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ARIZONA,

INVESTIGATION AT FOUR TWO TWO ZERO N. W. TWENTYTHIRD AVE., MIAMI, RE BEN THOMPSON DISCLOSED THROUGH A NEIGHBOR THAT BEN LARNARD THOMPSON WHO LIVED AT THIS ADDRESS FOR TWENTY YEARS DIED ABOUT NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. THOMPSON WAS SPONGE FISHERMAN IN FLORIDA KEYS AND HAD SMALL BOAT. THOMPSON HAS A SON, BENJAMIN L. THOMPSON JR. REPORTEDLY RESIDING MIAMI AREA AND ALSO BELIEVED TO BE TO HAVE BEEN FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN IN FLORIDA KEYS.

EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE BEN THOMPSON JR. INVESTIGATION INDICATED IN RETEL IN MIAMI DIVISION BEING PERSUED.

CHARLOTTE WILL HANDLE INTERVIEW OF WILLIAM LINCOLN PIERCE, WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN, CR.

RE MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

MEMPHIS PD IN RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AT MONTREAL, CANADA, WHO SIGNED LETTER "CODE LETTER G" INDICATING PERSON BELIEVED POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT NOW LIVING IN CANADA. COPIES OF THIS LETTER HAVE BEEN FURNISHED BUREAU BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION FOR TRANSMITTAL TO LEGAT, OTTAWA.

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NO OTHER PERTINENT INVESTIGATION THIS DATE.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 18, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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| 1 - Mr. DeLoach | 1 - Mr. Mohr |
| 1 - Mr. Rosen | 1 - Mr. Bishop |
| 1 - Mr. Malley | 1 - Mr. Conrad |
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| 1 - Mr. Long | 1 - Mr. Sullivan |
| 1 - Mr. McDonough | 1 - Mr. Trotter |
| 1 - Mr. Martindale | |

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Memphis Police Department has received several anonymous letters from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, alleging that Ray is at some ruins south of Mexico City. A similar letter has now been received alleging Ray is buried in the ruins and enclosing a rough map indicating the grave. This is being expeditiously checked out.

James L. Owens, who participated with Ray in the 1959 robbery for which Ray received a twenty-year sentence, frequently saw Ray in Missouri State Penitentiary. He has advised Ray sold drugs in the prison and also operated a "three for two" loan business. Owens expressed the opinion Ray would not have accumulated over \$1,000 from these sources by the time he escaped.

Kenneth Lee Wade, San Francisco, former inmate at Missouri State Penitentiary, has alleged that he, Ray and three others earned \$1,000 a month from the sale of drugs in the penitentiary. Wade is being interviewed in detail to determine if this is true and if so, how and where Ray maintained his share of the proceeds.

Jerry Raynes, subject's father, St. Louis, was recently visited by subject's brothers John, of St. Louis, and Jerry, of Chicago. Both brothers were drinking. Raynes now states that during this visit Jerry mentioned something about the subject's having been in Chicago in the summer of 1967. He says he cannot remember anything more specific about the conversation and that he may have misunderstood Jerry.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

It is noted that Raynes is an old man and an alcoholic. His mind seems to wander and he appears to have difficulty recalling recent events. John and Jerry Ray are being reinterviewed regarding Rayne's allegation.

ACTION:

Vigorous investigation is continuing throughout the field.

John
Ray

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

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MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER GENE BLAKE ADVISED THIS DATE HE BELIVES GRAY HOUSE, REFERRED TO BY QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE IS IN DIFFERENT AREA OF CITY THAN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. AGENTS CHECKED NUMEROUS POSSIBILITIES BUT UNABLE TO LOCATE HOUSE WHERE RAY ALLEGED TO HAVE STAYED OVERNIGHT IN KANSAS CITY. CHECK OF ALL PRIVATE AIRPORTS IN METROPOLITAN KANSAS CITY NEGATIVE RE FLIGHT OUT BY PIERCE PLANE.

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NO RECORD WILLI SARA OR FRANK BRICKLEY IN KANSAS CITY INDICES. WARDEN HAROLD SWENSON ADVISED NO PREVIOUS INMATE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY NAME FRANK BRICKLEY.

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TO BUREAU..ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION AND CIVIL RIGHTS
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KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS, DETROIT. INDIANAPOLIS.

FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

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MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST COPIES OF WHICH BEING
SENT SEPARATELY BY TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, INDIANAPOLIS AND LOUISVILLE
FOR INFO.

THE FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA REFERRED TO BY INFORMANT
MAY BE FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY AKA WILLIAM ROY BRICKLEY, WILLIAM
FRANKLIN BRICKLEY, WILLIAM FRANK BRICKLEY, WILLIAM ROY BUCKLEY,
BILL ROBERT SHAW, BILL SHAW, BILLY SHAW, BILL R. SHAW, FBI NO.
ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C ORIGINALLY FROM CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
AND WHO HAS AN EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD. HE WAS LAST KNOWN TO HAVE
BEEN IMPRISONED AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA AND WAS RELEASED JAN.
SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN UPON COMPLETION OF SENTENCE. TERRE HAUTE PRISON
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BRICKLEY DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OR JUNE TWENTYSIX, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN. OR VICINITY. HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, ONE FORTY TO ONE FORTYFIVE LBS., (IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE), EYES BROWN, HAIR BROWN, DIM TATTOO LEFT UPPER ARM.

IT IS NOTED THAT BRICKLEY HAS SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE AND ATTENTION IS CALLED TO ALLEGATION THAT "SAMUEL LEWIS" SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. POSSIBILITY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THAT BRICKLEY IS TRUE IDENTITY OF SAMUEL LEWIS AND BOB, LNU, WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION TO LOS ANGELES TIMES.

IDENT DIVISION REQUESTED TO AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY COPIES OF MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF BRICKLEY TO LOS ANGELES, EL PASO, MEMPHIS, AND KNOXVILLE FOR DISPLAY BY THOSE OFFICES TO WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES, JERRY COHEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES, AT THE EL PASO BUS STATION, MEMPHIS BUS STATION AND KNOXVILLE BUS STATION.

INDIANAPOLIS AT TERRE HAUTE REVIEW PRISON RECORDS FOR LEADS AS TO CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF BRICKLEY AND SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED. ALSO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE A MORE RECENT PICTURE THAN THE ONE TAKEN MAY THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND IF SO, OBTAIN AND FORWARD COPIES TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

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LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES...BRICKLEY WAS ARRESTED PD
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYTHREE UNDER NAME BILL SHAW
NO. SIX FIVE THREE SEVEN ZERO SIX S FOR GT-AUTO AND BY SO LOS
ANGELES AS BILL ROBERT SHAW APRIL NINE SIXTYTHREE, GT-AUTO, UNDER
NO. B-NINE SIX ZERO FOUR TWO SEVEN. OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS IF AVAILABLE
AND IF GOOD PHOTOGRAPH CONSIDER DISPLAYING TO THOMAS IMMEDIATELY.
ALSO REVIEW RECORDS FOR LOCAL LEADS ...IT BEING NOTED THAT HE
ALLEGEDLY IS IN LOS ANGELES AREA AT THIS TIME ACCORDING TO INFO
FURNISHED BY "BOB" TO THOMAS.

ATLANTA REVIEW YOUR FILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO FOUR ONE TWO FOR
LEADS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRICKLEY.

KNOXVILLE WILL INTERVIEW RELATIVES AND KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF
BRICKLEY IN CHATTANOOGA AREA.

LOUISVILLE AT LEXINGTON AT GREYHOUND OFFICE, EIGHT ZERO ONE
LIMESTONE, REVIEW COPIES OF AUDITORS STUBS OF TICKETS ISSUED AT
KNOXVILLE, TENN. TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF TICKET AGENT
SELLING TICKET NO. THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO
ZERO SPACE FOUR TWO ON APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT
KNOXVILLE FOR TRANSPORTATION KNOXVILLE TO LOS ANGELES VIA
MEMPHIS AND EL PASO AND FOR ANY OTHER DATA AVAILABLE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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M.R. CATERALL
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CC- MR. TROTTER

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

FROM DETROIT (44-989) 2P

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RE DETROIT PHONE CALL TO BUREAU, INSTANT; DETROIT TEL
TO DIRECTOR, MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT; LA TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY
SEVENTEEN, LAST; LA TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

