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INVOLVEMENT IN MONTREAL DURING JULY 25 1968 ONE NINE SIX SEVEN
TWO UNKNOWN WHITE FEMALES WHO ALLEGEDLY ASSISTED BVA IN HIS
EFFORTS FOR BVA AND MAY BE IN A POSITION TO IDENTIFY THE
THE ABOVE DESCRIBED INDIVIDUALS COULD HAVE POSSIBLY FURNISHED
SOLICITED THE SERVICES OF A BROKER FOR MONEY CONCERNING

SINCE INVESTIGATION HAS DEVELOPED BVA HAS RECENTLY
ONE NINE SIX SEVEN

NAMED INDIVIDUALS WHITE IN MONTREAL DURING JULY AND AUGUST OF
THAT HE OBTAINED THE KNOWLEDGE TO OBTAIN SOME FROM THE BOAT-
IN TORONTO IN APRIL OF ONE NINE SIX EIGHT IT IS CONCEIVABLE
NECESSARY PASSPORT PAPERS FOR OBTAINING CANADIAN PASSPORT

ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT BVA OBTAINED
BETWEEN THESE INDIVIDUALS AND SUBJECT BVA

FOR IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THERE IS SOME COMMON DEFINITION
BUSINESS AND MANAGER AS A PHOTOGRAPHER IN ST. CATHARINES AND
ALLEGEDLY AS INVOLVED AS A FENCE OPERATING AN ALLEGED BUSINESS
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re NY tel to Bureau, 6/21/68.

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Efforts to locate an FNU COLE at 137 North Second Street, Hamilton, Ohio, on 6/22/68, were unproductive.

On 6/24/68, ROBERT CLAYTON COLE was located and interviewed at this address. He furnished the following information:

He is a chronic alcoholic, who receives a \$79 per month pension check from the U. S. Government for a non-service connected injury, and has received this money since approximately 1956 after being discharged from the service due to extreme nervousness. He has not been employed on any regular basis since approximately 1956 and also receives a 100 % disability payment under Social Security since he is unable to work because of this nervousness. He has been in the VA Hospital at Cincinnati, Ohio, on two occasions for nervousness and his alcoholic problem, and has been confined at the VA Hospital at Chillicothe, approximately 30 times for the same reasons. He has also been committed on one occasion to the Longview Mental Hospital at Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Special Agent in Charge

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HOBBITS at CINCINNATI, OHIO,
been committed on one occasion to the following names
approximately 30 times for the same reasons. He has also
been confined at the LA HOBBITS at CINCINNATI, OHIO, and has
been employed at the LA HOBBITS at CINCINNATI, OHIO, on two occasions
work records of this delinquency. He has been in the
business under social security since he is subject to
approximately 1200 and also receives a 100% disability
He has not been employed on any regular basis since
dismissed from the service due to extreme delinquency.
This money was approximately 1200 and after being dis-
posed of non-relatives connected with him, and has received
\$18 per month benefit check from the U. S. Government
He is a chronic alcoholic, who receives a

following information:
and interviewed at this address. He furnished the
on 6/24/68, ROBERT STANTON COLE was located
subsequently.
New Second Street, Hamilton, Ohio, on 6/25/68, were
efforts to locate an FBI COLE at 131
He is to be in Bureau, 6/27/68.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (121-1883) (2)
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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Around 12/25/67, he began to drink heavily, and around 1/2/68, after being drunk for approximately 6 days, he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and obtained a room at the Fort Washington Hotel. He had received his \$79 check from the government on 1/2/68, and after arriving at Cincinnati, he continued to drink heavily at the Bayhorse Tavern. On approximately 1/3/68, he was still drunk and had spent all of his money and spent that night in the Newport, Kentucky Jail in protective custody. He was released on 1/4/68, and again returned to the Bayhorse Tavern where he "bumed" more drinks. He met an FNU MURPHY, whom he had known at the VA Hospital at Chillicothe, and MURPHY invited him to go to Richmond, Virginia, where he knew a woman that would reportedly take care of them.

They left Cincinnati, Ohio, on 1/4/68, in an old white Ford which belonged to MURPHY. It was cold and showing heavily, and the car's heater was inoperative. When they reached the vicinity of Winchester, Virginia, COLE got out of the vehicle because he was cold. MURPHY continued on towards Richmond in the automobile.

COLE attempted to "bum" whiskey at Winchester, Virginia, but was unsuccessful, and began to hitchhike at the outskirts of town. He was picked up by a white male driving a semi tractor and trailer, which was freshly painted a dark green. This truck had lettering on the cab's doors, but he could recall no further details about the vehicle.

On 1/5/68, he was riding in this vehicle toward Richmond, Virginia, and was asleep. He felt the driver shaking him, and when he was fully awake, he realized that the driver was very upset and was saying "hand me the gun" as he pointed toward a small green overnight bag on the seat of the cab. COLE handed him a nickel plated .45 automatic with black handles, and the driver, who was very upset, stated that he had just seen a car load of Negroes pass the truck and he was going to "get him some nigger bait". The driver calmed down shortly thereafter, and they stopped at a truck stop where COLE attempted to call, on a collect basis, his sister at Hamilton, Ohio, to obtain funds. His sister would not

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accept the call. The driver of the vehicle stated that he was from California and was going to Jacksonville, Florida.

