

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

DATE: *May 20, 1968*

TO : The Director

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Pages S5850-S5851. Senator Long, (D) Louisiana, requested to have printed in the Record an article from the May 3, 1968, issue of Life magazine entitled "The Story of the Accused Killer of Dr. King."

Original file

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for *May 17, 1968* was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Via _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: *JWS* SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE FLOYD EVANS HILL, aka
Jimmy Lee Hill
Former Missouri State
Penitentiary Inmate
with Subject.

Re San Francisco teletype to Los Angeles dated
5/22/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
LEO C. BAILEY at Los Padres, California.

Records, State of California, Department of
Corrections, California Men's Colony, East Facility, that
were made available on 5/24/68 by Records Officer ROBERT
TAKAHASHI, contained the following information on FLOYD
EVANS HILL, California State Prison No. B11112:

HILL, charged as JIMMY LEE HILL, was received
by the California Department of Corrections on 10/3/67
from Los Angeles County to serve a six months to ten years
sentence for Grand Theft of a Firearm, which sentence was
ordered to run consecutively to Missouri sentence to which
HILL is subject. HILL was arrested on this charge on 6/17/67,
at which time he had a revolver in the unlocked glove com-
partment of his vehicle.

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C. C. Bishop

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1571) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: MARY WANDA BIRD, aka
Jimmy Lee Hill
Robert Kennedy State
Penitentiary, Inmate
with Subject.

All San Francisco teletype to Los Angeles dated

5/25/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
LLOYD C. BAILEY at Los Angeles, California.

Records, State of California, Department of
Corrections, California Men's Colony, West Facility, that
were made available on 5/25/68 by Records Officer ROBERT
TAKAHASHI, contained the following information on BIRD:
BIRD, MARY WANDA, California State Prison, L. BILLS;

BIRD, MARY WANDA, was received
by the California Department of Corrections on 10/23/67
from Los Angeles County to serve a six months to ten years
sentence for Grand Theft of a Vehicle, which sentence was
ordered to run consecutively to Missouri sentence to which
BIRD is subject. BIRD was arrested on this charge on 5/15/67.
At which time he had a revolver in the unlocked glove com-
partment of his vehicle.

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These records revealed that HILL was convicted of Grand Theft in the Circuit Court, State of Missouri, County of Barton on 10/10/66, and was sentenced to State Prison. HILL was paroled to California from Missouri on 5/16/67.

A social evaluation of HILL reveals he has average intelligence, but has a noticeable difficulty accurately expressing himself. His lack of education tends to be magnified by his hillbilly accent, and backwoods logic.

HILL was on parole from Missouri and had been out of that institution only a very short period of time prior to his involvement leading to his arrest and continual confinement since 6/17/67.

On 5/24/68, FLOYD EVANS HILL, California State Prison No. B11112 was interviewed at the above institution and furnished the following information:

He was arrested 6/17/67 by Los Angeles Sheriff's Office near Compton, California, has been in continual confinement since, and is serving a sentence of six months to ten years for Grand Theft of Pistol.

He was arrested for Grand Theft of Copper Wire in Barton County, Missouri in October, 1966, convicted, and sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary for a two years period. By about 11/21/66, he arrived at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, to start serving his sentence, and where he was confined for about 1½ months thereafter being transferred to the Men's Institution Training Center, Moberly, Missouri, where he remained for about six months. From there, he was transferred to a Missouri State Penitentiary honor farm called Rinse Farm (phonetic) which is just across the bridge from the State Prison at Jefferson City, where he was confined for only a couple of weeks prior

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These records reflected that HILL was convicted of Grand Theft in the State of Missouri. HILL was paroled to California from Missouri on 10/10/50. HILL was paroled to California from Missouri on 10/10/50.

A social evaluation of HILL revealed he has average intelligence, but has a noticeable difficulty accurately expressing himself. His lack of education tends to be magnified by his illiberal accent, and he speaks little.

HILL was on parole from Missouri and had been out of that institution only a very short period of time prior to his involvement leading to his arrest and continued confinement since 1/15/51.

On 1/15/51, HILL was interviewed at the above institution and furnished the following information:

He was arrested by Los Angeles Sheriff's Office near Compton, California, and has been in continual confinement since, and is serving a sentence of six months to ten years for Grand Theft of Pistol.

He was arrested for Grand Theft of Cooper Wine in Barton County, Missouri in October, 1950, convicted, and sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary for a two year period. By about 11/15/50, he arrived at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, to start serving his sentence, and where he was confined for about 10 months before being transferred to the State Penitentiary in St. Louis, Missouri. He was transferred to a Missouri State Penitentiary honor farm called Rains Farm (phonetic) in St. Louis, Missouri from the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, where he was confined for only a couple of weeks before

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to release on parole on 5/16/67. When released on parole, he flew to California by airlines and was on the street about one month prior to his arrest confinement on 6/17/67.

