECT.

BIRMINGHAM WILL RE-INTERVIEW JAMES SPARKS CONCERNING
ALLEGED MANIFEST CARD, EXPIRING NINETEEN SEVENTY,
TO CLARIFY INFORMATION.

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Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau airtel to SF and SL dated 4/26/68 and
LSairtel to ME 5/3/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of reSLairtel
which includes results of investigation conducted re complainant
ANNA DAWSON.

In view of contents of re SLairtel, no further
investigation is being conducted by receiving offices
regarding this aspect of the investigation.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
1 - San Francisco
1 - St. Louis (44-775)
2 - Memphis
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Approved: R. J. [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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NO PERSONS SHALL BE HELD UP TO PUBLIC VIEW

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

FORM: FD-302a (Rev. 11-29-61) (44-1134) (5)

NO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-1290)

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P
RE: MURKIN
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ReBuairtel to SL and SF, 4-26-68.

On 5-1-68, Mrs. ANNA DAWSON, PO Box 53, Ellington, Mo., was contacted by SA WILLIAM R. BURTON. She was questioned concerning her knowledge of ANNIE COLEMAN and OLLIE OLTELO, how they were associated with the matter, and any details concerning their identities or further location. Mrs. DAWSON replied that she had a direct communication with God and that God had told her who the killers of Dr MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. were and also had told her to notify the FBI. She related that God had also given her the names of the two ladies and also their addresses. She stated that she has never heard either of these two names before, knows nothing whatsoever of their background or occupation, and could furnish no other additional information.

No further investigation is being conducted by SL; no leads being set out.

2 - Memphis
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype 5/1/68, concerning telephone calls by subject RAY enroute from Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Telephone Number 242-0720 is listed to W. E. MOON, 177 Glory View Drive, Grand Junction, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. MOON, who have no children, both advised that they received no call from Alpine, Texas, the afternoon of December 17, 1967, and believe that there must have been some mistake in the records.

Telephone number 242-7412 is listed to Modern Roofing and Insulation Company, 2841 North Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado. CHARLES and SANDRA McANALLY of Modern Roofing and Insulation Company advised that they had made the call on December 15, 1967, from Alpin, Texas. They were calling their parents in Grand Junction, because Mr. McAnally's father was in the hospital at the time.

Neither the MOONs nor the McANALLYs had any information concerning James Earl Ray.

Telephone Number 428-9207 is listed to RICHARD FOREMAN, 6950 Avrum Drive, Arvada, Colorado. Miss LINDA SANDLIN, granddaughter of Mrs. RICHARD FOREMAN, advised that she received a call from CHARLES HUGH HANAH, age 19, from Alpine, Texas, on or about December 15, 1967. She stated that HANAH is a boyfriend attending Sul Ross State College and has the address of Box 5R5743 in Alpine.

②-Bureau
2-Memphis (44-1987)
2-Dallas (44-2649)
1-Denver
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Date: 5/6/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Birmingham tel 5/3/68 re JAMES CURTIS WOODS.

Records Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jacksonville, Florida, reflect no death record on information or dates supplied in referenced tel.

Records do reflect JAMES CURTIS WOODS died 11/7/67 at Inverness, Citrus County, Florida. He was a resident of Starnes Park, Gadsden, Alabama. He was described as white male, age 56, born Alabama, unemployed and died of a heart blockage. He was buried at the Clayton Cemetery, Clayton, Alabama.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis
2 - Birmingham (44-1740)
3 - Jacksonville (1 - 66-297)
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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI ATLANTA

245PM URGENT 5-6-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY ONE LAST.

CHARLES V. TYSON, MANAGER, HERTZ RENTALS, ALBANY, GA., ADVISED HE IS IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM HERTZ IN CHICAGO THAT VEHICLE DESCRIBED RETEL TURNED IN MAY TWO LAST, EVERGREEN PARK, ILL., TWO FIVE FIVE EIGHT WEST NINETYFIFTH ST. HE INSTRUCTED THEM NOT TO TOUCH VEHICLE UNTIL PROCESSED BY BUREAU.

CHICAGO, AT EVERGREEN PARK, ILL. CONTACT HERTZ OFFICIALS, DEVELOP INFO RE PERSON WHO TURNED IN VEHICLE, AND PROCESS VEHICLE FOR LATENT PRINTS FOR COMPARISON WITH PRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY.