COLE got out of the truck at the outskirts of Richmond, Virginia, and took a bus to his brother's residence at Highland Springs, Virginia, and there obtained his Social Security check, which was being mailed to him in care of his brother. The following night he was jailed on drunk charges at Richmond, Virginia, and on approximately 1/7/68, returned to the Cincinnati, Ohio, area by train.

In April, 1968, he was confined to the VA Hospital at Chillicothe, Ohio, and while there observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, which appeared in the Newsweek Magazine. He immediately recognized RAY as the driver of the green truck, with whom he had ridden on approximately 1/5/68.

He obtained his release from the hospital without mentioning this to any officials.

On 6/21 or 22/68, exact date not recalled by COLE, he placed a telephone call to CBS in New York, New York, and told them that he had seen RAY at Winchester, Virginia. He received a telephone call later in the day from CBS, but can recall no further details concerning either of these telephone calls.

On 6/24/68, the files of the Hamilton PD were reviewed, which shows that COLE has had numerous drunk arrests. The files also indicate that he was charged and convicted of resisting arrest in September, 1954, and that he attempted suicide in November, 1954, by cutting his wrists. On the same date, the files of the Hamilton Credit Bureau and the Butler County SO at Hamilton, Ohio, were reviewed, but no record identifiable with COLE was located.

A review of Cincinnati indices show that COLE has contacted this office on three occasions.

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In June, 1964, he appeared in a drunken condition at the office in possession of an application, and stated that he wanted to apply for "FBI work." He was immediately rejected as a very undesirable applicant.

On 7/25/66, he again appeared at the Cincinnati Office in a drunken condition, and stated that unless he was locked up for a thirty-day period, he would commit suicide. The Cincinnati PD was advised, and he was arrested by them and removed from the office.

On 5/13/68, COLE appeared at the office and again had been drinking prior to his arrival. He talked to the Complaint Clerk, after demanding a sound-proof room for interview purposes, about non-specific information which made little if any sense. When questioned further in an effort to make some sense out of his rambling conversation, he became very belligerent and left the office. He has been recommended for inclusion in the Chronic Complainant Index.

UACB, no further action being taken by Cincinnati.

The following description of COLE was obtained from observation and interview:

Race:	Caucasian
Sex:	Male
DOB:	[redacted], at Hamilton, Ohio
Height:	5'9½"
Weight:	154
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Tattoos:	Left forearm, "Bob" and "Joy" inscribed over a heart and cross; right leg, outline of a naked woman
Mother:	MOLLY ETHEL COLE, 137 North Second, Hamilton, Ohio
Father:	LEE COLE (deceased)

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Brother: LEE BAKER COLE,
 #7 North Fern Avenue,
 Highland Springs, Virginia

Sister: Mrs. NANCY LOPRIORE,
 114 South "G" Street,
 Hamilton, Ohio

FBI #: 830 115 B

COLE SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH CAUTION AND
CONSIDERED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *D*

DATE: June 25, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Casper
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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 TO ROOM 516-78
 (SEE BUFILE 44-1725)

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This is the matter involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., with particular reference to transporting subject Ray to the United States upon the issuance of the extradition order.

Fred Vinson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, asked that I see him as he planned to go to London tonight. He was interested in the problems incident to the transportation of the prisoner and wanted to raise certain questions.

He inquired about the type of aircraft and indicated that commercial aircraft could not be considered. He said it became a question of chartering a plane or using of military aircraft. I pointed out to him that under no circumstances would a charter plane seem acceptable. The problems attendant to any commercial aircraft, including a charter plane would certainly exist. The only logical way would, therefore, seem to be a military aircraft where departure conditions and arrival conditions would be subject to much more control.

In this connection he said that he had understood a Naval field was available at Memphis. He advised me representatives of the Bureau of Prisons had been in Memphis and had checked on the facilities of the sheriff's office. It was also ascertained that the Naval facilities would accommodate military aircraft. I pointed out to him that we had checked on this and that the field could handle any size aircraft. I also advised him that there was an alternate landing point at Memphis operated by the National Guard which, of course, could be used in case of an emergency. It can handle any type aircraft.

We discussed medical assistance on the plane en route to the United States. He asked whether Public Health Service doctors familiar with prison routine would not be desirable. I advised him that I thought a military doctor familiar with military jargon and military routine would seem preferable.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

He mentioned that he had a note concerning the search of the prisoner and travel from the prison to the air field in London. He said this would have to be worked out in London. I advised him that Minich has already checked into available facilities there.

I pointed out to him that exit controls from England as well as clearance once the prisoner arrived in the United States would also have to be prearranged. He said he felt this would be no problem in England that he would work this out. Insofar as arrival in the United States, he said that he would work this out with Ray Farrell, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Insofar as food, restraining devices, he assumed that we would handle this. I advised him this has already been considered and Minich is aware of this.

