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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies each of San Diego airtel to Memphis 9/10/68 and of an FD-302 reflecting an interview with Mrs. ONA M. KENNEDY, San Diego, California, on 9/9/68.

The Bureau will note that in Mrs. KENNEDY's interview she mentions a gun shop near the scene of instant crime, and she mentions a Mrs. YARBOROUGH as being the landlady at the rooming house where the subject RAY stayed in Memphis. She also states that Mrs. YARBOROUGH is being "hidden out" by the Memphis police.

Since there is no gun shop near the Lorraine Motel; since the landlady where RAY had a room was Mrs. BREWER rather than Mrs. YARBOROUGH; and since neither Mrs. BREWER nor Mrs. YARBOROUGH are in police custody, it is

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C. Bishop was interviewed by a telephone call from the Bureau.
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and that the information furnished by per warrants no
operations that Mrs. KENNEDY has no information of anyone
BREMEN nor Mrs. LAVBROUCH are in police custody. It is
BREMEN rather than Mrs. LAV

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re telephone call of Supervisor DICK LONG, Division Six, SOG, who contacted San Diego Office, 8/28/68.

By re telephone call, Supervisor LONG advised that Mrs. ONA M. KENNEDY, former PCI of the San Diego Office, had been in Washington and was on her way back to San Diego. While in Washington, Mrs. KENNEDY furnished information concerning the MURKIN Case to the effect that she was visiting in Memphis with relatives at the time of KING's murder and that she heard from a third party that JAMES EARL RAY did not kill KING, but that an unknown individual who owned a Sporting Goods Store near the place of the murder killed KING. Supervisor LONG instructed the San Diego Office to interview Mrs. KENNEDY in detail upon her return to San Diego.

On 9/6/68, Mrs. KENNEDY was interviewed at San Diego, and enclosed for the Memphis Division are ten copies of an FD 302 reflecting her interview.

NOTE:

According to "Look" magazine article regarding James Earl Ray, Ray was seen in a 1962 Plymouth in Canada. We have determined that the 1962 Plymouth bore Illinois license and have subsequently determined through Illinois Bureau of Motor Vehicle records that the Plymouth was purchased in East St. Louis, Illinois, and later sold by Ray to relatives in August and October, 1967. We are making extensive inquiry regarding the purchase of this 1962 Plymouth and we are setting forth instructions to Springfield and Chicago to resolve the purchase and selling of the 1959 Chrysler by Ray.