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Date: 5/6/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268) (P)

MURKIN

RE: SUSPECT FRANK G. NILES

Re Knoxville teletype to Bureau 5/2/68 and Cleveland teletype to Bureau 5/3/68.

The following investigation was conducted at Williamsburg, Va., by SA H. CURTISS BURRELL:

On 5/3/68 Mrs. WYOLENE POINTER, Superintendent's Office, Eastern State Hospital, Williamsburg, Va., furnished their file on FRANK HENRY NILES, patient # 43520. A review of this file revealed the following information:

NILES was committed at Eastern State Hospital on 1/17/68 under a regular commitment by Special Justice DANIEL GRINNAN, City of Richmond, Richmond, Va.

He was diagnosed as being a psychoneurotic reactive - depressive reactive.

He was allowed one pass, which was issued for the period of 4/24-26/68, when he listed his destination as being 6150 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Va. He has missed no scheduled roll calls at Eastern State Hospital.

Very little background information has been acquired by Eastern State Hospital. On several occasions they have sent personal background questionnaires to Mrs. CECILIA HOPE LEWIS at 5099 Tinelawn Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee. They have received no replies from Mrs. LEWIS.

3-Bureau
1-Cleveland (44-565) (info)
1-Knoxville (44-696) (info)
1-Memphis (44-1987) (info)
1-Norfolk DGF:sdh (7)

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C. C. - Bishop Special Agent in Charge

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Their files revealed that NILES was confined at the St. Joseph Hospital, 205 West 29th St., Lorain, Ohio, from 6/28/67 to 8/11/67.

NILES is described as a white male, born [redacted] 131 pounds, 5'9" tall, blue eyes, gray hair, with mustache.

The admitting doctor was W. H. BATTE.

His attending physician is Dr. MARTIN PALMAZ.

Interview of Dr. PALMAZ revealed that NILES is an alcoholic currently assigned to the Alcoholic Vocational Rehabilitation Section of the Eastern State Hospital. It is noted that this area is not secured at all times. Dr. PALMAZ advised that NILES is a definite racist but has had no violence exhibited toward any of his fellow Negro inmates. Dr. PALMAZ described his feelings as being merely a general prejudice. He is described as being very polite but in definite need of a great deal of activity to keep his mind occupied. Dr. PALMAZ advised that he has a very deep-seated hostility toward life in general and that things need to go his way at all times. Dr. PALMAZ considers him to have definite suicidal tendencies. Dr. PALMAZ advised he has never heard NILES make any comments regarding any of the racial or Nazi leaders in the United States.

Dr. PALMAZ noted that NILES wrote a letter to the Social Security Administration recently in regard to his Social Security account, number [redacted] which he felt was delinquent.

It was noted that since March 30, 1968, NILES has been allowed to work at the Howard Johnson's Restaurant, off the Eastern State Hospital's grounds, in Williamsburg, Va. Since that time and to date, he has worked five and six days a week, ~~48~~ hours per week, and is paid \$58.

On 5/3/68 JAMES HAMILTON, Manager, Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Williamsburg, Va., was interviewed and advised that NILES was employed at his restaurant from 3/30/68 to the present time. He noted that he was at all times on duty during the period 4/3-6/68. His days off during the instant period were April 2 and 9, 1968. HAMILTON advised that NILES is very well liked and gets along well with all the Negro help.

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It was noted that NILES returned to the Eastern State Hospital after his work days during the instant period and at all times during his period of employment at the Howard Johnson's Restaurant. He has missed no roll calls at Eastern State Hospital.

No further investigation being conducted concerning NILES at Norfolk.

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Date: 5/1/68

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

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletypes 4/26/68 and 4/29/68 and Denver airtels to the Bureau, 2/25/66 and 3/3/66.

Re Persons involved in prior threats against KING.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 8 copies and for Atlanta, Memphis and Savannah, 2 copies each of a LHM concerning HOLT CHEW. One copy of this LHM has been furnished to the Selective Service, Denver, Colorado. It is noted that past LHMs concerning CHEW have been furnished Secret Service as CHEW has been classified as an individual who has evidenced emotional instability. Last LHM prepared 3/3/66.