Vinson wanted to know how many men we plan to have in London to handle the prisoner. I advised him that Special Agent George Zeiss and Harold Light, our Assistant Special Agent in Charge at Quantico, would be available to assist John Minich in the transportation. I reiterated that I assumed this would be on a military aircraft and consequently the three Agents could devote their entire time to the handling of the prisoner during the flight.

Vinson mentioned that he was considering the manner in which he would obtain a military aircraft and he felt that the most desirable way would be to talk to the General Counsel of the Air Force whom he referred to as General Doolittle whom he said was entirely trustworthy. Vinson pointed out that in this connection he had not been discussing any of the transportation with anybody in the Department and closely held his facts as to the manner in which the prisoner was going to be transported. He said he was keeping the Attorney General informed and consequently felt that it would not be desirable to contact anybody else at this point in the Air Force unless it was necessary. He said the General Counsel was responsible to the Secretary of the Air Force and would have no difficulty in getting aircraft.

I asked Vinson what steps would be taken to insure that the prisoner would be turned over to us without delay. He said this was a

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

Minich will be immediately advised of Vinson's comments so that he may be fully aware of this discussion.

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	<i>PKW</i>
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

PLAINTEXT

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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Ray

M. J. Brown

MURKIN.

RE BUAIRTEL DATED JUNE SEVENTEEN, LAST.

ALLAN O. THOMPSON NO LONGER MANAGER ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. JAMES FOREMAN, PRESENT MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, ADVISED THOMPSON DISCHARGED DUE TO EXCESSIVE DRINKING. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE THOMPSON AND SHOW ARTIST'S CONCEPTION AS ENCLOSED IN REFERENCED AIRTEL. AS SOON AS THOMPSON LOCATED AND OBSERVES ARTIST'S CONCEPTION, BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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THOMPSON SHOULD BE ADVISED*

THOMPSON LOCATED AND OBSERVED ABILIS CONCESSION*

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HOTEL* JAMES ROBERTSON* GENERAL MANAGER* 21* FRANCIS HOTEL*

ATTN O* THOMPSON NO FOWER MANAGER 21* FRANCIS

BE AVAILABLE DATED JUNE SEVENTEEN* LAST*

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FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1234)

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: June 25, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached is a letterhead memorandum stating that officials of New Scotland Yard have advised that subject has become more uncooperative, even with his defense counsel, and the British Attorney General has ruled that no request would be made to interview Ray to the Governor of Prisons until extradition of Ray is ordered.

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The attached memorandum also sets forth results of investigation conducted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Canada regarding a suit of clothing purchased by the subject at Montreal, Canada, on July 21, 1967, and investigation conducted at a dance studio. An individual at the dance studio identified a photograph of James Earl Ray as being at the dance studio in Montreal, Canada, on May 25, 1968. It is to be noted that preliminary investigation indicates that subject was in London, England, on May 25, 1968.

Included in this memorandum is the statement that inquiry at the South African Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, reveals the subject made telephone inquiry there regarding conditions for entering South Africa. The banks of Lisbon have not furnished any additional information concerning subject opening an account in a bank.

ACTION:

The attached letterhead memorandum should be forwarded to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorneys General Pollak and Vinson.

Enclosure *6-25-68*

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and regarding the above named subject to the Attorney General and the Attorney General's office.

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Information concerning the subject appearing in account in a
report of person was not furnished and the following
information was furnished for the purpose of the above
mentioned subject. The subject was telephonically
contacted at the home address in person,
included in this memorandum is the following

The subject was in London, England, on May 2, 1968.
It is noted that the investigation conducted at
London, Canada, on May 2, 1968, is a
protocol of James Earl Ray as being at the same
address. An investigation at the same address identified
him as '1968' and investigation conducted at a dance
hall in London, Canada, on
London, Canada, in Canada regarding a unit of clothing
regarding an investigation conducted by the Royal Canadian
The attached memorandum also sets forth

is enclosed.
to the Director of the FBI regarding the subject of this
letter that no request should be made to the Royal
Canadian Mounted Police and the British Attorney General
subject has become more cooperative, even with his
the officials of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police stated that
attached is a telegraphic memorandum stating

WALTER JAMES RAY, JR.
This is the case involving the subject of

WALKER

A. BOGGS

MR. BOGGS

- 1 - MR. TOLK
- 1 - MR. BOGGS
- 1 - MR. WATKINS
- 1 - MR. ROSEN
- 1 - MR. DELOACH

JUNE 25, 1968

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

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following additional pertinent information is being furnished relative to the captioned case. The material set forth herein is based on preliminary information and complete details will be incorporated in reports of results of investigation.

The British Attorney General has ruled that no request would be made to the Governor of Prisons to interview subject James Earl Ray until he is ordered extradited by the British courts. The New Scotland Yard officials have advised that subject James Earl Ray has become more uncooperative, even with his defense counsel.