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LT. FERGUSON, RECORDS OFFICER, FCI, MILAN, MICH., RECONTACTED
THIS DATE RE SAM LEWIS, AND ADVISED LEWIS RELEASED IN NINETEEN
THIRTYEIGHT, AND WAS ASSIGNED INSTITUTION NUMBER FIVE FOUR FIVE

ONE. FERGUSON ALSO STATED A THOROUGH CHECK OF AVAILABLE RECORDS
INDICATE ONE SAMUEL LEWIS RELEASED IN NINETEEN FORTY SIX WAS ASSIGNED

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INSTITUTION NUMBER ONE ONE FOUR SEVEN FOUR M. RECORDS ALSO NOTED

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A CHARLES SAMUEL LEWIS RELEASED IN SIXTYTWO, AT WHICH TIME HE
WAS AGE TWENTYTHREE. CHARLES SAMUEL LEWIS WAS ASSIGNED INSTITUTION
NUMBER Y TWO TWO SIX NINE TWO MM. HE WAS INCARCERATED ON DYER ACT

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CHARGE. LEWIS' HOME WAS LISTED AS TOLEDO, OHIO. FOREGOING
BEING FURNISHED FOR ADDITIONAL INFO RE LEWIS.

CONTINUING EFFORTS BEING MADE TO RESOLVE INFO RECEIVED FROM
"BOB," AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

AM COPIES FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND CHICAGO

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE SI AIRTEL MAY NINE LAST RE CORRESPONDENTS OF JERRY RAY.

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SL UNABLE TO DATE TO IDENT OR LOCATE JERRY RAY CORRESPONDENTS PAT WITT AND RUBY DOBYNS, THREE NINE SEVEN ONE WESTMINISTER, SLMC. OWNER OF THAT ADDRESS PAST THREE YEARS IS COLORED, HAS NOT RENTED TO WHITES AND DOES NOT KNOW NAMES. PREVIOUS OWNER FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS RENTED ONLY TO MALES OR MARRIED COUPLES, NO SINGLE FEMALES. DOES NOT RECALL THEM. THEY HAD NO CREDIT RECORDS SL. ON ASSUMPTION THEY WERE PROSTITUTES SLPD VICE SQUAD CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. *dy*

SAME RESULTS AS TO ALLEGED CORRESPONDENT JERRY LANCASTER, FOUR FOUR THREE ONE NORTH NINETEENTH, SL. SLPD INDICATE PERSON BY THAT NAME RESIDING FIVE TWO FOUR SIX WATERMAN, ¹⁰² IN SIXTY SEVEN, BUT UNKNOWN TO NEIGHBORS AND NO RESPONSE AT THAT ADDRESS ON NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS AT DIFFERENT HOURS.

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IF, IN CONSIDERED JUDGEMENT OF CHICAGO, QUESTIONING OF JERRY RAY AS TO WHO THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE, THEIR CONNECTION WITH HIM OR TO THIS CASE, WOULD NOT IN ANY MAY ALIENATE OR AFFECT HIS CURRENT COOPERATION WITH THAT DIVISION, IT IS REQUESTED TO DO SO.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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MURKIN SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES, JOHN LARRY RAY, CAROL PEPPER.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS FAIL TO DISCLOSE SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE FELLOW PRISONER WALTER E. NOLAN: SOURCES INDICATE NO VISITORS AND NO MAIL PAST WEEK.

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MISC: INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE FELLOW PRISONER ROBERT LYNN POWELL, AND RESOLUTION LOCAL LOOK ALIKES CONTINUING. DIFFICULTY EXPERIENCED IN IDENTIFYING AND LOCATING FORMER CORRESPONDENTS OF JERRY RAY.

ATTENTION DIRECTED TO TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR SL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST SUMMARY, LAST WORD LINE THREE PAGE ONE SHOULD BE CARL, NOT EARL, THUS MAKING FULL NAME JAMES CARL OCONNOR UNDER WHICH ACCOUNT BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECTS WAS OPENED AT MANUFACTURERS BANK, SLMO, IN MARCH FIFTY NINE. TO SE KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS FIRST INSTANCE OF USE OF CARL AS PART OF ALIAS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MIAMI (44-1854)
FROM TAMPA 157-3231)

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MURKIN

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: SUSPECT JOHN THOMAS BOWLES.