Memphis and Savannah also being furnished two copies each of LHMs in this matter dated 12/14/65 at Atlanta, 12/14/65 at Atlanta, 12/20/65 at Denver and 3/3/66 at Denver; 2 copies each of Denver airtel to the Bureau and Atlanta, dated 2/25/66 and for Savannah 2 copies of teletype from the Bureau to Denver, dated 4/29/68 and one mug shot of CHEW obtained from the Denver PD 4/30/68.

- 4 - Bureau (3 - 44-38861) (Encls. 9)
(1 - 9-44568)
- 3 - Atlanta (Encls. 2)
(1 - 100-5586)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encls. 12)
- 2 - Savannah (Encls. 15)
- 3 - Denver (2 - 157-203)
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Special Agent in Charge

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DN 157-203

Interview of CHEW on 4/29/68 was conducted by SAs BOYD D. ADSIT and ELMER A. SAMSON. Contact with Mr. and Mrs. CHEW on 4/30/68 was by SA ADSIT.

The source mentioned in the LHM is DN 298-C-TE.

Bureau permission is requested to check toll call records Denver, Colorado for any calls made by HOLT CHEW during this pertinent period. This can be accomplished through established source without chance of embarrassment to the Bureau.

LEADS:

SAVANNAH DIVISION

AT SYLVANIA, GEORGIA:

Interview BILL CHEW, Paradise Motel to ascertain purposes of father's visit to Georgia.

AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA:

Verify purposes of visit of HOLT CHEW to Georgia.

DENVER DIVISION

AT DENVER, COLORADO:

Upon receipt of Bureau permission, will check toll call records for calls possibly placed by HOLT CHEW before and after the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 1, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

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

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

Enclosure(s)

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



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Denver, Colorado
May 1, 1968

HOLT CHEW
MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

Records of the Denver Police Department, Bureau of Identification and Records, Denver, Colorado, reveal that Holt Chew, Denver Police Department Number 56534, was placed on probation April 24, 1967 after conviction for shooting James Thomas Jackson, a Negro on January 20, 1966.

On April 29, 1968 and April 30, 1968, Chew was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. He was asked if he recalled he made a telephone call to the office of Martin Luther King in Atlanta, Georgia on December 18, 1968. He reflected for a few moments and then said he was not about to lie about the situation, especially to the FBI. He said that he has no love for Martin Luther King and is glad he is dead. He stated King was not the non-violent civil rights leader he claimed to be. Wherever he went, violence followed and he was responsible for 37 deaths in the United States. He added that, as a personal matter, King was directly responsible for the destruction of the business career of one of his sons, Bill Chew of Saint Augustine, Florida. He estimated his son's financial loss at \$400,000.00.

Chew stated that his son was head of a hotel and motel association in Saint Augustine, Florida a few years ago when King and his followers came down to Florida and started efforts to integrate the industry. His son was also operating a motel in Saint Augustine at the time. Bill Chew was taken into Federal Court by these people for refusing to integrate his establishment and as the result of an unfavorable court decision, he ended up resigning his position with the association and selling his motel at a

HOLT CHEW

severe loss. Chew said that there was considerable newspaper publicity over the matter at the time.

Chew placed King in the same category as Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown and stated frankly that he hoped the same fate befalls the latter two. He made the statement that he is not against the Negro race; that he was born in Georgia, brought up with Negroes and hunted and fished with them. He made it clear that he is against some individual Negroes like Carmichael and Brown, who advocate violence and have no regard for property rights, but is not against all Negroes.

Having made these points, he returned to the original question and stated that he had no recollection of the telephone call and admitted that the reason could be that he could have been drinking at the time the call was made. He volunteered that at that time in his life he was a "bad drinker". He emphasized that he had no doubt that he made the call, if interviewing Agents said he did, but that he could not recall it. He stated that he was certain, whether or not he had been drinking, that he would not have made a threat over the telephone since he knows such a threat could lead to trouble for him. He said if he had had any **intention** of doing anything concerning King, he would not **have** used the telephone, he would have taken direct action.

Chew advised that he is certain that no one "put him up" to making the telephone call, and it was not an action involving anyone other than himself. He was shown photographs of James Earl Ray, the man being sought in connection with the assassination of Martin Luther King, but disclaimed any knowledge whatsoever of Ray.

He constantly referred to King, Carmichael and Brown using expletives in an effort to show his intense dislike for these men.