Investigation at the South African Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, reveals that James Earl Ray made a telephone inquiry there regarding conditions for entering South Africa. Additional inquiry at banks in Lisbon, Portugal, regarding accounts opened by the subject have not resulted in any positive information.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police previously advised that they had a telephone call from a dance studio, Montreal, Canada, to the effect that James Earl Ray was seen at a dance studio in Montreal on May 25, 1968. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has advised that a person who visited the Zeda Zare Dance Studio on May 25, 1968, was definitely identified as James Earl Ray by Mrs. I. McLaughlin, who is the piano player at the studio. It is noted that on May 25, 1968, the subject was allegedly in London, England.

When the subject was arrested in London, England, on June 8, 1968, among his personal effects was a suit of clothing and the name contained in the suit was Eric S. Galt. According

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NOTE: See memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach dated 6/25/68, captioned "MURKIN." Copies furnished the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division, and Assistant Attorney General Fred Mr. Vinson, Jr. Criminal Division, by routing slip.

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on July 21, 1967, a suit of clothing was ordered from the English and Scotch Woollen Company, Limited, Montreal, Canada, by an individual using the name Eric S. Galt. That individual paid \$75.06 in cash. A letter was received by the English and Scotch Woollen Company, Limited from Eric S. Galt, giving a return address of 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, and the letter states he was enclosing his address so the company could mail the suit to him at Birmingham, Alabama, as he had to leave Montreal before the suit was finished. No identification could be made of any of the photographs of James Earl Ray by the employees of this firm. Investigation is continuing by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police of all aspects of matters concerning the subject's reported activities in Canada.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

MURKIN.

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYFOUR LAST.

CAROLYN WYATT INTERVIEWED. STATES SHE KNOWS HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON; THAT HE IS ASSOCIATE OF FORMER BROTHER-IN-LAW JOHN MC CLINTOCK, ALSO SUSPECT IN BR; THAT SHE HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH HIM AND NOT AWARE HE EVER LIVED FOURTH STREET, ALTON. PHOTOS JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED WITHOUT EFFECTING IDENTIFICATION.

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MACOUPIN COUNTY SHERIFF ELVIN SAWYER ADVISED COVINGTON HAS NOT BEEN ARRESTED TO DATE BUT NECESSARY PAPERS BEING ISSUED FOR ARREST ON THEFT CHARGES. SHERIFF WILL ADVISE IF AND WHEN COVINGTON IN CUSTODY THAT COUNTY IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT BE INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS.

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RE: COBA CELL CHIEF DO. MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.
AS MIGHT BE INFERRED BY SUBJECTS.

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IT WAS WHEN COINCIDENCE TO SUBJECTS THAT COBIA IS OFFER THAT
TENDED FOR SUBJECT ON THESE CHARGES. SUBJECTS WERE ADVISED
AND NOT BEEN ADVISED TO ADVISE BUT NECESSARY SUBJECTS BEING
ACCORDING COBIA SUBJECTS AGAIN SUBJECTS ADVISED COINCIDENCE
SELECTIVE IDENTIFICATION.

SUBJECTS WERE. SUBJECTS TAKES EVERY DAY DISSEMINATED MEMPHIS
FUTURE TO DO WITH HIM AND NOT WOULD BE EVER FILED SUBJECT
IN-THE TOMMY MC SPINLOCK. ALSO SUBJECTS IN BE: THAT SHE HAS
RICHARD COINCIDENCE THAT HE IS ASSOCIATE OF FORMER SUBJECTS-
SUBJECTS WERE INTERVIEWED. STATES SHE KNOWS NAME OF
RE SUBJECTS WERE TO SUBJECTS WERE INTERVIEWED FIRST.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861) — 4714
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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYFIVE

LAST.

IN VIEW OF FACT COVINGTON CONSIDERED A SUSPECT
IN ALTON BANK ROBBERY, YOU SHOULD INSTITUTE YOUR OWN
EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HIM. YOU ARE REMINDED
THAT ALL ASPECTS OF THIS BANK ROBBERY MUST BE IMMEDIATELY
INVESTIGATED TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY IS
IMPLICATED. KEEP BUREAU FULLY ADVISED OF PERTINENT
DEVELOPMENTS. AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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NOTE:

We have been endeavoring to obtain the source of funds of subject James Earl Ray since he escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967. Bank of Alton, Illinois, robbed by two masked individuals on July 13, 1967, and Ray considered a suspect. Investigation has also developed Harold Richard Covington as a suspect. Sheriff of Macoupin County, Illinois, advises paper being issued for arrest on theft charges of against Covington and Sheriff will advise when Covington in custody in order that he might be interviewed by Bureau Agents. Springfield being advised to institute own efforts to locate and interview Covington.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 6/26/68

FROM : *Carb* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)(RUC)

SUBJECT: *30* MURKIN
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San Francisco is placing this case in an RUC status.

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SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS
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FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (44-22)(RUC)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 6/28/68

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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MURKIN.

