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322 Chadbourne Avenue Los Angeles, California 90049

May 13, 1968

Copy to Ramsey Clark

Director J. Edgar Hoover Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover MUKKIN

The two enclosed letters may give some idea of my puzzlement and I presume that of millions of other Americans concerned lover the mysterious murder of the Rev. King.

Sincerely,

Logan Wilshire

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Editorial Page

Puzzling Aspects Of Murder Hunt

Editor: Few would deny that the murder of the Rev. Martin Luther King has turned out to be a very strange happening in more ways than one.

To take just one example: after the murder, it was reported in the press that a man was seen to drop a rifle on the sidewalk near the scene of the crime. This rifle was first reported to be a Browning but later was said to be a Remington which was actually found in a rooming house. Quite a difference!

Next, we read that the Remington was in the possession of the FBI and that ballistic tests would be made to determine if the bullet which killed the Rev. King came from the Remington. Naturally, if the bullet was found there would be no problem. But, so far, I have seen no report from the FBI.

The presumption would be, of course, that the fatal shot was fired from the Remington, except for the puzzling fact that a published chronicle of events in the life of the prime suspect, Eric Stover Galt or James Earl Ray, or whatever his real name may be, states that as long ago as September 1967, the mystery man received a package in the mail from Chicago, weighing 20-25 lbs., 3 ft. long and 1 ft. wide.

This package could have contained a Browning and until such time, if ever, that tests prove the Remington bullet killed the Rev. King, the possibility remains that the shot came from another rifle, probably the Browning.

As things stack up today, at least in the minds of the general public, the question of who murdered the Rev. King must take a back seat to the question of what murdered him. Was it a bullet from the Browning or the Remington, if there were actually two rifles? In that case, the owner of the Remington might not have been the killer nor had anything to do with the crime.

The Remington could have found its way into the rooming house through the hand of someone else. If this seems farfetched, a little reflection will show that name switching and impersonation could make one person appear as two or two persons appear as one.

That something like this happened is made probable by the fact that the FBI has itself switched very recently from identifying its suspect as James Ray to saying he was Eric Galt. Indeed a very strange happening.

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RALPH DE TOLEDANO WRITES IN HIS SYNDICATED COLUMN THAT CERTAIN FBI INVESTIGATORS HAVE THEORIZED THE RED CHINESE MURDERED THE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING THROUGH UNDERWORLD CONNECTIONS HERE IN ORDER TO CAUSE TURMOIL IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS THEORY IS PLAUSIBLE AS THE RED CHINESE ARE UTTERLY IRRESPONSIBLE AND HATE US SUFFICIENTLY TO FORGE SUCH A DIABOLICAL PLOT. THE THEORY BECOMES EVEN MORE ATTRATIVE, HOWEVER, IF THE ULTIMATE GOAL HAD BEEN TO SCUTTLE THE PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE, A FAR MORE REWARDING ACHIEVEMENT TO THE RED CHINESE THAN TURMOIL ALONE. THE REASON IS THAT THE RED CHINESE ARE DESPERATELY DETERMINED TO MAKE CERTAIN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE CONTINUE THE WAR UNTIL THE UNITED STATES MAKES AN UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH VIETNAM. IF THAT SHOULD HAPPEN, RED CHINA WOULD HAVE ACHIEVED HER GOAL OF A FREE HAND IN S.E. ASIA. LABUT CONNOW NORTH VIETNAM HAS FALTERED AND IS READY TO TALK PEACE WITH THE UNITED STATES, IN SPITE OF THREATS BY THE RED CHINESE TO WITHDRAW WAR AID TO THEM.