He stated that he was in Denver on April 4, 1968 and April 5, 1968 and left the city by Eastern Airlines for Augusta, Georgia on April 6, 1968 where he is promoting business interests in the food industry, whereby he hopes to set up his son Bill in business. He was unwilling to further identify his business interests. He stated his son Bill is

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presently running the Paradise Motel in Sylvania, Georgia and drove up from there to meet him in Augusta the first part of the week of April 7, 1968. Both he and his son then drove to Sylvania and on to St. Augustine, Florida where they were met on April 12, 1968 by Mrs. Chow and a younger son, who had just returned from military service in Korea. He said his wife and younger son flew from Denver. Thereafter, he and his family vacationed in Florida until he, his wife and younger son returned to Denver on April 28, 1968 in a new car he purchased in Florida.

He specifically stated that he had nothing to do with King's death and said that he knew of no conspiracy relating to it. He stated that he saw King's funeral on television and the way it was conducted it looked to him like it had been planned for 20 years.

He volunteered to the interviewing Agents that he has every intention of protecting his apartment house property in Denver, Colorado with as much force as is necessary if anyone attempts to cause damage or loot it. He stated that he was angry at the leaders of this country for putting up with rioting, looting and the like. He thinks that the Attorney General is "very weak" and used more expletives to emphasize his point. He stated that he is "all for law and order, but would like to see law enforcement empowered to act. He also stated that he was angry because the National Association For The Advancement of Colored People were able to close businesses throughout the country after King's death when very few businesses closed after President Kennedy's assassination; and he is convinced that threats were used to accomplish the closing of businesses in Denver, as he was so informed before he left on his trip.

It should be noted that a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 21, 1966 that Chow is a highly irascible and unpredictable individual, an alcoholic and possibly a user of narcotics.

Mrs. Holt Chew on April 30, 1968 advised that her husband left Denver on April 6, 1968 for Augusta,

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Georgia via Eastern Airlines and that she and a younger son traveled to Florida to meet him on April 12, 1968 via United, Eastern and Delta airlines.

Records of the Retail Credit Men's Association, Denver, Colorado revealed on April 30, 1968 that Holt Chew was born [redacted] at Bert City, Georgia. He attended school there and came to Denver in 1932. He served in the United States Army during World War II and has been owner and operator of Holt Chew Motor Company for many years. His wife's name is Elaine and he has four children. He has been on record with the credit bureau since February, 1937 and has maintained a satisfactory credit rating.

Holt is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	55
Born	[redacted]
	at Bert City, Georgia
Height	5'9"
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Build	Stocky
Scars and Marks	None visible, face heavily lined
Arrest Numbers	Denver Police Department, 58534

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5/7/68

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Bates

To: SAC, Denver (157-203)

From: ~~Director~~, FBI (44-38861)-

MURKIN

ReDNairtel and LHM dated 5/1/68, setting forth results of interview with Holt Chew and requesting authorization to check telephone toll call records for calls placed by Chew.

Referenced LHM indicates Chew to be owner and operator of Holt Chew Motor Company. Bureau files indicate Chew to be a former automobile dealer. It would appear that if Chew still operates Holt Chew Motor Company, that a review of toll call records made by him might be a considerable project. By return airtel advise if Chew still operates the above-named motor company and whether, in your estimation, a check of telephone toll calls made by Chew since 4/23/67, the date that suspect James Earl Ray escaped from prison, would involve the expenditure of considerable Agent time.

In connection with your request to check telephone toll call records, your attention is directed to Bureau airtel to Albany dated 12/5/66, captioned, "Obtaining Telephone Toll Records - Bureau Investigations" wherein it is stated you should specifically comment as to whether such records can be subpoenaed by a Federal Grand Jury when submitting a request for examination of such records. Your comments as to whether such records can be obtained by subpoena through a Federal Grand Jury should be contained in any future requests you submit in this case.

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NOTE:

Chew, in interviews on 4/29-30/68, admitted he was glad Martin Luther King was dead. Chew holds King responsible for an alleged \$400,000 loss suffered by Chew's son, Bill Chew, as a result of efforts of King and his followers to integrate the motel industry in Florida. In December, 1965, Chew called King's office and warned an assistant that King should be careful as someone was going to assassinate him. Chew denies knowing suspect James Earl Ray and declared he knew of no conspiracy relating to it. Chew flew from Denver to Augusta, Georgia, on 4/6/68. Suspect James Earl Ray was last known to have been in Atlanta, Georgia, on 4/5/68. Denver has requested to check toll calls made by Chew to determine if he is possibly implicated in this case.