COPIES MADE, DATE *5-18-78* BY *JAG*
TWO COPIES RE *MURKIN*
FOR REVIEW AT FIELD AND/OR DELIVERY
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED *5-16-78*
(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

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gf LEGAT, LONDON AIRTEL JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST CONTAINED INFO RE
POSSIBLE INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT. FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF
BUREAU IN CONNECTION WITH ANY AUTHORIZED INTERVIEW, BUREAU SHOULD
CONSIDER THAT SUBJECT WHEN RETURNED TO MEMPHIS WILL BE IN CUSTODY
LOCAL AUTHORITIES. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT ANY INTERVIEW OF
SUBJECT BY FBI WHILE IN LOCAL CUSTODY MIGHT RAISE POSSIBLE DEFENSE
ALLEGATION OF FBI HARASSMENT OR INTERFERENCE IN WHAT IS NOMINALLY
A STATE MURDER TRIAL. MEMPHIS OF OPINION THAT ULTIMATELY AN
INTERVIEW OF RAY WILL BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PROVE OR DISPROVE
ALLEGATION OF CONSPIRACY IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING. MEMPHIS OF OPINION THAT MOST PRACTICAL TIME FOR CONDUCTING
INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT WILL BE PRIOR TO HIS RETURN TO LOCAL CUSTODY.
MEMPHIS SUGGESTS IT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE TO MAKE EFFORTS TO CONDUCT
INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT DURING HIS RETURN TO U.S. IT IS PRESUMED
BUREAU AGENTS WOULD HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER CONDITIONS OF
INTERVIEW AT THAT TIME. MEMPHIS FULLY RECOGNIZES PROBABILITY
THAT SUBJECT WILL NOT NECESSARILY FURNISH ANY INFO OF PERTINENCE,

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INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT WILL BE HELD TO HIS RESIDENCE TO DETERMINE
 WHETHER SUBJECT WOULD HAVE CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUALS WHOSE NAMES
 APPEAR ON LIST OF SUBJECTS. INTERVIEW WILL BE HELD TO HIS RESIDENCE
 UNLESS MEMBERS OF OPINION THAT CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUALS WHOSE NAMES
 APPEAR ON LIST OF SUBJECTS IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER
 KING, JR. WOULD BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN INFORMATION
 CONCERNING SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES. MEMBERS OF OPINION THAT CONTACT
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FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1981)

TO: DIRECTOR

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BUT FEELS EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW.

B. B. GULLETT, ATTORNEY AT LAW, ADMITTED TO TENNESSEE STATE BAR IN NINETEEN TWENTYSEVEN AND HAS BEEN PRACTICING ATTORNEY SINCE THAT TIME. HE IS ASSOCIATED WITH THOMAS W. STEELE, VAL SANFORD, AND CHARLES W. WHITE. LAW FIRM PRACTICES UNDER NAME GULLETT, STEELE, SANFORD AND WHITE AT NASHVILLE, TENN. FORMER ASSOCIATES OF GULLETT INCLUDED FEDERAL JUDGE HARRY PHILLIPS, CURRENTLY MEMBER OF U. S. SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, AND WELDON WHITE, MEMBER TENNESSEE STATE SUPREME COURT PRIOR TO HIS DEATH.

GULLETT WAS MEMBER OF TENNESSEE STATE SENATE FROM DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENN., WAS PRESIDENT, TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND IS ACTIVE IN WORK OF AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND TENNESSEE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION. U. S. ATTORNEY G. MERRITT, JR., MDT, AND W. E. HOPTON, DIRECTOR, TENNESSEE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION, BOTH AT NASHVILLE, ADVISED GULLETT AND ASSOCIATES ARE HIGHLY REPUTABLE ATTORNEYS IN NASHVILLE AREA AND WELL REGARDED BY ASSOCIATES IN TENNESSEE. MEMPHIS INDICES DISCLOSE NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION RE GULLETT OR ANY MEMBERS OF HIS LAW FIRM.

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AREA OF CHITTING IDENTIFICATION. BOTH AT WASHINGTON ADVISED
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STATE AND TENNESSEE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION. NO. 2 ATTORNEY C.
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E. S. CHITTELL ATTORNEY AT LAW ADMITTED TO TENNESSEE STATE

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
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- 1 - Mr. Conrad
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Birmingham (44-1740)**

Date: **June 26, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680624097 JK**

Examination requested by: **Birmingham**
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Birmingham (44-1740)**
Re: **MURKIN
CR**

Date: **June 26, 1968**
FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680624097 JK**

Specimens received **6/24/68**

**Q376 Palmer Writers School pamphlet submitted under the name
"Eric A. Waugh" bearing hand printing**

ALSO SUBMITTED: Handwritten letter signed AUBRY DEE CHANDLER

Result of examination:

**It was concluded that the handwriting on Q376 was
not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, K211.**

**Q376 has been photographed and is being returned to
Birmingham with the ALSO SUBMITTED material.**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
Attention: FBI Laboratory
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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The Birmingham office is in receipt of a letter from AUERY DEE CHANDLER, Scottsboro, Alabama, the original of which is being furnished the Bureau, and Xerox copies of same are being furnished New Orleans and Memphis.