AFTER THIS FAILURE TO KEEP THE NORTH VIETNAMESE IN LINE, THE PROBLEM THEN EMERGED FOR THE RED CHINESE OF HOW BEST TO UNDERMINE THE PEACE CONFERENCE ITSELF. THE PLAN SELECTED M IGHT WELL HAVE BEEN TO HAVE THE REV. KING MURDERED IN SUCH WAY AS TO THROW SUSPICION ON THE RED CHINESE THEMSELVES. IN THAT CASE, PUBLIC INDIGNATION HERE WOULD RISE NOT ONLY AGAINST THE RED CHINESE BUT COMMUNISTS EVERYWHERE, INCLUDING THE COMMUNIST LEADERS OF NORTH VIETNAM, WHO ALL PARTICIPATE IN A DRIVE TO DESTROY THE FREE WORLD. THE RESULT COULD BE ANTICIPATED BY THE RED CHINESE THAT THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION WOULD HAVE TO TAKE A HARD LINE AGAINST THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AT PARTS OR RISK AN UPRISING AGAINST THE DEMOCRAT PARTY IN NOVEMBER. A HARD LINE, HOWEVER, MIGHT WELL DOOM THE CONFERENCE WHICH IS JUST WHAT THE RED CHINESE WANT.

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TO

Mr. Bishop

DATE: 5-17-68

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PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

To stimulate public cooperation and possibly elicit pertinent information from individuals motivated by financial rewards, it is being suggested that information on the substantial financial rewards offered in the Murkin case be emphasized through nationwide publicity. The rewards are for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Dr. King's killer.

Contact today with the Memphis Office reflects there is a current known total of \$100,000 in outstanding rewards. The "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers have each offered \$25,000, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has underwritten the reward up to a total of \$100,000. This compilation was set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal." Although there have been rumors of additional rewards by such organizations as the SCLC, these are apparently without foundation.

A proposed letter to all SACs is attached, instructing each office to discreetly remind their news contacts of the existence of the substantial rewards as an additional step in eliciting public cooperation.

RECOMMENDATION:

The attached letter to SAC, Albany, with copies to all other offices and Legats, be approved.

Enclosure ___

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure

1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure

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	SUBJECT:	MURKIN (00: Memphis)
		Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau 5/14/68.
	7 /	Letter Written by Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX to Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK dated 4/13/68
	Conferenc	Referenced airtel set forth suggested lead that ns interview appropriate officials of the Southern e Educational Fund (SCEF) for any information these might have concerning assassination of MARTIN NG, JR.
	Set forth	The April, 1968, edition of "Southern Patriot," publication of SCEF, lists the officials of SCEF. below are the names of those individuals listed ntly reside in New Orleans.
		Executive Committee
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JAMES A. DOMBROWSKI, DOROTHY ZELLNER ROBERT ZELLNER

New Orleans files contain the following pertinent information concerning the above individuals:

JACK CORNELIUS PEEBLES is subject of a pending SM-C case, NOfile 100-17300. PEEBLES is a practicing attorney in New Orleans and is known to give legal advice to members of the Sparticists League and the New Orleans Movement for A Democratic Society (NOMDS).

ROSALYN LAVANTHAL is subject of a closed SM-M case, Bufile 105-171667, NO file 100-17425.

ROBERT THOMAS ANALYAGE is subject of appending SM-M case, New Orleans file 100-17586. He is known to have attempted suicide on four different occasions while in the military, is described as a violent and destructive person and has an arrest history from 1955 through 1967, including burglary and drunkenness.

JAMES A. DOMBROWSKI is subject of a closed SM-C case, Bufile 100-122819, NO 100-13722. DOMBROWSKI is a retired executive director of SCEF and is presently on Section A of the Reserve Index.

JOHN ROBERT ZELLNER is subject of a pending SM-C case, Bufile 100-442400, NO 100-17552.

DOROTHY RACHELLE ZELLNER aka Mrs. JOHN ROBERT ZELLNER is subject of pending SM-C case, Bufile 100-427403, NO 100-17551. She is currently on the Security Index, New Orleans Division.

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UACB New Orleans does not contemplate conducting interviews of the above persons in connection with instant matter in view of the past or present security type investigation conducted on these individuals.