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EX 109

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SACs, Philadelphia (Enc. 2)
Jacksonville (Enc. 2)

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re E. Raymond, R.D. 2, Coudersport, Pennsylvania, -
complainant.

Enclosed for Philadelphia and Jacksonville are
two copies of an unsigned letter which was postmarked 5-3-68,
at Oil City, Pennsylvania. The envelope bore the return
address of E. Raymond, R.D. 2, Coudersport, Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia should immediately contact Raymond
to obtain any information he may have relating to this
case.

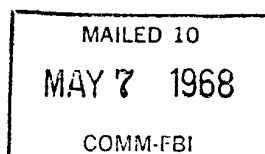
Jacksonville, conduct pertinent investigation at
Ocala, Florida.

One copy of the letter is enclosed for Memphis.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND PHOENIX

FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387

MURKIN

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND PHOENIX DATED
APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST.

CHIEF, STATE JUDICIAL POLICE, TIJUANA, B.C., MEXICO,
ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT FURTHER INQUIRY BY HIM HAS RESULTED
IN IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE AS
BEING IDENTICAL WITH DANIEL D. KENNEDY, WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED
AND HELD BY THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES IN THE STATE OF SONORA,
MEXICO.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO FURNISH ABOVE INFORMATION TO

LEGAT MEXICO.

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CK RECORDS FOR ADDRESS S.S. PAYMENTS
SENT TO JOHN FARRELL, ALIAS JAY FERGUSON,
M.L. KING JR NEAR Ocala FLA.

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CORNER.

ANY REWARD IF NOW THERE
WILL GO TO CHARITY,
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KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED.

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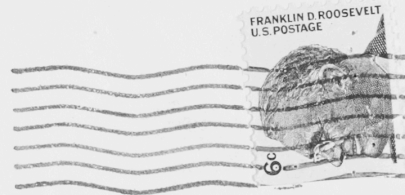
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Washington D.C.

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Q 57
To: SAC's, Denver (157-203) - Enc.
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Denver airtel 4-29-68, submitting a registration card for room #32, Q307, for examination.

No latent impressions of value found or developed on the registration card, which is enclosed to Denver.

Laboratory reporting separate.

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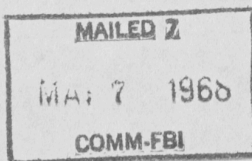
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To: SAC's, Omaha (44-310) - Enc. (2)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Omaha airtel 4-30-68, submitting a white envelope, Q302, and accompanying handwritten message, Q303, for examination.

No latent impressions of value found or developed on Q302 or Q303, which are enclosed to Omaha.

Laboratory reporting separate.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM PHOENIX (44-371) (2P)

MURKIN

LETTER DATED MAY THREE, LAST, RECEIVED AT NOGALES, ARIZONA, RESIDENT AGENCY, MAY SEVEN, INSTANT, FROM CAPT. BAUDELIO JAIME GLEZ OF GUASIMOPA, SONORA, MEXICO. GLEZ STATED THAT AN AMERICAN TOURIST POSSIBLY RESEMBLING RAY APPEARED AT GUASIMOPA, WHERE HE IS RESIDING WITH WIFE, SEVEN YEAR OLD SON AND ELEVEN MONTH OLD BABY. STATED HE HAS GOVERNMENT PENSION AND IS DRIVING WHITE BUICK.

GLEZ STATED MANUEL CRUZ RAMIREZ, OPERATOR OF TIRE REPAIR SHOP IN GUASIMOPA, IS ALSO ACQUAINTED WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL.

GLEZ STATED WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN NAME AND LICENSE NUMBER OF VEHICLE AND STATED WAS SUSPICIOUS OF THIS PERSON COMING

TO LIVE AMONG THE YAQUI INDIANS AND BECAUSE STATED HAD CROSSED THE BORDER ABOUT THE FIFTEENTH OF APRIL AT DOUGLAS, ARIZONA, WHICH IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT ROUTE TO GUASIMOPA.

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Case Legat, Mexico City
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