ATTEMPTS TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT CALLHAN DENTAL LABORATORY, TAMPA, MAY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, NEGATIVE. AUTOMATIC ANSWERING SERVICE INDICATED CALLAHAN UNAVAILABLE UNTIL MAY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT.

EDWARD CALLAHAN, CALLAHAN DENTAL LABORATORIES, ONE ZERO ZERO ONE ZERO LOCKMAN COURT, TAMPA, FURNISHED FOLLOWING ON MAY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT. JOHN BOWLES, SIX ZERO SEVEN BUCKHEAD RIDGE, OKEECHOBEE, FLA., TELEPHONE NUMBER R A THREE FOUR ZERO THREE ONE, CONTACTED HIM IN PERSON ON MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST TO HAVE DENTURES MADE AND GAVE CALAHAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK THAT DATE AS PARTIAL PAYMENT. TWO APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR APRIL FOUR AND FIVE LAST, BOTH FOR TEN A.M., HOWEVER CALLAHAN RECALLS BOWLES MADE TWO APPEARANCES AT LAB BETWEEN MARCH TWENTYSEVEN AND APRIL FOUR, EXACT DATES UNRECALLED. DENTURE IMPRESSIONS MADE APRIL FOUR AND CALLAHAN

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441141)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-158791) (P)
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ESTIMATED BOWLES LENGTH OF STAY ON APRIL FOUR AS ONE TO ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS AND ON APRIL FIVE SIXTYEIGHT RECALLS BOWLES AT LAB SEVERAL HOURS, RECEIVED DENTURES AND PAID REMAINDER OF BILL OF TEN DOLLARS. CALLAHAN OF OPINION BOWLES FLEW HIS PRIVATE PLANE TO TAMPA FOR APPOINTMENTS AND HAD USE OF BORROWED CAR, LATE MODEL CHEVROLET. ON APRIL FIVE SIXTYEIGHT IN DISCUSSION OF KING MURDER, CALLAHAN DESCRIBED BOWLES AS ASSUMING "DIE HARD SOUTHERNER" ATTITUDE AND EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS BEING GLAD MURDER OCCURRED. WITHIN WEEK'S PERIOD FOLLOWING APRIL FIVE APPOINTMENT, BOWLES REAPPEARED TO HAVE ADJUSTMENT MADE TO DENTURES. CALLAHAN'S RECORDS REFLECT BOWLES FURNISHED LOCAL TAMPA TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO THREE SIX - ONE THREE TWO ONE. ALSO RECALLS ON TWO OCCASIONS BOWLES WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, NAME UNKNOWN, DESCRIBED W/F, LATE THIRTY'S FIVE FT. FOUR IN., ONE THIRTY LBS, DARK HAIR.

RUTH VANDENBERG, VANDENBURG AIRPORT, RTE, TWO BOX NINE TWO, ON MAY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: AVAILABLE RECORDS REFLECT ~~JON000000000N~~

REFLECT JOHN BOWLES RENTED HANGAR SPACE THIRTYSEVEN SEPTEMBER AND TEN DAY PERIOD OCTOBER SIXTYSEVEN. RECALLS BOWLES PLANE AS J-THREE CUB, TWO PASSENGER, COLOR UNRECALLED, BELIEVED PURCHASED FROM UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL IN TAMPA AREA. NO RECORDS MAINTAINED RE ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES UNLESS OVERNIGHT PARKING OF PLANE INVOLVED AND NO OBLIGATION OR REQUIREMENT EXISTS TO FILE FLIGHT PLANS.

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VANDENBERG LOCATED ON GAS TICKET RECEIPT IN NAME OF BOWLES DATED APRIL NINE SIXTYEIGHT FOR SIX POINT THREE GALLONS AND INDICATED POSSIBILITY BOWLES MAY HAVE MADE GAS PURCHASES EARLIER IN APRIL AND RECEIPT ONLY MADE OUT TO CASH. WITHOUT CERTAINTY OF DATED^S SHE RECALLED ONE^S OF BOWLES' ARRIVALS WHEN HE USED OFFICE PHONE TO CALL A RELATIVE, NAME UNRECALLED, TO PICK HIM UP AT AIRPORT AND COMMENTED HE HAD DENTIST APPOINTMENT. VANDENBERG RECALLS ON OCCASION WHEN BOWLES ACCOMPANIED BY FEMALE WHO SHE TOOK FOR GRANTED WAS HIS WIFE, DESCRIBED W/F, DARK HAIR, FIVE FT. - FIVE FT. TWO IN., MID THIRTY'S.

TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO THREE SIX - ONE THREE TWO ONE LISTED TO CHARLIE GRIZZAFFE, THREE THREE W. CREST, TAMPA.

TOM GRIZZAFFE ADVISED MAY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT PARENTS PRESENTLY AT LAKE OKEECHOBEE, FLA. AND STAYING AT PROPERTY OWNED BY THEM, BUCKHEAD RIDGE APARTMENTS, RA OR RO THREE FOUR ZERO THREE ONE.

MIAMI INTERVIEW CHARLIE GRIZZAFFE AND WIFE FOR ACTUAL LENGTH OF TIMES BOWLES KNOWN TO BE AT TAMPA ON PERTINENT DATES.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696) 3 P

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, KNOXVILLE AND OTHER DIVISIONS, MAY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, RE FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY AND TELEPHONE CALL MADE JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN, FROM TELEPHONE OF LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., TO SIX ONE SIX - SIX TWO TWO - NINE ZERO SIX SEVEN, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

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ON MAY TWENTY, INSTANT, MRS. OLA MAE HOLLAND, A WIDOW, RESIDENCE APARTMENT FOUR, THREE FIVE ZERO SIX JEROME STREET, CHATTANOOGA, ADVISED SHE HAS RESIDED THIS ADDRESS PAST THIRTEEN YEARS. SHE OWNS THIS LOW RENT SUBSTANDARD APARTMENT BUILDING. HOLLAND HAS HAD TELEPHONE SIX TWO TWO - NINE ZERO SIX SEVEN IN EXCESS OF TWO YEARS. JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN, FOLLOWING PERSONS RESIDED WITH HER AT THIS ADDRESS AND HAD ACCESS TO THIS TELEPHONE: CHRISTINE GUY, DAUGHTER, DIED MAY, SIXTYEIGHT; WALTER JAMES HOLLAND, SON, AGE TWENTYTWO

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AND HIS WIFE, JEAN HOLLAND. WALTER JAMES HOLLAND AND WIFE MOVED JANUARY, SIXTYEIGHT, FROM JEROME STREET; NOW RESIDING UNKNOWN ADDRESS NEAR CHATTANOOGA, TENN. HOLLAND SELF-EMPLOYED WITH BOBBY WALLACE DOING INDIVIDUAL HOUSE ROOFING UNKNOWN LOCATION NORTH ALABAMA.

MRS. HOLLAND AND SON, WALTER JAMES HOLLAND, WERE NOT USUALLY AT HOME DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS. TELEPHONE WOULD NORMALLY HAVE BEEN ANSWERED BY DECEASED DAUGHTER. MRS. HOLLAND NOT AWARE OF ANY LONG DISTANCE CALLS RECEIVED AT HER TELEPHONE FROM CALIFORNIA JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN.

MRS. HOLLAND HAS KNOWN MR. AND MRS. ROY D. BRICKLEY, SR., ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA, SLIGHTLY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. THEY HAVE ONLY TWO SON, ROY D. BRICKLEY, JR., AND FRANK W. BRICKLEY. THEY HAVE TWO OR MORE DAUGHTERS. ONE DAUGHTER, MRS. GLENN ARCHIE (BERTIE LEE) HOLLAND FORMERLY RESIDED ONE TWO TWO THREE THIRTYFIFTH STREET PLACE, CHATTANOOGA, DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THREE FIVE ZERO SIX JEROME

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STREET. THEY WERE RESIDING THIS ADDRESS JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN. THEY HAD NO TELEPHONE AND WOULD RECEIVE TELEPHONE CALLS THROUGH MRS. OLA MAE HOLLAND'S TELEPHONE. THERE IS POSSIBILITY ONE OF BRICKLEY BROTHERS CALLED FOR SISTER USING MRS. OLA MAE HOLLAND'S TELEPHONE AND SHE WOULD NOT BE AWARE OF SUCH CALL. MR. AND MRS. GLEN ARCHIE HOLLAND CURRENTLY RESIDING SALEM ROAD, ROSSVILLE, GA.