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To: SAC's, Los Angeles (44-1574) - Enclosures (2) Memphis (44-1987)

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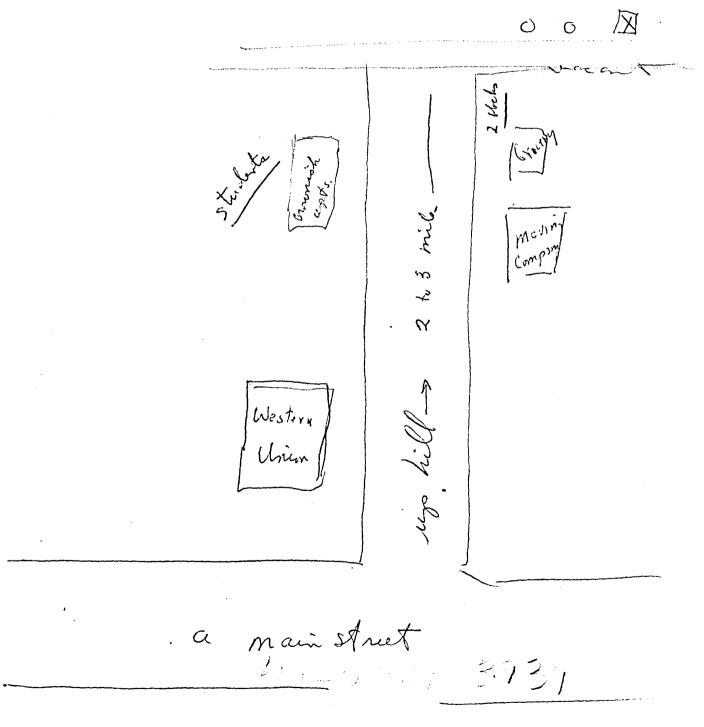
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possibility of latents or any other information that could be gleaned that would relate to other data in this case. The envelope has been handled by numerous persons, and City Editor WILLIAM THOMAS advised that the ticket has been handled by quite a number of persons on his staff. The pertinent examination would seem to be whether or not JAMES EARL RAY left a latent print on this ticket.

Drawn by City Editor W LIAM THOMAS, "Los Angeles Times", 5/17/68, and given to SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP and Supervisor WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN as to possible location of hideaway house allegedly utilized by RAY at Kansas City. (See Item 5, page 1)



Date: 5/22/68 Date: 5/22/68 Date: 5/22/68 Insmit the following in (Type in plaintext or code) AIRTEL (Priority) Mr. Mosen Mr. Callahan. Mr. Conrad. Mr. Felt. Mr. Gale. Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Tavel. Mr. Trotter. Tele. Room. Miss Holmes.	FD-3	3♣ (Rev. 5-22-64)	Mr. Tolson
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HOUSTON:			
12/15/67	379-9950	512-256-3209	Benavides, Texas
12/15/67	223-7217	522-275-4620	Cuero, Texas
12/15/67	379 -9028	512-275-5890	Cuero, Texas
12/17/67	458-9215	512-275-3317	Cuero, Texas, caller
			Mrs. EDWIN THEILENGERDES Marion, Texas
12/15/67	875-9040	512-293-4701	Yoakum, Texas, to PERCY MAREK
12/15/67	278-9083	512-325-2511	Falfurrias, Texas
12/16/67	426-8835	512-358-1562	Beeville, Texas
12/17/67	875-9085	512-394-7180	Freer, Texas
12/16/67	379-9056	713-522-3008	Houston, Texas
12/15/67	674-9676	713-524-5994	Houston, Texas
12/15/67	278-9031	512-547-3381	Mathis, Texas
12/16/67	563-9747	512-547-9083	Mathis, Texas
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12/17/67	674-9761	512-643-2795	Portland, Texas
12/17/67	379-9935	512-657-2389	Edna, Texas
12/15/67	875-9040	512-664-4777	Alice, Texas, from Mrs. FISHER
12/15/67	875-9018	512-764-6461	Rockport, Texas Record shows name JACK MORONEY who could be caller or person called
12/17/67	379-9059	512-771-2901	Records show call to Houston, but 771 exchange is Ganado, Texas
12/15/67	379-9915	512-835-9631	Corpus Christi, Texas
12/15/67	875-9087	512-852-6980	Corpus Christi, Texas
12/15/67	379-9950	512-882-7541	Corpus Christi, Texas
12/16/67	379-9925	512 882-8969	Corpus Christi, Texas
12/16/67	223-8266	512-883-9186	Corpus Christi, Texas
12/15/67	563-9793	512-884-1372	Corpus Christi, Texas
12/15/67	379-9950	512-884-2598	Corpus Christi, Texas
12/16/67	223-7322	512-852-0541	Corpus Christi, Texas