At the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, he was confined in a two-man cell, but was moved around quite a bit and had quite a few different cellmates. At Moberly, Missouri, they had individual cells, and Rinse Farm housed them in barrack-type buildings.

HILL said he knew a lot of the inmates in the Missouri State Penitentiary at the above locations, but he does not know their names. He initially stated that he cannot place JAMES EARL RAY by name, photograph, or description as having been a cellmate at any of the above institutions. Upon further reflection and consideration, EVANS thought the center photograph on the FBI Wanted Flyer No. 442-A looked a little familiar to him, but he still definitely does not recognize RAY as having been one of his cellmates. He said that if RAY is identical to the person who he recalls resembled the center photograph on the above Wanted Flyer, that person was only a casual acquaintance of his. The man who resembled the center photograph on the Wanted Flyer walked back and forth to work with him at Moberly, Missouri Institution. The person who resembled the photograph on the Wanted Flyer worked in the woodshop at Moberly and HILL went to school there for a while and worked in the plumbing shop. HILL stated he did not get too well acquainted with this individual and can recall nothing of value about the person that he thinks resembles RAY except that person claimed to know quite a bit about safes, was to get out soon and wanted some help in writing up scores which HILL ignored since he wanted no part of it. As he recalls, the person he knew who resembled the center photograph on the Wanted Flyer of RAY wanted to score on safes in California and "go to Mexico and cool it." EVANS stated that since he was not interested in the matter, no specific place in California or Mexico was mentioned.

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 At the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City,
 ... was confined in a two-man cell. One was named ...
 ... had quite a few different cellmates. At one time,
 ... they had individual cells. ...
 ... in barbed-wire ...
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 Missouri State Penitentiary at the above location, but he
 does not know their names. He initially stated that he
 cannot place ... by name, ... or ...
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 Upon further reflection and consideration, ...
 center photograph of the FBI wanted flyer No. ...
 a little familiar to him, but he still definitely does not
 recognize ... as having been one of his cellmates. He said
 that ... is identical to the person who ...
 resembled the center photograph of the above wanted flyer.
 ... person was only a casual acquaintance of his. ...
 ... resembled the center photograph of the wanted flyer ...
 ... and ... to work with him at ... Missouri institution.
 The person who resembled the photograph of the wanted flyer
 worked in the woodshop at ... and ... went to school
 there for a while and worked in the plumbing shop. ...
 stated he did not get well acquainted with this individual
 and can recall nothing of value about the person that he
 ... except that person claimed to know
 ... was to get out soon and wanted
 some help in writing up scores which ...
 wanted no part of it. As he recalls, the person ...
 who resembled the center photograph of the wanted flyer of
 RAY wanted to score on sales in California and ...
 end cool it. ... stated that since he was not interested
 in the matter, no specific place in California or Mexico
 was mentioned.

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EVANS repeatedly denied that he knows RAY or anything about RAY other than stated that above and was emphatic in pointing out that he had no contact with RAY or the person who resembled RAY when he, HALL, was in California on the street in May and April, 1967.

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RAY was seen at the home of the person who resided on the street in May and April, 1961.
RAY was in contact with the person who resided on the street in May and April, 1961.
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Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

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REBURAD MAY TWENTYONE LAST AND SAN ANTONIO TEL TO THE BUREAU MAY TWENTYTHREE LAST.

ON MAY TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT CONFERENCE WAS HELD WITH A. F. TEMPLE, CHIEF, DRIVER AND VEHICLE RECORDS, DIV., AND JOEL TISDALE, CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION AND CRIMINAL RECORDS DIV., TEXAS DPS, AUSTIN, TEXAS, TO SEE IF ANY POSSIBLE WAYS COULD BE DEvised TO EFFECT COVERAGE OF ALL NEW APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTYEIGHT, BY MALE CAUCASIANS BETWEEN AGES THIRTY AND FIFTY-FIVE. CHIEF TEMPLE ADVISED DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU USES THE SOUNDEX SYSTEM AND DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS HAVE NOT, TO DATE, BEEN COMPUTERIZED. THE DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU HAS THREE HUNDRED SUB-STATIONS AROUND THE STATE OF TEXAS THAT SUBMIT LICENSE APPLICATIONS ON A DAILY BASIS. NEW APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF BIRTH SUCH AS BIRTH CERTIFICATE,

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1542)

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ON MAY TWENTY LAST TEXAS GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION DIVISION

ADVISED THAT TEXAS GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION DIVISION

IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THE ACTS OF VIOLENCE

COMMITTED IN TEXAS AND IS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE

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MATELY THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND APPLICATIONS OF ALL TYPES ARE RECEIVED MONTHLY INTO THE SOUNDEX SYSTEM AT HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTIN. THERE ARE CURRENTLY SIX AND ONE HALF MILLION APPLICATIONS ON FILE. TO LOCATE THE APPROXIMATE SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND ^OFOR APRIL AND MAY WOULD TAKE MANUAL REVIEW OF EACH SIX AND ONE-HALF MILLION INDIVIDUAL RECORDS. THE DRIVER LICENSE BUREAU STARTED PHOTOGRAPHING LICENSEES JANUARY ONE, LAST. THESE FILM RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED SEPARATELY BY SUBSTATION ON FILM SUBMITTED DAILY. NO EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR VISUAL REVIEW OF FILM NEGATIVES AND ONLY WAY TO REVIEW FILM NEGATIVES WOULD BE TO HAVE FILM COMPANY MAKE THE BUREAU A COPY OF EACH NEGATIVE. DPS PAYS TWENTYFIVE POINT EIGHT CENTS PER COPY. FOR APRIL THERE WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND NEGATIVES. DPS IS CURRENTLY APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS IN ARREARS IN MAILING OUT LICENSES. FBI AGENTS COULD VIEW THESE LICENSES THAT ARE IN ARREARS AND THEN REVIEW LICENSES ON A CURRENT BASIS AS RECEIVED AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAU, AUSTIN. IT WOULD TAKE FOUR AGENTS TO WORK WITH EACH OF THE FOUR DESKS

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MAILING OUT LICENSES AT DRIVER LICENSE BUREAU. THEY MAIL OUT APPROXIMATELY THIRTEEN THOUSAND DAILY. THEY ARE CURRENTLY MAILING OUT LICENSE FOR MAY ONE LAST. CHIEF TEMPLE, WHO HAS BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE IN THE PAST, STATED HE IS DESIROU^S OF DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSIST BUREAU IN THIS MATTER, AND EVEN THOUGH HE HAS AN ACUTE SPACE PROBLEM HE WOULD ENDEAVOR TO MAKE ROOM FOR FOUR AGENTS TO WORK IN DRIVER LICENSE BUREAU SHOULD THE BUREAU DESIRE, OR HE WILL GIVE WANTED FLYERS AND IO CIRCULARS TO EACH EMPLOYEE MAILING OUT LICENSES AND ASK THEM TO BE ALERT FOR ANYONE RESEMBLING RAY. THIS DATE CIRCULARS AND OTHER PHOTOS OF RAY GIVEN CHIEF TEMPLE FOR THIS DISTRIBUTION. CHIEF TEMPLE IS OF OPINION FICTITIOUS LICENSES FOR STATE OF TEXAS UNDER CURRENT POLICIES WOULD BE DIFFICULT IN VIEW OF FACT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF BIRTH, PHOTOGRAPH OF LICENSEE, AND THUMB PRINT ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH APPLICANT.

LATTER SUGGESTION OF CHIEF TEMPLE BEING FOLLOWED, UACB.

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 LING TO MAKE ROOM FOR FOUR AGENTS TO WORK IN DRIVER LICENSE BUREAU
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 TO CIRCULARS TO EACH EMPLOYEE WITH OUT LICENSES AND ASK
 THEM TO BE ALERT FOR ANYONE RESEMBLING RAY. THIS DATE
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 DISTRIBUTION. CHIEF TEMPLE IN OPINION FEELS LICENSES
 FOR STATE OF TEXAS UNDER CURRENT POLICIES WOULD BE DIFFICULT
 IN VIEW OF FACT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH OF
 LICENSES, AND THING POINT ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH APPLICATION.
 LATTER SUGGESTION OF CHIEF TEMPLE BEING FOLLOWED, WAGS.

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7:35 PM URGENT 5-27-68 DPK
TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE MAY TWENTY FOUR LAST AND LOS ANGELES
TELETYPE MAY TWENTY FIVE LAST.

RE JAMES P. THORNTON:

RECORDS SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, WEST ANAHEIM
BRANCH, ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, AS REVIEWED THIS DATE INDICATE
JAMES P. THORNTON, ONE TWO SEVEN THREE FIVE CARDINAL AVENUE,
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, OPENED A CHECKING ACCOUNT OCTOBER
THIRTY, SIXTY SEVEN, WHICH ACCOUNT STILL OPEN WITH SMALL
BALANCE. THORNTON INDICATED EMPLOYED AS A COLLECTOR BY
TRANSAMERICA CREDIT CORPORATION, ANAHEIM, AND ONLY CHECK
BEING CLEARED IS TO FRANCHISE TAX BOARD, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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ALSO DETERMINED THIS DATE THAT TOM AND MARGE RELEY HAVE
RESIDED AT ONE TWO SEVEN THREE FIVE CARDINAL AVENUE, GARDEN
GROVE, FOR FOUR YEARS. FURTHER THAT MARGE RELEY'S SON BY

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE MAY TWENTY FOUR LAST AND LOS ANGELES

TELETYPE MAY TWENTY FIVE LAST.

