

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Director, FBI

August 9, 1968

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

**ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

Reference is made to your memorandum of August 6, 1968, in which you make inquiry concerning one Barclays Bank slip listed in Document Number Nine appended to a report of New Scotland Yard.

We are enclosing two copies of this Barclays Bank slip, one is an exact copy of the original, and one which the writing has been typewritten due to the illegibility of the writing.

It appears that James Earl Ray, upon his return from Portugal to London on May 17, 1968, may have exchanged currency.

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NOTE:

Legat, London transmitted to us a report of New Scotland Yard concerning the activities of James Earl Ray while in London, England. We transmitted this report to Mr. Vinson, Assistant Attorney General. Mr. Vinson, in his memorandum of August 6, 1968, stated that in connection with Document Number Nine appended to that report, he noted that "Sneyd's" possessions, as listed, included one Barclays Bank slip in name of Sneyd. Mr. Vinson stated he would appreciate being informed of what sort of bank transaction was represented by this document.

The personal effects, including this slip, are presently in possession of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Memphis, Tennessee. Memphis obtained copies of the bank slip and transmitted them to the Bureau. We are responding to Mr. Vinson's inquiry and are enclosing copies of the Barclays Bank slip. Legat, London has been requested to determine if New Scotland Yard conducted any investigation in that particular matter, and if so, advise us of the results thereof.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: 8-9-68

Re: MURKIN

TO: SAC, GREENSBORO (44-1365)

Invoice of Contents

1 EA. PLASTIC CONTAINER BEARING WORDS "CODE-A-PHONE" WHICH CONTAINS TAPE RECORDING OF VOICES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO CONTACTED "THE HOT LINE" COLUMN OF "GREENSBORO RECORD" NEWSPAPER.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 2P

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RE BIRMINGHAM TELCALL TO BUREAU THIS DATE.

~~BOB WOOD~~, OWNER, AEROMARINE, ADVISED THIS DATE HE AND SON DON HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS IN THE PAST TO THE EFFECT THAT "YOU WILL NOT LIVE TO TESTIFY IN THIS TRAIL" AND "YOU WILL NOT LIVE TO GO TO COURT." NEWSPAPER ARTICLES RECENTLY PUBLISHED INDICATED THAT ~~DON~~ WOOD WAS TO BE PRINCIPAL WITNESS IN CAPTIONED CASE. TODAY TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED AT AEROMARINE FROM UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO BE NEGRO, WHO STATED HE WAS MEMBER OF THE BLACK PANTHERS AND DESIRED TO PURCHASE SAWED-OFF SHOTGUN. WHEN ADVISED THEY DID NOT STOCK THEM, HE TOLD THEM THEY SHOULD DO SO AS THEIR PLACE WAS GOING TO BE BURNED DOWN. *EX-100 REC-35 44-38861-17*

BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF ABOVE, AND ~~DEBAR~~ ATTORNEYS ATTORNEY STEPHEN J. POLLAK INSTRUCTED THAT DISTRICT ~~ATTORNEY~~ CANALE, MEMPHIS, SHOULD BE ADVISED OF THE ABOVE.

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NO INVESTIGATION IS TO BE CONDUCTED BY MEMPHIS OR BIRMINGHAM.  
PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS. BUREAU INSTRUCTS LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM  
TO BE SUBMITTED BY BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS RE ABOVE.

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July 31, 1968 .

**GENERAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION**

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


The attached relates to the findings of an eight member lawyer committee named by Shelby County Tennessee Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle to investigate possible violations of a court order previously issued by him concerning court house, courtroom procedure and publicity in the forthcoming state trial of James Earl Ray.

The committee cited violations of the court order by Arthur B. Hanes, Ray's Attorney; Shelby County Sheriff William Morris; US Attorney General Ramsey Clark; and Russell X. Thompson an attorney who may assist Hanes.

The attached also relates to a new order issued by Judge Battle. Memphis is forwarding copy of order to Bureau. Department being advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR 0(44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (4P)

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MURKIN; CR. *CRIMINAL MATTERS*

RE MEMPHIS<sup>S</sup> LETTER TO BUREAU JULY NINETEEN LAST ENCLOSING XEROX COPY OF AN ORDER ON COURT HOUSE AND COURTROOM PROCEDURE AND PUBLICITY.