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12/15/67	563-9719	512-937-2811	Flour Bluff, Texas
12/17/67	875-9018	713-962-9115	Port Arthur, Texas
12/15/67	278-9028	806-983-2648	Port O'Connor, Texas

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Assistance to F.B.I.

1. Reference is made to telexes Q268, Q274, Q275 and Q281 emanating from Quebec Sub/Division.

21 APR. 68

- At approximately 11:30 A.M. a telephone call was received at this office from Major Wilbur HISCOCK of the Consulate General of the United States of America to the effect he had been alerted one Jean-Guy MERINEUA of Ste. Foy, P.Q. had reported having seen the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther KING in the City of Quebec during the week-end of 19/21 Apr. 68.
- Mr. Jean-Guy MERINEAU of 2596 Pontleroy Avenue, Ste-Foy, Quebec was interrogated and he advised he was a part-time waiter at the Marquis de Montcalm cocktail bar forming part of Universal Motel situated at 2300 Chemin Ste. Foy, Ste-Foy, Quebec. He asserted that during the evening of 20 Apr. 68 a male tourist had crashed a private party on three different occasions and because of his intoxicated condition was each and every time evicted from the premises.
- Mr. MERINEAU furthered that following his awakening this morning he began perusing the newspaper - Dimanche-Matin - 21 Apr. 68 edition - and he believed the individual who had given him a hectic previous evening strongly resembled James Earl RAY @ Eric Starvo GALT. Subsequent investigation resulted in ascertaining two other barmen and a bellboy of the said establishment shared the opinion of Mr. MERINEAU the alien had facial features and composure highly resembling that of James Earl RAY whose portrait appeared in local newspapers.
- It was later determined the suspect had been registered in room 240 at Universal Metel and had checked-in at the hour of 2:00 PM on 19 Apr. 68. He surrendered the room in the proximity of 11:00 A.M. on 21-4-68 and it was established beyond a reasonable doubt subject occupied the said room in company with a woman and another couple.
- The registration motel card showed the male occupants of the double-bed room had inscribed their identities as being Robert BILLINGS of 190 Temple Avenue, Old Orchard Beach, Maine and Paul-TIBRLETTE of 5 Wildwood Lane equally of Old Orchard Beach. The license number of the vehicle in which they travelled was shown as 117-492 - State of Maine. Our "J" Division HQ. reported the markers were registered to one Stanley PAYSON of 50 Moody Street, Saco, Maine for a 1967 Dedge convertible.



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At the time of my arrival at the motel room 240 had been thoroughly scrubbed by the cleaning women and all walls and furniture had been cleansed with a damp cloth. This precluded any attempt to examine the quarters for latent finger-prints. Sixteen (16) empty bottles of spirits bearing the labels Rheingold, Dawson and Haffenreffer lager beer as well as Seagrams whiskey and Lawrence vocks said to have been removed from the room in question were taken into custody for examination by the N.C.O. 1/c Quebec Identification Section. Several prints suitable for comparison were found on the bottles, however, none compared with those of the sought killer.