SINCE IT APPEARS LONG DISTANCE CALL FROM ONE OF BRICKLEY BROTHERS, LOS ANGELES, JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN, WAS TO THEIR SISTER, NO ADDITIONAL EFFORT BEING MADE TO LOCATE WALTER JAMES HOLLAND FOR INTERVIEW RE THIS CALL.

ATLANTA, AT ROSSVILLE, GA., INTERVIEW MRS. GLENN ARCHIE HOLLAND, SALEM ROAD, ROSSVILLE, RE CALL RECEIVED FROM LOS ANGELES JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

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RE BUREAU PHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS MAY NINETEEN LAST.

DON G. CUMMINGS, TWO SEVEN THREE THREE ELM HILL PIKE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, ADVISED MAY NINETEEN THAT HIS DAUGHTER BARBARA IS ACQUAINTED WITH A GROUP OF ENTERTAINERS KNOWN AS THE MARV DENNIS FOUR FROM LOS ANGELES WHO ARE PRESENTLY PLAYING IN EVANSTON, INDIANA. STATES THAT ON MAY NINETEEN DENNIS APPEARED AT CUMMINGS' RESIDENCE IN NASHVILLE, ACCOMPANIED BY BLONDE WOMAN GIVING NAME ANN PATTON, ALLEGEDLY EMPLOYED BY SEARS ROEBUCK STORE IN NASHVILLE. CUMMINGS RECALLED NEWSPAPER ARTICLE WRITTEN BY LOUIS LOMAX STATING FBI ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE BLONDE WOMAN KNOWN AS "JERRI" LAST REPORTED TO BE IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN WITH HER HUSBAND AND WHO WAS USING NAME OF "DENNIS".

CUMMINGS INFORMED THAT MARV DENNIS IN NO WAY RESEMBLES RAY BUT FELT THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE DENNIS AND THE PATTON WOMAN ARE THE TWO PERSONS REFERRED TO IN LOMAX'S NEWS STORY AS "JERRI" AND HER HUSBAND IN WISCONSIN.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *Dr*

DATE: May 20, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *A. Rosen*

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

SEE NOTE ON REVERSE SIDE

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 5/17/68 William Thomas, City Editor, and Jerry Cohen, reporter, Los Angeles "Times" furnished the following information.

On 5/13/68 or 5/14/68 the "Times" was telephonically contacted by a man who claimed to have information concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. Thomas talked to this man on the telephone three or four times and on the evening of 5/16/68 Thomas and Cohen met this man at a bar. He identified himself only as Bob. From his conversation, Thomas and Cohen believe Bob has been in several penitentiaries.

Bob related a fantastic account of an alleged conspiracy in connection with King's death. The details, which will be discussed later in this memorandum, are at variance with the results of our investigation. Specific investigation to check out Bob's story has failed to verify any relevant allegation and it appears very doubtful he has any knowledge of the case; however, we are continuing investigation in this regard and are making every effort to identify and locate Bob for interview.

The "Times" gave Bob \$100 on the evening of 5/16/68. He said he needed this money to leave town. The "Times" does not know how to contact him and does not expect to hear from him again.

Thomas said the "Times" sole purpose was to get a story out of Bob's material but he did not wish to interfere with the Bureau's investigation and although reporters were standing by in Kansas City, Memphis, Birmingham, Huntsville, and Miami, no overt steps had been taken to verify Bob's story and nothing would be published before 5/21/68. Thomas said he was also contemplating making this information available to the Attorney General.

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Details of Bob's allegations are set forth below.

1. **BOB ALLEGES:** The day before the shooting, Ray was picked up in Athens, Alabama, and taken to Memphis.

FACTS: King was killed 4/4/68. Ray, as Eric S. Galt, registered at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, 4/3/68 and checked out 4/4/68. Motel records show he was driving his Mustang.

2. **BOB ALLEGES:** At the Memphis rooming house from which the shot was fired, another man registered as Samuel Lewis. Lewis was the backup man to kill King at the rally on the night of 4/4/68 if Ray was unable to perform the murder from the rooming house.

FACTS: The proprietor of the rooming house states Lewis is unknown to her either by name or as a guest registering on 4/4/68.

3. **BOB ALLEGES:** Lewis' rifle was left in the furnace of the rooming house and is believed to still be there.

FACTS: The rooming house has no furnace. No such rifle has been found.