ON THIS DATE AN EIGHT LAWYER COMMITTEE NAMED BY SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF COURT ORDER, MENTIONED RELET, BY PRINCIPALS IN THE JAMES EARL RAY CASE CITED ARTHUR B. HANES, RAY'S ATTORNEY SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF WILLIAM NORRIS, JR., U.S. A ATTORNEY, RAMSEY CLARK AND RUSSELL X. THOMPSON. MEMPHIS ATTORNEY, WITH WHOM HANES HAS DISCUSSEED POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTING WITH RAY'S DEFENSE. JUDGE BATTLE MADE THE FINDING OFFICIAL AS HE ADOPTED AND SIGNED A REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE. NO ~~PUTIVE~~<sup>PUNITIVE</sup> OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION WAS TAKEN AGAINST THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.

THE COMMITTEE IN THE FOUR-PAGE REPORT CITED THE FOLLOWING INSTANCES OF VIOLATIONS OF THE COURT ORDER:

ONE. CERTAIN STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO ARTHUR B. HANES

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TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING., JR., INVOLVES A COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY, TO THE EFFECT THAT HIS CLIENT'S RIGHTS WERE BEING TRAMPLED IN JAIL AND TO THE EFFECT THAT HE. HIS FAMILY AND SERVANTS ARE BEING THREATENED BY "THEM" AS QUOTED IN THE MEMPHIS "PRESS SCIMITAR" ISSUED DATED JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL" OF JULY TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

TWO. ~~CERTAIN~~ CERTAIN STATEMENTS IN THE "MEMPHIS PRESS SCIMITAR" OF JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST ATTRIBUTED TO WILLIAM <sup>MORRIS</sup> MORRIS, SHERIFF OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., CONCERNING THE COST AND EXPENSE FOR THE SECURITY OF THE PRISONER AND THE TREATMENT OF THE PRISONER AND THE PRISONER'S DEMEANOR AND ATTITUDE WHILE IN CONFINEMENT.

THREE. CERTAIN STATEMENTS APPEARING IN THE MEMPHIS "PRESS SCIMITAR" OF JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST ATTRIBUTED TO RUSSELL X. THOMPSON CONCERNING HIS OPINION AS THE <sup>G</sup> GUILT OR INNOCENCE OF THE DEFENDANT.

FOUR. IN REGARD TO ATTORNEY GENERAL CLARK, THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT SAID THAT IN THE EVENT THAT CLARK IS A PARTICIPANT IN THE RAY CASE, THROUGH HIS STAFF, ASSISTANTS, OFFICE ASSOCIATES, OR  
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INVESTIGATORS OR EMPLOYEES UNDER HIS SUPERVISION, THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AS REFERRED TO IN "THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL" OF JULY TWENTYEIGHT LAST ARE IN PROBABLE VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLES SET OUT IN SHEPHERD VS. MAXWELL, TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF A CONSPIRACY IN THE SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THE ~~SHEPHERD-MAXWELL CASE INVOLVED DR. SAM SHEPHERD OF CLEVELAND,~~ SHEPHERD-MAXWELL CASE INVOLVED DR. SAM SHEPHERD OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, WHOSE CONVICTION WAS OVERTURNED BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT ON THE GROUNDS OF PREJUDICIAL PRETRIAL PUBLICITY.

JUDGE BATTLE SIGNED ANOTHER ORDER THIS DATE WHICH INSTRUCTED ALL INDIVIDUALS HAVING ANYTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH THIS CASE, CONCERNING ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ALL PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING, AND ASSOCIATES, DEPUTIES, ASSISTANTS, STAFF MEMBERS, LAWYERS, ETC., WERE FORBIDDEN TO TAKE PART IN INTERVIEWS OR PRESS CONFERENCES FOR PUBLICITY AND WERE ENJOINED FROM MAKING EXTRA-JUDICIAL STATEMENTS ABOUT THIS CASE. AS TO SUCH PERSONS, THE COURT URGED SELF-IMPOSED COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDER IN THE INTEREST OF THE FAIR TRIAL TO THE DEFENDANT AND TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. JUDGE

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BATTLE INSTRUCTED THE CRIMINAL COURT CLERK TO SEND CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE ORDER TO ALL PERSONS NAMED IN IT AND TO NEWSPAPERS, RADIO AND TV STATIONS WITHIN THE COURT 'S JURISDICTION.

A COPY OF THIS COURT ORDER WILL BE OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU ON JULY THIRTYONE NEXT. P.

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1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReATlet 7/29/68.