RE JAMES E. THORNTON;

RECORDS SECTION FIRST NATIONAL BANK, WEST WASHINGTON
BRANCH, WASHINGTON, CALIFORNIA, AS REVIEWED THIS DATE INDICATE
JAMES E. THORNTON, ONE TWO SEVEN THREE FIVE CARDINAL AVENUE,
CARLETON GROVE, CALIFORNIA, OPENED A CHECKING ACCOUNT OCTOBER
TWENTY, SIXTY SEVEN, WHICH ACCOUNT STILL OPEN WITH SMALL
BALANCE. THORNTON INDICATED EMPLOYED AS A COLLECTOR BY
TRANSMERRICA CREDIT CORPORATION, WASHINGTON, AND ONLY CHECK

BEING CLEARED TO BE RECORDED IN TO PROCEEDURE TAX BOARD, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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ALSO DETERMINED THIS INFORMATION AND MARCE BELLY HAVE

RESIDED AT ONE TWO SEVEN THREE FIVE CARDINAL AVENUE

SEVERAL YEARS. INFORMATION THAT MARCE BELLY'S SON BY

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FORMER MARRIAGE USING NAME JIM THORNTON LIVED AT ABOVE ADDRESS FROM FALL OF SIXTY SEVEN WHEN DISCHARGED FROM MILITARY SERVICE TO APRIL, SIXTY EIGHT, WHEN MOVED TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, BECAUSE TRANSFERRED BY FINANCE COMPANY FOR WHICH HE WAS EMPLOYED.

FOR INFORMATION OF ATLANTA, THORNTON ENTERED U.S. ARMY ON JUNE FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE AT LOS ANGELES AND PROCEEDED TO FORT POLK, LOUISIANA. HE WAS ASSIGNED ASN FIVE SIX THREE EIGHT SIX FIVE FIVE THREE. IN MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, HE WAS STATIONED AT FORT BLISS, TEXAS. PHOTOS ARE BEING SHOWN IN GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, AREA. ATLANTA REQUESTED TO ADVISE LOS ANGELES OF INTERVIEW OF THORNTON.

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FORMER WARRIOR USING NAME JIM THORNTON LIVED AT ABOVE ADDRESS FROM FALL OF SIXTY SEVEN WHEN DISCHARGED FROM MILITARY SERVICE TO APRIL, SIXTY EIGHT, WHEN MOVED TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, BECAUSE TRANSFERRED BY FINANCIAL COMPANY FOR WHICH HE WAS EMPLOYED.

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INTERVIEW OF THORNTON.

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8:13PMURGENT 5-27-68 LCS
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO CHECK SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES AT BANKS IN ATLANTA METROPOLITAN AREA. INVESTIGATION TO DATE NEGATIVE.

NUMEROUS EFFORTS TO LOCATE HAROLD G. ANDERSON UNSUCCESSFUL.

JAMES P. THORNTON'S EMPLOYMENT AT PACIFIC FINANCE CO., WEST PEACHTREE ST., ATLANTA, VERIFIED. THORNTON WILL BE CONTACTED BY AGENTS IN A SECURE LOCATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE TO THORNTON IN VIEW OF HIS PAST ACTIVITIES WITH NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP) AND WITH JERRY DUTTON, FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH NSRP AND AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS PARTY.

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CARL LOOSIER, NEIGHBOR OF THORNTON AND DUTTON, ADVISED THORNTON AND DUTTON'S DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE HAD ANY RECENT VISITORS.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-3886

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NUMBER OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTYSEVEN

INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO CHECK CREDIT RECORDS
AT BANKS IN ATLANTA METROPOLITAN AREA. INVESTIGATION TO
DATE NEGATIVE.

NUMBER ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HAROLD G. ANDERSON UNSUCCESSFUL.
JAMES G. THORNTON'S EMPLOYMENT AT PACIFIC RIMMER CO.,

LAST EMPLOYER AT ATLANTA, VERIFIED. THORNTON WILL BE

CONTACTED BY AGENT IN A SEVERAL MONTHS WITHOUT BEING

NOTICE TO THORNTON IN VIEW OF HIS PAST ACTIVITIES WITH

NATIONAL PEASANT RIGHTS PARTY (NPRP) AND WITH JERRY BUTTS,

FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH WORK AND AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS

PARTY.

CARL LOUISER, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION AND OUTREACH, ADVISED

THORNTON AND BUTTS DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE HAD ANY

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE GRAPEVINE TAVERN. CONTACT WITH USA RIDDLE TODAY DISCLOSED STATE LIQUOR QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GRAPEVINE DUE ON OR BEFORE JUNE ONE NOT YET RECEIVED.

RE JUDGE JOHN C. CASEY. CASEY STILL HAS MOTION TO DISMISS SUBJECTS MOTION TO VACATE UNDER ADVISEMENT. NO PUBLICITY NOTED.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY. NEIGHBORHOODS OF FORMER RESIDENCES CONDUCTED. NO INFORMATION OF PERTINENCE TO LOCATION OF SUBJECT ADDUCED. ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE CLARENCE HAYNES, ASSOCIATE OF JOHN, AND HAYNES COMMON LAW WIFE RUBY, WHO IS GRAPEVINE DAY BARMAID, FOR INTERVIEW AWAY FROM GRAPEVINE UNSUCCESSFUL.