4. **BOB ALLEGES:** After the shooting, Ray walked two or three blocks to the getaway car accompanied by a man and a woman. Ray's Mustang was not in Memphis 4/4/68.

FACTS: Investigation indicates Ray left Memphis alone in his Mustang which was parked near the rooming house.

5. **BOB ALLEGES:** The getaway car was a new Buick with Alabama license plates, equipped with a police radio, and owned and driven by Eddie Wilburn, Huntsville, Alabama, a member of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars.

FACTS: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Huntsville, does not have such a member but one Esmond Wilburn, also known as Eddie, sometimes visits the club. Wilburn owns a Cadillac and is employed by a health insurance company. He denies having been out of Alabama since December. He was in Huntsville 4/3-6/68 according to company production records and the personal recollection of his employer.

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6. **BOB ALLEGES:** Upon leaving Memphis, Ray, Wilburn, and two girls and a child from Huntsville, drove to Kansas City in six and one-half hours.

FACTS: Investigation indicates that when Ray left Memphis he drove alone to Atlanta in his Mustang.

7. **BOB ALLEGES:** In Kansas City Ray spent the night in a small one bedroom, gray-shingled house about three miles from the center of the city.

FACTS: Although the "Times" provided a rough map drawn by Thomas based upon information furnished by Bob, investigation has failed to locate the Kansas City house described by Bob.

8. **BOB ALLEGES:** Ray left Kansas City at dusk, 4/5/68, and was flown to Belle Glade, Florida, in a private airplane owned by William Pierce, a wealthy Ku Klux Klan member who owns a Belle Glade airport, a motel, cottages on a nearby lake, and once owned a contracting company in Cuba. Pierce often flies his own plane to New Orleans, is acquainted with New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison and is related to Eddie Wilburn.

FACTS: No person meeting Pierce's description could be found. One William L. Pierce, a Belle Glade welder, formerly owned a migrant boarding house and was briefly wealthy over twenty years ago when he sold a rope making machine in Cuba. One Leland Clifford Pearce owns cottages at a lake near Belle Glade and formerly sold cattle to Cuba. Neither Pierce nor Pearce flies nor owns a plane and both deny knowing Jim Garrison or being related to Eddie Wilburn.

9. **BOB ALLEGES:** On 4/11/68 Ray boarded a charter boat or yacht at Key West owned by Ben Thompson.

FACTS: No such boat has been located. Benjamin Larnard Thompson, Jr., Miami, states he operated fishing boats off the Florida Keys prior to August, 1966. He denied any knowledge of this matter.

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10. **BOB ALLEGES:** In the weeks before the killing, Ray stayed at Belle Glade.

FACTS: Investigation at Belle Glade has been negative. Ray is known to have been living in Los Angeles from November, 1967, until 3/17/68. He was in New Orleans on about 3/21/68, checked into an Atlanta rooming house, 3/24/68, was in Birmingham, 3/29-30/68, paid rent in Atlanta, 3/31/68, and was in Memphis, 4/3-4/68.

11. **BOB ALLEGES:** On the day of the killing Ray made telephone calls from Memphis to Belle Glade. The calls are believed to have been made from a bus station.

FACTS: This is being checked out.

12. **BOB ALLEGES:** The payoff was made through Wilburn in Reno, 4/3/68, by rigging a Keno payoff of \$25,000 at the CAL-NEVA Lodge. Charlie Cate, an employee of the lodge, was cognizant.

FACTS: The CAL-NEVA Lodge has been closed since Labor Day, 1967. One Charles Thomas Cate is a pit boss at the CAL-NEVA Club. He has been interviewed with negative results. The owner of the club states there was no Keno payoff on 4/3/68 of more than \$400 and there has not been a \$25,000 payoff for almost three years.

13. **BOB ALLEGES:** A man using Ray as a first name was in Room 700, Clark Hotel, Los Angeles, 4/17-18/68.

FACTS: This man has been identified as Raymond Andrew Young, Massena, New York, and has been eliminated.

14. **BOB ALLEGES:** Lamont White, Western Union employee in Los Angeles, sent money to Louisiana and purchased two pistols for Frank Brickley, Chattanooga, who was in prison with Ray.