CHANDLER was contacted on June 18, 1968, at Scottsboro, Alabama, and furnished a pamphlet concerning which he had written to the Birmingham office. The original of this pamphlet is an application with the Palmer Writers School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, which is being furnished the Bureau, and Xerox copies thereof are being furnished New Orleans and Memphis.

It is noted that the typewritten name ERIC A. WAUGH, which appears above the name CHARLES MARTIN, Inspectors of Petroleum, New Orleans, Louisiana, may have been typed by a different typewriter than MARTIN's address.

From a layman's comparison of the handprinting on the pamphlet under Parts A, C, and D,

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together with background information furnished by WAUGH, the possibility exists that same may have been written by subject RAY, based upon photographic specimens of his handprinting furnished the Birmingham office by the Bureau, by Routing Slip dated June 17, 1968. This, together with the fact it is known that RAY was visiting in New Orleans on March 22, 1968, which was the date indicated the Palmer Writers School pamphlet was executed, plus RAY's known propensity for correspondence courses, makes it desirable that investigation be conducted at New Orleans, as set forth below.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to make a handprinting comparison of the executed portions of the Palmer Writers School pamphlet filled in by ERIC A. WAUGH, with known handprinting specimens of subject RAY and that Birmingham, New Orleans, and Memphis be advised of the results.

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

1. Will conduct investigation at Apartment No.3, (upstairs) 2928 Tulane Avenue, and determine occupant on the date of March 22, 1968. Determine whether subject RAY may possibly have rented the apartment temporarily or may have been visiting the normal occupants thereof.
2. Will interview CHARLES MARTIN, Inspectors of Patroleum, P.O. Box 19465, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70119, regarding the pamphlet of the Palmer Writers School, and

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* determine whether he was acquainted with the ERIC A. WAUGH, whose name appears above that of MARTIN, as desiring to be enrolled in the Palmer Writers School. Will determine from MARTIN whether he is acquainted with anyone by the name of ERIC A. WAUGH or whether he might recognize photographs of subject RAY. (New Orleans refer to its previous report regarding RAY's presence in New Orleans on the date in question).

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BUNDESKRIMINALAMT (BKA - WEST GERMAN FEDERAL CRIMINAL
POLICE) ADVISES IT IS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY INFORMATION INDICATING
ARRIVAL OF RAY IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY. PASSENGER LIST OF BEA FLIGHT SIX
ZERO SIX NOW AVAILABLE ONLY AT BEA HEADQUARTERS, LONDON.
ALL STOPS REMOVED. RUC. COPY POUCHED TO LONDON.

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SEVERAL OTHER AIRLINES ONLY AT NEW YORK • LONDON •
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OFFICE ADVISED IT IS DESIRED TO LOCATE ANY INFORMATION INDICATING
SUSPECTS INVOLVED • NAME GIVEN FEDERAL OFFICE
NEW YORK STATE PRISONERS LIST AND OTHER LIST

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYFIVE LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE HAS BEEN

UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH PERSONS WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO VERIFY

RESIDENCE OF HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON ON FOURTH STREET, ALTON,

JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. STATED HE IS CERTAIN COVINGTON LIVED

THERE AND CONTINUING EFFORTS TO VERIFY.

COVINGTON NOT YET ARRESTED BY MACOUPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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MAIL COPY SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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RE: [Illegible text]

CONVICTION WAS NOT REVERSED BY MISSOURI SUPREME COURT
AND CONVICTION REMAINS IN EFFECT

WALTER WILKINSON STANLEY STATED HE IS CERTAIN CONVICTION FOLLOWS
RESIDENCE OF MISSOURI CONVICTION OF MURDER. STATED
WANTED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO ASSIST
IN ONE SIX ONE EIGHT - C TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE HAS BEEN
RE-ARRESTED AND TO REMAIN IN IMMEDIATE CUSTODY

WILKINSON

FROM CHICAGO (44-281) 1P
TO BUREAU (44-28861)
PENDING 4-28-68 BJK
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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*Mr. Sullivan
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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 6/26/68

FROM : *W.D. Griffith*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Legat London by airtel 6/24/68 and personally delivered by SA W. Martindale, General Investigative Division, submitted the following items of property taken from personal effects of James Earl Ray for Laboratory examination.

1. A scratch pad of blank paper. This pad was examined for indented writing and watermarks with negative results. The hand printed word "CETERFICATE" appears on the cover of this pad. Although a number of hand printing similarities were noted in this word when compared with Ray's hand printing indicating that it was possibly prepared by the subject, the limited nature of this hand printing precludes a definite identification of Ray as the author of this hand printing.
2. One clean and four soiled handkerchiefs. These items were examined for visible and invisible laundry marks but none were found.
3. A Wittnauer wrist watch. The back of this watch was removed, no serial number was found on the movement, no foreign material was found and there was no evidence the watch had been subjected to repair.
4. Four test bullets and four cartridge cases from a .38 Special "Liberty Chief" revolver (subject's revolver). These items were searched in the National Unidentified Ammunition File without effecting an identification.