- 8. At a later date employees of the Marquis de Montcalm cocktail bar were displayed F.B.I. Wanted Flyer 442-A and after viewing same they were less convinced the individual who had caused them inconvenience during the evening of 20-4-68 was in fact the murderer of Dr. Martin Luther KING. Two waiters advised the person in question had an indented scar near the left eye which was very conspicuous. The F.B.I. wanted circular indicated RAY has a small sear on the centre of his forehead and palm of his right hand.
- Yanier, P.Q., was reported to have been the desk clerk at the motel when the suspect arrived and departed. He was interrogated and advised subject produced his driver's license as ways of identifying himself when the checked-in at the motel. Mr. ROY added the person in question was in possession of a State of Maine driver's permit in favour of Paul TIBRLETTE of 5 Wildwood Lane, Old Orchard Beach, Me. He added Mr. TIBRLETTE had difficulty locating the registration certificate for the car he was operating, and therefore, he and TIBRLETTE proceeded outdoors to verify the license number of the vehicle. He described the automobile as a late model Dodge convertible.
- According to Mr. Michel ROY the suspect bore no similarities to James Earl RAY. He described Mr. TIBBLETTE as being 32 or 33 years of age, 6'l" to 6'2", long thin face, 165 to 170 lbs., wearing a sports jacket with red insignia and bushy curly hair. He added this same person had rented a room at the motel on a previous occasion during the fall of 1967. He did not see the other occupants of the vehicle as they entered the establishment through a side entrance.
- It was found payment for the rooming facilities was paid in advance in U.S. currency and charges amounted to \$21.00. Investigation also revealed the motel is equipped with an electronic switch board and they have no control of telephone calls made locally. Long-distance calls are made direct with the operator of the Bell Telephone Co. who later advises the accounting department of the motel the cost of the call. Customers are billed accordingly and records are destroyed once payment has been settled.

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As enquiries in this respect progressed it became quite evident there was a genuine mistake in identity and the person said to resemble the slayer of Dr. KING was in fact not James Eral RAY. To date of writing, no reply has been received from the F.B.I. to our message Q268.

13. Further investigation in this instance would appear unwarranted and our file is being terminated.

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Cpl. E. Deduc 20981. Que bec Detachment.

Your: 680 190-19 Our: 68QS-790-21.

The C.O. "C" Div., MONTREAL.

1. FORWARDED. Reference to be made also to the following telex: C226 and CIB414, Commr MPS 1/c 4495-32 and Q288.

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Québec, 13-5-68.

Insp.,

J.R.R. Quintal, Commanding Quebec Subdivision.

The COMMISSIONER, Ottawa

Our File No. 68-C-190-19 Your File No. 68HQ-791-Q-60

1. FORWARDED for your information.

J.U.I.

MONTREAL 16-5-68

J.R. Duchesneau, Insp. A/Officer i/c C.I.B.

FBI Date: May 22, 1968 Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code) AIRMAIL (Priority)

> DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) TO:

FROM: SAC. JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference Director airtel to JK, 5/7/68; Philadelphia airtel to Director, 5/9/68. Re E. RAYMOND, R.D. 2, Coudersport, Pa., complainant. Information copies furnished Philadelphia and Memphis due to their interest in this matter.

On 5/13/68, JOYCE HARRINGTON, Post Office Clerk, Oklawaha, Florida Post Office, advised that there is no listing at that post office for a J. FERGUSON, or JOHN FARRELL. She advised that JOHN FERRELL, formerly resided at ROute 1, Box 98, Little Lake Weir and now receives his mail through Routel, Box 259, Forest Lake Park, Oklawaha, Florida. Also receiving mail at Route 1, Box 259 are the WILLIAMS and JESSIE FERRELL.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were furnished to Mrs. HARRINGTON and she advised she did not recognize anyone as being identical to RAY.

Negative attempts were made on 5/15 and 5/17/68 to contact anyone at Route 1, Box 259, Oklawaha, Florida, a remote cabin settlement in a wooded area.

On 5/20/68, Mrs. BETTY WILLIAMS, Route 1, Box 258, advised that she is a neighbor and close personal friend of JOHN FERRELL and that they have been residents in that location for the past six years.