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER. SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE EX-CONS JOHN PAUL VELANTI AND JAMES H. CARPENTER. APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR VELANTI AND CARPENTER INTERVIEWS TOMMORROW.

MISC. ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE FELLOW PRISONERS, PARTICULARLY ROBERT LYNN POWELL, AND PHONE TOLL CHECKS RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING.

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TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5/13/78.
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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-735)

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Body Isn't King's Slayer

MAHONNY CITY, Pa., May 28 (UPI) — A routine check of the dental charts of the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. yesterday confirmed he wasn't killed and buried in a shallow grave near here.

Police and FBI investigators never thought he was, but they made the dental comparison in following one of the "hundreds and hundreds" of leads into the disappearance of the suspect, James Earl Ray.

The dental evidence left police with no clues to the identity of the man whose body was unearthed May 8, the apparent victim of a gangland-style slaying.

Dr. Thomas Buckley, who compared Ray's charts with the man's facial skeleton in the Good Samaritan Hospital in nearby Pottsville, said, "It wasn't even a close call."

*Arthur A. G.
Buckley*

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1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, San Diego (175-8)

From: Director, FBI

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RE: "Possible Threat Against Robert F. Kennedy, Presidential Candidate, Speech at Chula Vista, California, May 20, 1968, Information Concerning."

Reurairtel and LHM dated 5-23-68.

Investigation conducted by your office in an effort to identify the unknown individual who contacted Keith King is not adequate. You should conduct additional investigation in an effort to identify that individual as a suspect or co-conspirator in this case or to eliminate him. Such additional investigation should include but not be limited to checks of restaurants, motels, car rental businesses and cab companies servicing the area.

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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

TO: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

VIA TELETYPE
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RESDTL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS DATED MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.
YOU SHOULD BY RETURN COMMUNICATION ADVISE IF VEHICLE
OBTAINED BY WILLIAM A. MARSHALL RECOVERED AND IF HE HAS
BEEN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. YOU SHOULD ALSO ADVISE
IF AUTHORITIES AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, HAVE OUTSTANDING
WARRANT AGAINST MARSHALL FOR USE OF VEHICLE.

KEEP BUREAU FULLY ADVISED. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.
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NOTE:

William A. Marshall is a suspect look-alike. San Diego advised an individual giving name of William A. Marshall signed an escrow contract to purchase a home at Bonita, California, on 5/14/68, for \$51,000 giving a promisory type check for \$5,000 and indicated he had a \$65,000 certified check in his hotel room. Marshall claimed to be employed by International Harvest Company, Bloomington, Illinois, and recently transferred to San Diego area. He desired house so family could move to San Diego from Illinois. On 5/14/68, he attempted to purchase an automobile at Chula Vista, California, displaying escrow contract and automobile salesman gave keys of vehicle to Marshall. Description of vehicle and Marshall placed in all points bulletin by California authorities and description of vehicle placed in NGIC. Chula Vista authorities

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advised that no stolen report filed on automobile as police department unable to accept due to circumstances under which Marshall obtained automobile. Authorities further advised that stolen report can be accepted ten days after vehicle missing.

San Diego being requested to advise as to current status of Marshall and any possible outstanding warrant as our investigation thus far unable to locate Marshall and verify any of facts as given by him.

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Mortimer
- 1 - Lab File



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

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 28, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680527001 JK**

Examination requested by: **Cleveland**
Reference: **Airtel 5/23/68**
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 28, 1968**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Re: **MURKIN
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Lab. No. **D-680527001 JK**

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Request for comparison of evidence submitted with Philadelphia communication dated 5/20/68 and evidence submitted with Miami communication dated 4/11/68

Result of examination:

The items submitted with Miami communication dated 4/11/68 (Q124, Q125 and Q126) contain only questioned hand printing while the letter and envelope (Q347 and Q348) submitted by Philadelphia communication dated 5/20/68 bear only typewriting and the handwritten signature "Eric S. Galt."

Because of the different means employed to prepare the questioned items previously mentioned they could not be satisfactorily compared.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *Rdw*

DATE: May 28, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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ASAC Stefansson of the San Antonio Office was telephonically contacted on the morning of 5/28/68 concerning the check of driver's license records in Texas.

It was pointed out it did not appear practical that if rolls of film were available there was no way to visually review the film except by having copies made of negatives. ASAC Stefansson was instructed to ascertain specifically what type of film was used, that is make and size and also ascertain whether or not mechanical equipment could be rented locally to review such film. If such can be handled, he is to advise the Bureau of the approximate cost. If such equipment cannot be obtained locally, he is to advise the Bureau so that a check may be made nationally to determine whether or not appropriate machines are available to visually review negatives.

It was pointed out that such material should be afforded expeditious attention because it would be necessary for Bureau personnel to review the records in an effort to determine whether or not subject has obtained a driver's license in the State of Texas. This is not a project which could be left up to individual clerical employees by leaving a copy of an IO and hoping that they pay some attention to it sometime during the day.