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long, 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Trotter (Mr. Latona)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad
Re: MURKIN

In addition, a TWA message slip was submitted for latent fingerprint examination. The Identification Division has advised that two latent fingerprints of value were developed on the slip but are not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray. This slip bears handwritten message addressed to "Mr. Yarum Chandra Dutt" as follows: "Mr. Ray to meet you at T.W.A. ticket desk." It has been determined that this writing was not prepared by James Earl Ray.

The test bullets and cartridge cases from the subject's revolver are being expeditiously forwarded to Legat, Ottawa, for appropriate RCMP comparison. All other submitted items mentioned are being expeditiously returned to Legat, London, for return to Scotland Yard.

ACTION: None. For information.

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James Earl Ray

Ray

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: June 27, 1968

FROM : *D* R. I. Shroder

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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At about 1:05 p.m., 6/27/68, Nathaniel Kossack, Assistant to Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division of the Department advised that at about 1:00 p.m., our time, Vinson called him from London and wanted the Bureau to know that fingerprint examiner George Bonebrake, Jr., Identification Division, testified today in London on the extradition hearing involving James Ray.

Mr. Vinson said Bonebrake did an outstanding job and was a credit to the Department. He stated that he did such a good job that there was really no cross-examination. He did say that under English law the defense attorney is able to ask questions outside of the scope of the direct examination and Bonebrake was asked all sorts of political questions. According to Vinson he handled himself extremely well and on those questions remarked that he was a fingerprint examiner and that is what he was qualified to testify to.

Vinson again reiterated that he thought Bonebrake did an outstanding job and handled himself extremely well.

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Amson again reiterated that he thought Roperlake

being examined and that is what he was invited to testify to.
well and on those questions testified that he was a direct-
question. According to Amson he invited himself extremely
examination and Roperlake was asked all sorts of questions
were to ask questions outside of the scope of the direct
he did not feel under further that the defense attorney is
with a good for that there was really no cross-examination.
and was a credit to the defendant. He stated that he did
Mr. Amson and Roperlake did an outstanding for

James Hall.
posed in London on the examination resulting in a
George Roperlake, Jr.' identification program, testified
wanted the reason to know that Roperlake examined.
1:00 P.M. on time, Amson called him from London and
clarify details of the defendant's account that it would
necessary to investigate attorney General Fred H. Amson, Jr.
at about 1:00 P.M., called, instructed Roperlake

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/17/68

FROM: SAC, Atlanta

Att.: Mr. THOMAS E. BISHOP
INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Attached is a copy of RALPH McGILL's editorial which appeared on Page 1 of the Atlanta Constitution 6/15/68.

This is a nationally syndicated column. The column is quite favorable concerning the work of the FBI in the MURKIN Case.

It is recommended the Director send a note of appreciation to Mr. McGILL for his favorable comments in this column. Nothing in the files of the Atlanta Division preclude such a note being sent.

Mr. McGILL's address is:

Mr. RALPH McGILL
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RALPH MCGILL

The Geese Are Quiet Now

Another phase of the sickness of our society, of which petty, petulant cynicism and a wish to believe the worst are symptoms, was revealed by the capture of the man suspected of killing Dr. Martin Luther King. The arrest of James Earl Ray came after a really brief span of time, all things considered.

A Bible text may be helpful. Three paragraphs of it begin with Matthew 11:12:

"From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence and the violent carry it away. . .

"The man who has ears to hear, he must use them.

"But how can I show what the people of this generation are like? They are like children sitting in the market place calling out to their friends, 'We played at weddings for you but you would not dance, and we played at funerals and you would not cry.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they said, 'He is a hypocrite and crazy.' Then the Son of Man came, enjoying life, and people say, 'Look, a drunkard and a glutton—the close friend of the tax collectors and the sinners.'



The Doubters

Always the doubters—the cynics, the nay-sayers, the makers of false rumors, the arousers of suspicion—refuse to accept reality.

Dr. King was murdered on April 4. The one suspect was arrested in London on June 8.

Yet, in those few weeks the most amazing, corrupting rumors, half-whispered claims of "inside information," doubts and evil reports were circulated about the Department of Justice and, more especially, the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Some of these false accusations and wholly spurious claims of "inside reports" and manufactured rumors were set in motion by the gaggles of geese that are in all our community ponds. Others were initiated by persons of malice or by enemies of the American system. Some were set in motion seeking to make the Negro have doubt in the integrity of the Department of Justice and the administration.

The more commonly circulated and false rumors and lies were these:

False Rumors

1. The FBI doesn't want to catch the man because the FBI didn't like Dr. King.

2. The FBI (or "the government") doesn't want to capture Ray because if he is caught there will be released something so monstrous it can't be allowed to become public.

3. The suspect is already dead. The persons who hired him to murder have already killed him to keep him from talking and the FBI knows it and wants it left that way.

4. There were other lesser but equally silly claims that "they" told to the gullible. They included claims that the FBI hired only Catholics. "They" also said the FBI was made up of Southerners who didn't like colored people—and so on and on, ad nauseum.