FACTS: Leamont White, an effeminate Negro states: He has known Frank and Bob Brickley for five or six years. Both are heavy drinkers. White owned two pistols which disappeared in the summer of 1967 and he suspected Frank or Bob Brickley, or their

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cousin whose name he cannot recall, of stealing the guns from his home. About two months ago White got a collect call from Frank either from Nashville or Knoxville and sent him \$20 or \$30. He last saw Bob Brickley less than two months ago at which time Bob said Frank was in prison. White believes only the Brickleys or their cousin would know of the guns stolen from him and the money he sent Frank.

Frank Brickley is apparently identical with Frank William Brickley who has a lengthy criminal record but does not appear to have served time with Ray. We are seeking Brickley and his brother for interview.

15. **BOB ALLEGES:** Ray worked for a week as a bartender at Harold's Cafe, a "queer" bar in Los Angeles, where he is known by a man named Connie.

FACTS: The manager of Harold's is known as Connie. He and other personnel deny any knowledge of Ray.

16. **BOB ALLEGES:** Ray is or was married to Willi Shea, who once worked at the Top Rail Bar, Los Angeles.

FACTS: The Top Rail Bar does not normally employ women. Willi Shea is unknown there or at the home address furnished by Bob.

17. **BOB ALLEGES:** Ray used a telephone company credit card for various calls including those allegedly made from Memphis to Belle Glade. The credit card was issued to Riddell Catering, U. S. Rubber, Detroit, and was in the name of Riddell or a Robert Brinkley. Riddell lives in Harper Woods, Michigan.

FACTS: This is being checked out.

18. **BOB ALLEGES:** Samuel Lewis, the backup man at the Memphis rooming house, served time at Chillicothe and Terre Haute and was discharged in 1963 from prison in Milan, Michigan. Lewis spent the night of 4/4/68 in Memphis and took an early morning bus to Knoxville. On 4/7/68 left Knoxville by bus for Los Angeles via Memphis and El Paso. Bob furnished the "Times" a Greyhound bus ticket issued 4/7/68 at Knoxville for passage to Los Angeles via Memphis and El Paso.

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FACTS: The Los Angeles "Times" City Editor believes it is possible Bob is identical with Samuel Lewis. Investigation indicates Bob may be identical with Frank William Brickley. There is no evidence that there was such a backup man but Brickley and Lewis, if he exists, will be located and interviewed.

ACTION:

All aspects of this investigation are receiving vigorous attention.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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Re telephone call of JOHN M. DOWNEY to Director's Office, 6:06 p.m., 5/16/68.

JOHN M. DOWNEY, 2745 29th Street, N. W., WDC, advised SA ROGER D. ASHLAND on 5/17/68 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY resemble an individual he met in the Town and Country Lounge of Mayflower Hotel, WDC on about April or May, 1967. DOWNEY said the person he met in the lounge said his name was FRED GABLE or FRED GABO (ph). This person told DOWNEY he had just gotten out of prison and only had \$20.00. DOWNEY offered to buy him a meal. Instead, DOWNEY bought him two cups of coffee and this person turned on him and said, "You are a copper." He also said he had a gun in his pocket and if DOWNEY followed him, he would shoot him.

DOWNEY described FRED GABLE or GABO as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	40 years old
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	175 pounds
Build:	Medium
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DOWNEY added during the conversation with this person at the bar, DOWNEY asked him why he was buying dollar drinks, if all he had was \$20.00. The man answered he wanted to know how bartenders mix drinks in high class bars.

Inasmuch as DOWNEY has not furnished specific information which would aid in locating FRED GABO or GABLE, WFO is conducting no active investigation at this time. WFO will keep in mind the above information in handling of leads in this matter.

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**To: SAC's, Atlanta (44-2386) - Enclosure
Memphis (44-1987)**

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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**Re Atlanta airtel 5/10/68, submitting registration
card #8660, Q336, for examination.**

**No latent impressions of value developed on Q336,
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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTY
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IN SUBJECT'S ROOM AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET, ATLANTA,
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

JAMES R. WILLOUGHBY REINTERVIEWED AND WAS SHOWN PHOTO
OF WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE AND STATED LEE DOES NOT
APPEAR SIMILAR TO ANY OF THE THREE INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED
BY WILLOUGHBY TALKING TOGETHER AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH
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WILLOUGHBY HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FURNISH.

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