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She advised that FERRELL permanently moved to the Oklawaha area from Miami, Florida, and that he currently works for the Scotty Craft Boat Company, Miami Beach, Florida. She advised that he is on a sea going trip to Oceanside, Maryland presently and will return during the last week in May, 1968. Mrs. WILLIAMS advised that she knew of no other JOHN FERRELL in the Oklawaha area and that JOHN FERRELL, her neighbor, is a man of some fifty—one years, who is not outspoken in racial matters or politics. She was furnished photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that they were not familiar to her at all and that no one fitting the description of RAY has visited FERRELLS cabin to her knowledge.

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JACKSONVILLE DIVISION:

AT OKLAWAHA, FLORIDA:

Will interview JOHN FERRELL, Route 1, Box 259, upon his return from Oceanside. Md.

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FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO DIRECTOR AND DALLAS MAY ELEVEN LAST.

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TO And: : Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Legat, Rome (44-2) (P.)

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ReROMlet 4-29-68 and Rome cable 5-3-68.

The Central Bureau, Criminal Division, Italian National Police, Rome, Italy, advised on 5-21-68 that suspect RAY's photograph and I.O. have been given saturation distribution throughout Italy. According to the Central Bureau, police stations in every major Italian city have received descriptive data on suspect RAY.

As of 5-22-68 alerted police districts and frontier stations have not developed any information indicating suspect RAY has traveled to Italy.

Legat is following this matter with his sources and will report to the Bureau promptly any pertinent information developed.

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	Re Bureau radiogram, 5/14/68, instructing that RAY's photographs should be displayed to witnesses in unsolved bank robbery and bank burglary cases. Instructions in this regard were furnished to all agents of this office who are assigned the pending unsolved bank robbery and bank burglary cases, by Memo dated 5/16/68. All photographs of RAY were also made available for exhibition to witnesses in these cases.							
	Results of this investigation will be reported in the individual bank robbery or bank burglary file and recorded in instant Murkin file. Any pertinent information developed concerning RAY will be immediately brought to the attention of the Bureau and Memphis.							
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WHOSE IDENTITY IS KNOWN TO THE BUREAU, ADVISED HIS WIFE HAS
JUST RETURNED FROM MIAMI, FLA. WHERE SHE SPENT THE PAST FOUR
MONTHS HELPING HER SISTER OPERATE THE DIAMOND INN, ONE TWO FOUR
TWO NINE WEST DIXIE HIGHWAY, NORTH MIAMI.

ACCORDING TO THE CI, DURING THE COURSE OF HIS WIFE'S
WORKING AT DIAMOND INN, SHE MET A MAN KNOWN ONLY AS ROLAND, WHO
FREQUENTED THE DIAMOND INN AND ALWAYS DRANK RUM AND COKE AND
ATTEMPTED TO DATE THE CI'S WIFE UNSUCCESSFULLY. ROLAND CLAIMED
TO BE A GRAND DRAGON IN THE KU KLUX KLAN (KKK) AND DISPLAYED A
KKK MEMBERSHIP CARD. ON ONE OCCASION, HE STATED HE HAD BEEN
QUESTIONED BY THE FBI AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES REGARDING "KILLING
NIGGERS" AND HAD SPECIFICALLY BEEN QUESTIONED ABOUT KILLING ONE
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"NIGGERS". ROLAND LEFT AND WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN UNTIL ABOUT SEVEN THIRTY PM ON THE DAY OF KING'S DEATH WHEN HE WALKED INTO DIAMOND INN AND SAID, "SEE, WHAT DID I TELL YOU". HE THEN PROCEEDED TO STATE THAT ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, STOKELEY CARMICHAEL AND RAP BROWN WERE ALSO SCHEDULED FOR ASSASSINATION. HE FURTHER STATED, "WE WILL TAKE CARE OF BOBBY KENNEDY SO HE WILL NEVER BECOME PRESIDENT."