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1 - Mr. McGowan
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To: SACs, Dallas (44-2649)
Houston (44-1509)
Memphis (44-1987)
New Orleans (157-10673)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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If not already done, Dallas, Houston, Memphis and New Orleans should check records of access to safety deposit boxes at banks in each of those cities for the month of April, 1968. Any individuals who made entry into such safety deposit boxes in this period should be eliminated as possibly being subject. This can primarily be done on the basis of length of time the box was rented or on the basis of the renter of the box being known to bank employees. Any questionable eliminations must be run out.

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This is being suggested in light of the possibility that subject may have rented such a box and then while fleeing may have made entry for the purpose of withdrawing valuables.

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NOTE: In view of the fact that subject rented a safety deposit box in Birmingham, Ala., it is possible that he could have rented a safety deposit box in other cities. The divisions of Dallas, Houston, Memphis and New Orleans are being requested to ascertain the identity of individuals having safety deposit boxes in those cities and any questionable eliminations must be run out. This is being suggested in light of the possibility that subject may have rented such a box and then while fleeing may have made entry for the purpose of withdrawing valuables.

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM LEGAT TOKYO NO 36

JAY Mc Gowan

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FOR INFO OF BUREAU, TAIPEI, TAIWAN, NEWSPAPERS ON MAY TWO NINE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, CARRIED STORY OF POSSIBILITY JAMES EARL RAY ENROUTE TAIWAN. LEGAT, THROUGH OSI IN TAIWAN AND KOREA, HAS ASCERTAINED NO APPARENT BASIS IN FACT FOR ALLEGATION. KOREA NATIONAL POLICE, SEOUL, GAVE PRESS RELEASE MAY TWO EIGHT, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, ASKING THAT ALL BE ALERT FOR SUBJECT IN EVENT HE TRAVELS TO KOREA AND THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE CAUSE OF MISLEADING DISPATCH FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP), KOREA TO AP, TAIWAN. KOREA NATIONAL POLICE CURRENTLY QUESTIONING AP KOREA REPRESENTATIVE AS TO BASIS FOR HIS DISPATCH. MATTER BEING FOLLOWED CLOSELY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ABSOLUTE BASIS FOR REPORT.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
ATTN: Mr. Patrick D. Putnam, Special Agent
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the attached memorandum (Inclosure 1) from your Field Office at Knoxville, Tennessee, which contains an undeveloped lead pertaining to Major Henry J. McAden, 074 767.

The attached statement (Inclosure 2), which contains the results of interview with Major McAden regarding this matter, is furnished as requested.

We trust this information will be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of John F. Hyde

JOHN F. HYDE
Colonel, MPC
Chief, Security &
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Knoxville, Tennessee
April 18, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka.,
Eric Starvo Galt,
Harvey Lowmeyer,
John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING -
VICTIM;
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Captain Wilborn A. Ray, Instructor, Army ROTC, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee, advised that in about September, 1966, while stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia, he and Army Major Henry McAden, a Negro now in Vietnam, were discussing racial problems when Dr. Martin Luther King's name came up. Ray continued he told McAden if Dr. King ever appeared in Memphis, Tennessee, he would be murdered. Captain Ray stated that he further told Major McAden that Dr. King would be shot while standing on a motel balcony, away from his friends, either looking over the area or praying. He said that he also told Major McAden that Dr. King's assassin would be aiming at his head but would hit him in the throat or high in the chest.

Captain Ray explained that later in either January or February, 1967, he and Major McAden were drinking in a club at Fort Eustis when McAden again brought up the subject of Dr. King's possible murder in Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that Major McAden asked him if he knew who would shoot Dr. King. He said that he replied that the man who would assassinate Dr. King was Eric Starvo Galt.

Ray stated he cannot explain why he was able to come forth with the above information and especially the name Eric Starvo Galt since he never knew anyone by

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that name, in fact, had never heard the name until after the assassination of Dr. King. He said, however, in the past on several occasions he had been able to predict future events.

Captain Ray requested that the information furnished in this matter be kept confidential since he is aware that it makes him appear a mental case, but he wants the information a matter of record since he feels that when Major McAden receives the details of Dr. King's death, he will recall their previous conversation concerning Dr. King's assassination in Memphis and will report it to military authorities.

On April 17, 1968, Agent Jerry Thurlow, Military Intelligence, Johnson City, Tennessee, advised that Captain Wilborn A. Ray, ROTC Instructor, East Tennessee State University, has an above average IQ, an excellent Army record, and is considered an above average instructor at East Tennessee State University. Thurlow added that Colonel Richard Krueger, Captain Ray's Commanding Officer at East Tennessee State University, has advised that at the time of Dr. King's death in Memphis, Tennessee, he and Captain Ray with other members of a bowling team were bowling in Johnson City, Tennessee.