In view of the fact that Tennessee authorities are prosecuting subject Ray on State charges, the matter regarding the 1966 Mustang was brought to the attention of the Department. The Department has advised that they will discuss this matter with Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, in the very near future.

In view of the above, Memphis and Atlanta should take no further action until advised by the Bureau.

1 - SAC, Atlanta (44-2386)

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**NOTE:** On 4/11/68, the Atlanta Office recovered the 1966 Mustang which was abandoned by James Earl Ray in Atlanta, Georgia. The vehicle is still in possession of the Atlanta Office, and has been stored in the garage space in the basement of the Federal Building where the Atlanta Office is located. Atlanta has requested Bureau to advise what disposition is contemplated for the automobile.

In view of the fact that State of Tennessee is prosecuting subject Ray, this matter was brought to the attention of the Department. The Department has advised that they intend to discuss this matter with Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney

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General, Shelby County, Tennessee, and they will advise the Bureau after discussion. Memphis and Atlanta are being advised that the Department has this matter under consideration, and to take no further action until the Bureau so advises.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *JH* SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 8/10/68

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Radio Station WERD, which is located at 330 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, same address as Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has received a copy of the Saturday Evening Post addressed to E. S. GALT, 330 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. The tag also contains the following: "330 AUBUESPO26MAY 69."

## PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

At the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19105, attempt to determine circumstances of this particular subscription.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)  
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ReBuairtel 7/15/68 requesting copies of photographs taken of RAY at the time of his arrest by British authorities.

It is pointed out that photographs are not normally taken of persons arrested, and they are only photographed when they are received in prison to begin serving a sentence. This, of course, did not happen in this instance.

Enclosed, however, is photograph of subject which was used on his second Canadian passport, and is the most recent photograph available of him. This second passport is the one issued at Lisbon prior to his return to London on 5/17/68.

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Date: 7/29/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, 7/25/68.

The Bureau's attention is directed to Savannah airtel to Bureau dated 6/25/68 captioned "National States Rights Party; RM (Organization), Bufile 105-66233", setting out information that Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, NSRP Director, had announced that the Patriotic Legal Aid Fund of Savannah had offered to defend JAMES EARL RAY, accused slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Copies of this airtel and letterhead memorandum were furnished to Birmingham and Memphis at that time.

Savannah will alert its sources to advise this office promptly of any information concerning future contacts with RAY.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Savannah

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1 COPIES MADE DATE 5/4/78 BY  
REB/SS m.l. King, Jr.  
FOR RECORD OF THE BUREAU  
TO BE MAINTAINED IN THE BUREAU  
(SEE BUREAU FILE) 5/3/78

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Special Agent in Charge

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8/2/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Charlotte teletypes to Bureau dated 7/24/68 and 7/31/68; and Bureau airtel to Charlotte dated 7/29/68.

There is being furnished the Laboratory herewith a plastic container bearing the words "Code-A-Phone," which contains a tape recording of voices of individuals who contacted "The Hot Line" column of the "Greensboro Record" newspaper. According to Mr. DAVE ALEXANDER, City Editor of that newspaper, this tape contains the recorded message of an unidentified male who called the newspaper on 7/28/68 and indicated that he knew JAMES EARL RAY was innocent because RAY was in Greensboro, N. C. at the time of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The Bureau in referenced airtel instructed the Charlotte Office to obtain this tape and submit it to the FBI Laboratory inasmuch as the Laboratory may be able to use this tape in a voice comparison matter at a later date.

At this time no specific request is being made of the Laboratory. The decision as to what action should be taken is being left to the Bureau and Memphis. For the information of the Bureau and Laboratory, the tape being sent as an enclosure is played back on a "Code-A-Phone," Model 770, manufactured by Ford Industries, Incorporated, Portland, Oregon.

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1 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)  
2 - Charlotte  
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The "Greensboro Record" newspaper desires the return of this tape. When the tape is of no further value to the Laboratory, it is requested that it be returned to Charlotte in order that it may be given back to the newspaper.

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Date: 8/2/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

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Special Agent in Charge



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

1 - General Investigative Division  
(Att. Mr. Long Rm. 2260)  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Swartz  
1 - Mr. Shimota

To: **FBI, Charlotte (44-1365)**

Date: **August 8, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director  
REC 27

FBI File No. **44-38861-519**  
Lab. No. **E-619-MB**

Examination requested by: **Charlotte**

Reference: **Airtel 8/2/68**

Examination requested: **Engineering**

Remarks:

A direct copy of the pertinent section of Q-397 has been made and will be retained in the Radio Engineering Section of the Laboratory for a period of six months prior to destruction. The copy is suitable for voice comparison purposes.