ROLAND DRIVES A WHITE MUSTANG AND CLAIMS HE ALWAYS

CARRIES A SHOTGUN AND MACHINE GUN IN THE CAR AND IS ALWAYS

ACCOMPANIED BY A LARGE DOBERMAN PINCHER DOG WHO IS EXTREMELY

VICIOUS. IN ADDITION, HE CLAIMS HIS WIFE, WHO WORKS IN A

RESTAURANT AS A WAITRESS NEAR THE DIAMOND INN, IS ALSO ACTIVE

IN THE KKK.

ROLAND REPORTEDLY GETS VIOLENT AFTER A FEW DRINKS

AND LOUDDLY EXPOUNDS HIS HATE FOR NEGROES, JEWS AND CATHOLICS

AND ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, DISPLAYS A LARGE CONFEDERATE FLAG

ON HIS CAR.

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THE CI'S WIFE WAS INTERVIEWED AND SHE VERIFIED THE ABOVE INFORMATION. SHE WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRPAHS OF JAMES EARL RAY BUT STATED ROLAND IN NO WAY RESEMBLED RAY. WHEN QUESTIONED WHY SHE HAD NOT REPORTED THIS INFORMATION EARLIER, SHE ADVISED SHE WAS FRIGHTENED AND WANTED TO WAIT AND DISCUSS IT WITH HER HUSBAND PRIVATELY AFTER LEAVING MIAMI.

ROLAND DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, FORTY YEARS,

FIVE FOOT NINE INCHES, BROWN HAIR, HAZEL EYES, HIGH CHEEKBONES,

HIGH FOREHEAD, POINTED NOSE, SWARTHY COMPLEXION, EMPLOYED AS AN

AUTO MECHANIC AT THE CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH GARAGE IN NORTH MIAMI.

EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE USED IN PROTECTING THE IDENTITY OF THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION AS WELL AS THE FACT THE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM THE DIAMOND INN INASMUCH AS THE CI FEELS THAT HARM COULD COME TO EITHER HIS WIFE OR HIS SISTER-IN-LAW IN MIAMI.

MIAMI. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO

IDENTIFY ROLAND AND TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY HE
COULD HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

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JOE M. BEANS, KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, DRIVING FIFTYSEVEN
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STORE BEING CONTACTED.

MSP RECORDS REVEALED FORMER INMATE, NATHAN J. MURPHY, MAY 27 1968
SENDING MONEY ORDER FOR ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO ATTORNEY PHILLIP

L. BAKER ON JUNE TEN, SIXTYTHREE. NO OTHER PERTINENT MONEY

TRANSACTIONS IN MURPHY'S FILE.

DMV, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ADVISED ON MAY TWENTYNINE, NEXT,

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APPLICATIONS IN THE STATE OF MO. FOR APRIL AND THAT PART OF MAY, SIXTYEIGHT. THEREAFTER, A WEEKLY LIST WILL BE SUBMITTED. THESE BRIEFS CONTAIN EVERYTHING ON APPLICATION. THESE WILL BE ON ALL WHITE MALE APPLICANTS BETWEEN THIRTY AND FIFTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE.

DMV ESTIMATES THERE WILL BE TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND. MO. DMV DOES NOT SEND ALL DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICATIONS THROUGH THE NATIONAL DRIVERS REGISTRY. US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WASHINGTON, DC.

DIRECTOR, L. BILLINGS, KANSAS DMV, ADVISED THAT ALL
DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWALS AND APPLICATIONS ARE PUT ON TAPE AND
SENT TO THE NATIONAL DRIVERS REGISTRY, WASHINGTON, DC. ALSO, THEY
HAVE ON FILE DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER AND NAME OF INDIVIDUALS FROM
APRIL EIGHT, LAST, TO THE PRESENT TIME. THE NAMES PRIOR TO APRIL
EIGHT, LAST, DESTROYED. KS. DMV NEEDS AT LEAST ONE WEEK TO FURNISH
THESE NAMES. NEITHER MISSOURI OR KANSAS CAN SEPARATE RENEWALS FROM
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