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

WITNESS STATEMENT

(AF FORM 107-1 (REV. 10-6-65))

DATE: TIME: FILE NUMBER:

Schickel, Jay Parks, Hawaii

27 Apr 68

SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO. GRADE:

McADEN, Henry Johnson

MAJOR

USARPAC Field Systems Agency, Fort Shafter, Hawaii

SWORN STATEMENT

Henry Johnson McADEN

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

I became acquainted with Captain Wilborn RAY (then 2d LT) sometime in August 1962, when I was assigned to the 13th Psy War Bn at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Later, when I became the S-4, RAY worked for me as Battalion Maintenance Officer. I lived at this time in government quarters at 514 Mondragon Street. I had daily contact with RAY while he worked for me. RAY visited me and my family in my quarters rather frequently. On Saturdays during the football season we would watch ball games in my quarters. To my knowledge RAY got out of the Army sometime in 1964 and went back to Johnson City, Tennessee to take care of his mother. I left Bragg in 1964 to go to Vietnam.

I was surprised to meet RAY again at Fort Eustis, Virginia when I reported to duty there some time in August 1966. RAY had one of the Student Companies. During my stay at Eustis I had little contact with RAY. I was assigned to 714th Rail Battalion as S-3 and the job kept me pretty busy. I saw RAY three or four times during this period and had him once for dinner at my quarters at 122 Boston Drive, Warwick, Virginia. I left Fort Eustis in May of 1967 to go to Fort Benjamin Harrison, and later I was transferred to Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

Q. MAJ McADEN, do you remember any discussions with RAY involving racial issues?
A. No. We may have discussed some of the demonstrations which were taking place in the country, but racial discussions were never a definite topic.

Q. Do you remember discussing Dr Martin Luther KING with RAY?
A. The name was probably mentioned in some of our conversations."

Q. Did RAY ever tell you that he had the ability to predict future events?
A. No, he never did.

Q. MAJ McADEN, RAY claims that on two occasions, once in September 1966, and again in January or February 1967, he told you that he knew that Dr KING would be assassinated if he ever came to Memphis, Tennessee, and gave you the details of the assassination and the name of the murderer. Do you remember such conversations?
A. No. I am sure that if such conversations had taken place, the events surrounding the assassination of Dr KING would have brought about a recollection. It seems to me that I remember meeting him at the Officers Club at Fort Eustis around the time during which this alleged conversation took place, but this was a very short meeting and the conversation unimportant.

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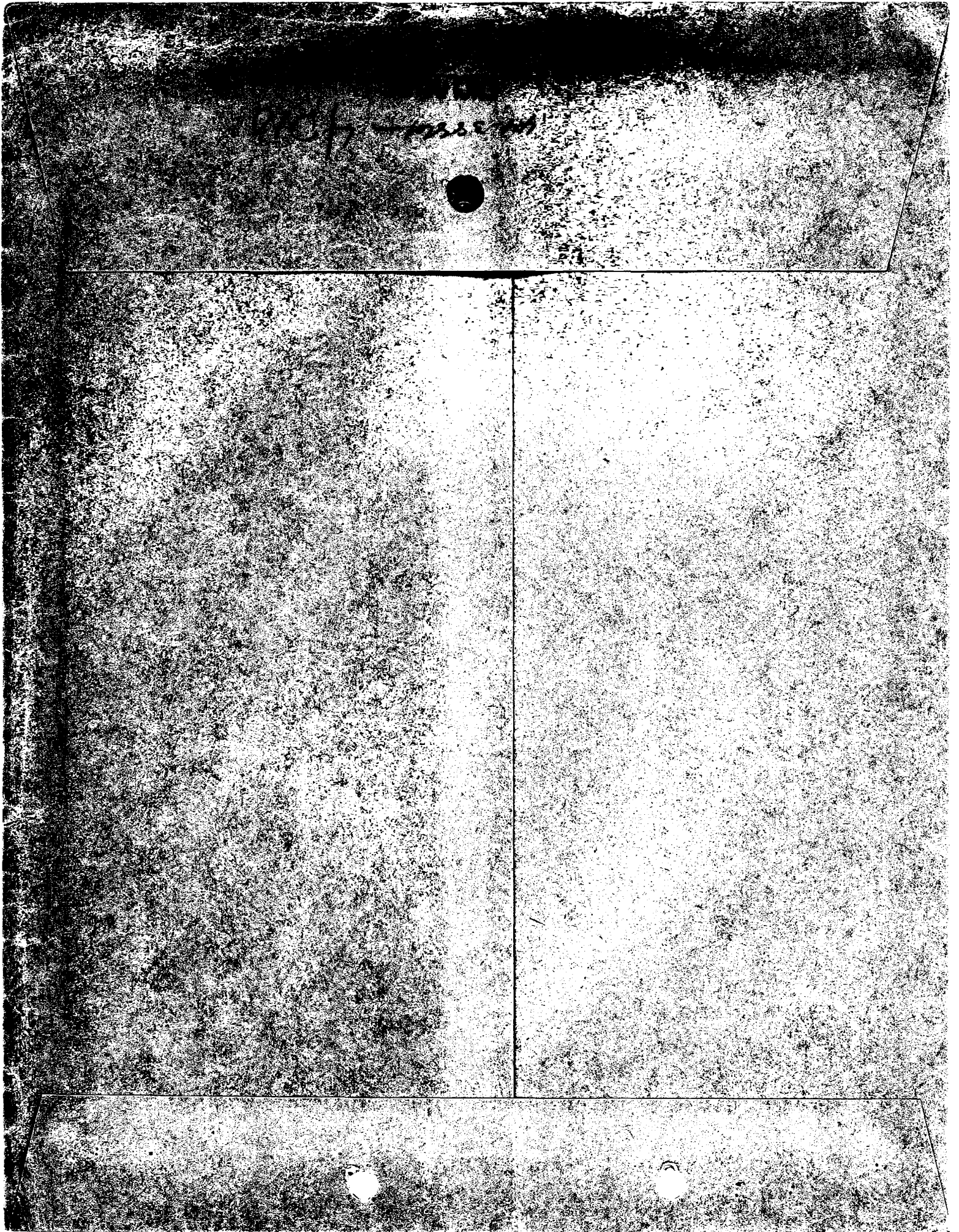
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Date: 5/29/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203)