The analysis and comparison of voices for speaker identification is conducted to provide investigative guidance.

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**2 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)**

NOTE:

Coordinated with the General Investigative Division.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

- 1 - General Investi-  
gative Division  
(Att. Mr. Long Am. 2280)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Swartz
- 1 - Mr. Shinota

To: **FBI, Charlotte**

Date: **August 8, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **E-619-MB**

Specimens received **8/5/68**

**Q397 "CODE-A-PHONE" tape cartridge which contains recorded voices of individuals who contacted "The Hot Line" column of the "Greensboro Record" newspaper.**

**Results of examination:**

**Q397 is being returned to you under separate cover via registered mail.**

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN

File # 44-38861  
Lab. # E-619-MB

Examination requested by: SAC, Charlotte (44-1365) (Atl 8-2-68)

Examination requested: Engineering

Date received: 8-5-68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: SHIMOTA

Specimens submitted for examination

Q397 Plastic container bearing words "Code-A-Phone," which contains tape recording of voices of individuals who contacted "The Hot Line" column of the "Greensboro Record" newspaper.

7/31/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., phase of investigation.

Enclosed herewith is one Xerox copy each of an investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted by SA HARLEY B. GYLFE at Memphis, Tenn., and an FD-302 dated 4/7/68 reflecting interview of Miss EDITH BRUNER, Clerk, William Len Hotel.

VINCENT WALKER, 449 Steiner, San Francisco, California, and LAWRENCE RAND or REND, 2532 or 2832 Polk, Kansas City, checked into the William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., at 2:38 p.m. on 4/4/68 and checked out at approximately 12:10 a.m. on 4/5/68. WALKER and RAND were immediately transported to the Memphis Metropolitan Airport via Yellow Cab.

Two individuals believed to be identical with WALKER and RAND, based on the Memphis PD investigation and time element concerning flights leaving Metropolitan Airport, furnished Delta Airlines personnel at Metropolitan Airport names of W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLOW, no addresses, departed Memphis via Delta Airlines flight # 157 nonstop to Houston, Texas, at 1:57 a.m., 4/5/68 with a scheduled arrival time, Houston, at 2:50 a.m. same date. Tickets for the flight were purchased just prior to departure time and since no reservations

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were made, these names were merely added to the passenger manifest and no addresses were obtained. Efforts to locate this manifest to date have been negative.

Investigation conducted by Kansas City and San Francisco Divisions determined that the addresses furnished by WALKER and RAND at the William Len Hotel were nonexistent. These Divisions as well as Houston and Memphis have been unable to identify WALKER, RAND, DAVIS, or CHIDLOW through contact with airline personnel, transportation drivers, motel and hotel clerks, credit and criminal checks, and through a review of street and telephone directories in the pertinent cities involved.

The FBI Laboratory developed six latent fingerprints of value on Q349 which was the William Len Hotel registration card of WALKER and five latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q350 which was the registration card for RAND.

The FBI Identification Division developed VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER, FBI # 52651D, as a suspect possibly identical with VINCENT WALKER, who registered at the William Len Hotel. The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI, Identification Division, has advised that the latent prints developed on Q349 and Q350 are not identical with the fingerprints of VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER, FBI # 52651D. The FBI Laboratory has also advised that the handwriting appearing on Q349 and Q350 is not identical with the handwriting of WALKER, FBI # 52651D.

The William Len Hotel personnel advised that this WALKER is not identical with WALKER or RAND who registered at the hotel on 4/4/68. WALKER, FBI # 52651D, was interviewed by a BuAgent on 6/12/68 at St. Louis, Mo., and denied being in Memphis or ever flying via commercial airlines. Driver for the Yellow Cab Company transporting WALKER and RAND to Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, advised that a photograph of WALKER, FBI # 52651D, is definitely not identical with either of the two individuals that he transported to the Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, in the early a.m. of 4/5/68.

The Yellow Cab Company driver, William Len Hotel employees, and Delta Airlines employees advise that JAMES EARL RAY is definitely not identical with the two individuals that they had dealings with in Memphis on 4/4-5/68.