It is surprising how many persons do not understand the legalisms that restrict the FBI to investigative work connected with violations of federal law. The Bureau is not a police force. The FBI was, for example, largely impotent in the civil rights area until Congress enacted federal laws.

It is a tribute to J. Edgar Hoover and the almost incredible expertise of his bureau that they have done so tremendous a job in the area of federal law enforcement and detection.

While the geese-flock known as "they" were whispering that they "knew" the FBI was not trying to find James Earl Ray, a massive force of men and research detection was at work in 50 states, in Mexico and Canada. Now Ray is caught.

The gossipy geese will be quiet for a brief time—but they soon will be at it again. Nothing ever stops them—not even the truth.

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RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE ELEVEN LAST.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN INSTANT, CHILTON V. STEWART, CHIEF OF POLICE, BIG STONE GAP, VA., ADVISED HE KNOWS GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER BUT LETSINGER IS NOT WANTED BY HIS DEPARTMENT.

SAME DATE, SHELBY MULLINS, SHERIFF, WISE CO., VA., ADVISED GEORGE LETSINGER OR GEORGE ANDERSON IS NOT WANTED BY HIS DEPARTMENT.

SAME DATE, CORA BOLLING, E. FIFTH STREET, BIG STONE GAP, VA., FORMER LANDLADY OF LETSINGER, ADVISED HE HAD LEFT HER HOME AND BIG STONE GAP IN MID NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. HE ADVISED HER PRIOR TO LEAVING THAT HE WAS GOING TO MEXICO AND SHE FOUND OUT LATER FROM THERE HE WENT TO MISSOURI. SHE STATED THAT LETSINGER HAS TRAVELED THROUGHOUT THE U.S. SINCE SIXTYFOUR. SHE KNEW THIS BECAUSE SHE HAD RECEIVED SEVERAL CARDS FROM HIM WHICH HAD BEEN

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DESTROYED INDICATING VARIOUS PLACES IN THE U.S. WHICH HE HAD VISITED. SHE ADVISED THAT LETSINGER WAS A PROLIFIC LETTER WRITER IN THAT HE WROTE LETTERS CONSTANTLY, SOME TO PROMINENT PEOPLE IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA AND LETTERS TO FRIENDS AND RELATIVES THROUGHOUT THE U.S. SHE EXHIBITED ^C COPIES OF SEVERAL LETTERS LEFT WITH HER BY LETSINGER WHICH LETSINGER SENT TO OFFICIALS AND A REVIEW OF THESE LETTERS REVEALED THEY WERE A SYMPATHETIC TYPE OF LETTER, NOT THREATENING IN NATURE. SHE ADVISED LETSINGER IS KNOWN TO HER AS GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, AKA BOBBY. SHE STATED THELMA MARRY, EAST FIFTH ST., BIG STONE GAP, VA., AN AUNT OF LETSINGER, MIGHT KNOW THE LOCATION OF LETSINGER. SHE FURTHER ADVISED EARLY IN THE NINETEEN SIXTIES LETSINGER HAD PROBLEMS WITH ONE OF HIS HANDS AND HAD TO HAVE SKIN GRAFTED FROM UNDER HIS

ARM WHICH LEFT A SCAR. SHE ADVISED SHE HAD NOT SEEN NOR HEARD FROM LETSINGER IN OVER THREE YEARS TO THE BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE. SHE STATED LETSINGER'S MOTHER, ETTA LEE LETSINGER, OF AVA, MO., HAD ADVISED LETSINGER PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING HER HOME IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR HE WAS SHOT BY ONE RAYMOND FURGESON, NOW DECEASED, AND NOT BY THE HUSBAND OF ETTA LETSINGER. SHE ADVISED SHE DID

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NOT KNOW THE NAME OF ETTA LETSINGER'S HUSBAND BUT INDICATED HE WAS DEAD. SHE FURTHER ADVISED AT ONE TIME LETSINGER HAD BEEN AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL , SPRINGFIELD, MO., FOR SOME TYPE OF OPERATION. SHE ADVISED DURING SIXTYFOUR, PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING FOR MEXICO, LETSINGER WAS JAILED AT WISE CO., VA., FOR ASSAULT FOR SEVENTEEN DAYS. SHE FURNISHED A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN APRIL, SIXTYFOUR, OF LETSINGER WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT RICHMOND.

LETSINGER IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES TO FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES. ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, BLACK HAIR, INTELLIGENT SPEAKER, BOTH WALK AND TALK WERE VERY "SISSY" IN MANNER ALONG LINES OF AHOMO-SEXUAL.

SAN DIEGO - ADVISE IF ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION DESIRED AT BIG STONE GAP, VA.

RICHMOND WILL CONTACT LETSINGER 'S AUNT, THELMA MARRY, EAST FIFTH ST., BIG STONE GAP, VA., FOR FURTHER INFO RE LETSINGER. WILL ALSO CONTACT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, NORTON, VA., FOR ANY PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFO RE LETSINGER.

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cc: Mr. Shroder