MURKIN

Re: ROBERT EDWARD BYRNE, Denver, Colorado.

Enclosed for Little Rock are two copies of Denver teletype to Director and Memphis dated 5/24/68, which summarizes interview with Mrs. HOMER LANE BIGELOW, Denver, Colorado.

ROBERT EDWARD BYRNE located and interviewed 5/28/68. Categorically denies any involvement in or knowledge of MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination. He claims Mrs. HOMER LANE BIGELOW is mentally a "very sick person," who was merely trying to keep him from marrying GENEVIEVE BYRNE. He stated that at least most of the events described by Mrs. BIGELOW did take place, such as their trip to Acapulco, Mexico, his trip to Lubbock, Texas, and their visit with JAMES HEYER, but she added to what took place when she claimed he indicated he was involved in a conspiracy to kill KING.

He said the trip to Acapulco was for pleasure only, but, naturally, he and HAL HALE discussed oil deals since they are associates in several oil ventures. He recalled a conversation with Mrs. BIGELOW in Acapulco wherein he mentioned in vague terms an oil deal in Kansas he was working on with HALE, but no connection with a criminal syndicate was even implied. He stated that he avoided talking business with her because she fancied herself as an investor and a business woman, which she was not, and he did not want her becoming involved in any of his dealings. He recalled that she again brought up the subject of marriage during this conversation and that if he did not marry her, her daughter, JENNIFER, would be hurt. He said he told her that he did not want to hurt JENNIFER, but that he was not going to marry her.

C. C. Bishop

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He stated that after she learned he was going to marry GENEVIEVE, she came over to his apartment and threatened to kill him and herself rather than let him marry GENEVIEVE. She left three of the pictures taken in Acapulco, which were taken of him, her and a sailfish he caught. He stated these are the only three pictures of the trip that he has. He recalled that only two shots of the yacht, Ultima II, were taken; one a full shot of the vessel, and the other a close-up of a red speed boat tied up to it. Neither shot contained any crewmen. It is noted that these two shots were among the pictures Mrs. BIGELOW showed interviewing Agents on 5/24/68.

BYRNE stated RAY RYAN is in oil business and he worked in affiliation with him and HAL HALE when they (RYAN and HALE) were partners in New Drilling Company, Denver, Colorado, a few years ago. He understood from HALE, RYAN was in Acapulco at the time they were and was supposed to have arrived aboard the yacht. He said he had no arrangement to identify himself to any crewman or to RYAN on the yacht. He stated neither RYAN nor HALE involved in any criminal activity so far as he knows.

Little Rock, at Ashdown, Arkansas, is requested to interview Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS FAWCETT, banker, to determine if activities of the group or any of its members while in Acapulco had anything to do with planning the death of KING.

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to my memorandum dated May 27, 1968, relative to the body of an unidentified deceased person found in a grave near Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania.

On May 27, 1968, Sergeant George Burilla, Pennsylvania State Police, Reading, Pennsylvania, advised that skull X-rays of James Earl Ray, subject of captioned case, were compared with the lower jaw of the above body by Dr. Joseph E. Conrad, radiologist, and Dr. Thomas Buckley, pathologist, Good Samaritan Hospital, Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and they stated there was no similarity whatsoever between the bone structure or dental work of the body and those of James Earl Ray.

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- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
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Being submitted under separate cover via Registered Mail are the following items of evidence recovered in connection with captioned bank robbery.

1. Item Q3 - A Van Heusen Shirt
2. Item Q6 - Man's brown trousers
3. Slides of hair samples prepared by the Laboratory of hair recovered from previously submitted evidence.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the above submitted evidence with items to be submitted by the Memphis Division in connection with the MURKIN investigation to determine if there is any similarity or identification between the two cases.

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