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Although it is agreed that WALKER and RAND departed the Memphis area in a somewhat suspicious manner on 4/5/68, many visitors and residents, immediately after KING was killed, departed the Memphis area by any means of transportation available due to the real existence of fear of the riot as a result of KING's killing. The Memphis Division conducted investigation regarding numerous persons who left the area after KING's killing and WALKER and RAND were merely two individuals of the large number of individuals who were under investigation as suspects prior to the identification of ERIC STARVO GALT at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, and subsequent identification of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

Due to the manner in which WALKER and RAND departed the Memphis area and the lack of luggage at the time of their arrival and departure, it is believed that WALKER and RAND were "running from something," possibly law enforcement and/or were in the city of Memphis for some type of illegal activity.

Since WALKER and RAND furnished nonexistent addresses in San Francisco and Kansas City, Kansas, and it is believed that they actually changed names while in Memphis, it is not believed that any of the names used in Memphis by these individuals would be their true identities.

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted or directed by the Memphis Division concerning the William Len Hotel phase in this matter.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 8/8/68

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

Attached is Xerox copy of Memphis airtel dated 7/31/68 relating to investigation to identify two individuals, Vincent Walker and Lawrence Rand or Rend, who checked into William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, at 2:30 p.m. on 4/4/68 and checked out at approximately 12:10 a.m. on 4/5/68. The circumstances surrounding their departure in Memphis shortly after the murder of King has warranted our investigation to identify these individuals since there is always the possibility that they may have been involved in the murder of King. Our investigation to date has been negative and the conclusion of Memphis is that both of these individuals were "running from something." There is also attached a memorandum from Mr. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach indicating that in view of the possibility that Walker and Rand may have been implicated as co-conspirators in the King slaying, that the fingerprints developed on hotel registration cards relating to them be compared with fingerprints of white Bureau fugitives between the ages of 20 and 35.

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In order to assist in the identification of Walker and Rand, or Rend, it is suggested that consideration be given to contacting informants in the Klan and white hate groups since there is a possibility that these informants may be able to identify known militant members of the Klan or white hate groups who were not in their normal location on 4/4/68 and the day after King's murder. There is a very meager physical description for both individuals and if consideration is given to requesting a check of logical racial informants it is suggested that a review be made of the Memphis report relating to our investigation of these individuals.

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- ~~1 - Mr. C. G. DeLoach~~
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. R. E. Long
- 1 - Mr. G. M. Quinn

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MEMO

Mr. DeLoach

August 5, 1968

A. Rosen

1 - Mr. Branch

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Halliday

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. Mount

1 - Mr. Cole

1 - Mr. Trotter

MEMPHIS

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. This memorandum is in specific reference to the investigation conducted at William Lee Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, regarding suspects Vincent Walker and Lawrence Rand.

As a result of checking various hotels and motels in Memphis, Tennessee, regarding suspects in this matter, it was determined that an individual by the name of Vincent Walker and another by the name of Lawrence Rand registered at the William Lee Hotel in Memphis on April 4, 1968. On April 5, 1968, they made a hasty departure from the hotel taking a taxicab to the Memphis Airport. Investigation strongly indicates that these two individuals departed Memphis by Delta Airlines Flight No. 147, nonstop to Houston, Texas, on April 5, 1968, using the names of W. Davis and B. Chislow.

This matter has been thoroughly checked with negative results in order to determine the true identity of these individuals. It appears that these two individuals may have been in Memphis for the possibility of committing some illegal activity or there as possible fugitives "cooling off" and departed immediately because of the pressure of law enforcement on the King assassination.

Memphis Division submitted the hotel registration cards concerning Walker and Rand and six unidentified latent fingerprints were developed from the card of Walker and five unidentified latent fingerprints were developed from the card of Rand.

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New Moon to DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

RECOMMENDATION:

Since all other logical investigation has been conducted in an effort to identify those individuals without success, and in view of the possibility they may have been implicated as co-conspirators in the King slaying, it is recommended, if feasible, that the latent fingerprints developed on the hotel registration cards be compared with those of white Bureau fugitives between the ages of 20 and 35. It is noted that the best available information indicates that Walker and Rand are described as white males between the ages of 20 and 35.

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Date: 8/9/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO:Memphis

Re Birmingham airtel dated 7/19/68.

RE: WILLIE JAMES MC GUIRE

The following investigation was conducted by  
 SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN:

There is no such street in Los Angeles County  
 as Central Parkway.

CLIFFORD MOORE, Dispatcher, Transcon, Inc.,  
 7745 South Paramount, Pico Rivera, California, advised  
 MC GUIRE is not an employee of that company. Transcon  
 has neither leased their equipment to another carrier  
 nor leased equipment from another carrier in over two  
 years. They have no lease truck drivers in Los Angeles.

Personal observation at 627 South Alameda  
 Street, Los Angeles, reveals the entire 600 block to be  
 utilized by gasoline stations, a bank and parking lots.

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There are no inhabitable structures within this block. What would be the equivalent of 600 South Alameda Street, Los Angeles, is the Hollywood Freeway, its over-crossing and access roads.

The records of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company reveal that telephone number 827-3581 does not exist in the entire code 213, which encompasses all of the City and County of Los Angeles.

The records of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, as caused to be reviewed by IC MERTON R. ANDERSON, JR., on 8/7/68, contain no record for WILLIE JAMES MC GUIRE based on descriptive information available.

Indices of the Los Angeles Office are negative regarding MC GUIRE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST EIGHT,  
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SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR-C ADVISED HE IS ATTEMPTING TO  
CONTACT THREE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED ABLE TO PLACE HAROLD  
RICHARD CONVINGTON, DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, AND JOHN MC CLINTOCK IN  
STOLEN FIFTYTHREE BUICK AND LATER IN FIFTYSEVEN PLYMOUTH ON  
DAY OF BR, THE BANK OF ALTON: FURTHER THEY CAN TESTIFY CONVINGTON  
WEARING DARK BLUE WINDBREAKER AND GRINDSTAFF WEARING LIGHT BLUE  
COVERALLS.

PHYLIS GRINDSTAFF, WIFE OF DELMAR, STATES SHE CANNOT  
RECALL COVERALLS, NOR CAN SHE RECALL DELMAR'S ACTIVITIES ON DAY  
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TO : Mr. DeLoach *D*

DATE: August 12, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *A*

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

William Somerset, a former symbol informant was discontinued by the Bureau as he furnished unreliable information and information that could not be verified or corroborated. He recently provided information to the effect that several individuals involved in various acts of violence in Mississippi could possibly be involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. The person allegedly furnishing information to the former informant is Margaret Capomacchia, who is believed to be mentally disturbed and is the mother of Kathleen Ainsworth, who was involved in the bombing at the residence of Meyer Davidson, Meridian, Mississippi, on 6/30/68. Ainsworth was killed in an exchange of gunfire with police officers.

Our Jackson Office has accounted for the whereabouts of these individuals enumerated by the former informant during the pertinent time. The mother of Ainsworth was located and interviewed, and she refused to discuss the entire matter. She denied knowing anyone by the names as enumerated by the former informant. Miami points out that prior interviews with the son and daughter-in-law of Capomacchia indicate that she has a mental problem.

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In view of the alleged mental condition of the mother of Ainsworth and in view of the past performance of the former informant, coupled with the possibility that he may be fabricating the entire situation, Miami is being instructed to have no further contact with the former informant in regard to this alleged conspiracy. We are also instructing Miami, as well as other interested offices, not to conduct any further investigation; however, if any information comes to their attention they should notify the Bureau, submit same with recommendations and take no further action.

Enclosure *sent 8-12-68*

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach  
RE: MURKIN

RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, the attached communication will be transmitted to Miami, with copies to Jackson and Memphis, which contains Bureau instructions along the lines set forth.

*Rosen*  
*DeLoach*  
*Jackson*  
*Memphis*

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Date: 8/12/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

On 8/12/68, HUGH EGERTON, until recently Postal Inspector and now Assistant Postmaster, Birmingham, (protect identity), advised the Birmingham Post Office is returning to the sender as undeliverable a letter postmarked 8/8/68, addressed to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Ala. The letter bears the return address, DeLangre & Mortensen Screens, 7557 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, Calif. 90046, and, according to EGERTON, appears to be an advertising brochure pertaining to Mortensen Texture screens, textbooks and dark room printing material. He stated apparently the company sending the brochure to ERIC GALT deals primarily in photographic equipment. EGERTON said the address on the letter appeared to be the type of address which would be taken from a mailing list.

Los Angeles, if not already done, will contact DeLangre & Mortensen Screens, 7557 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, and determine whether this company has had previous dealings with subject as ERIC GALT and, if so, the details of their transactions with GALT.

C. C. - Bishop

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