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INSTANT DATE THAT MRS. MARGARET BERRY, NEGRO, LIVES AT ONE ONE TWO TUCKER STREET,LELAND. ADVISED HE HAS NO ARREST RECORD FOR HER. CHIEF DEAN ADVISED THAT NAMES OF JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR., JOHN WESLEY TUCKER AND JONOUR ARE UNKNOWN TO HIM. HE KNOWS OF NO ONE IN LELAND BY THE NAME OF JAMES EARL RAY AND OF NO ONE IN CALIFORNIA WHO MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LELAND ADDRESS ON THE BOX.

MRS. MARGARET BERRY, ONE ONE TWO TUCKER STREET, LELAND, MISS., ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT SHE HAS LIVED AT THIS ADDRESS SINCE JANUARY, FIFTY FOUR, WHEN SHE PURCHASED THE HOUSE. SHE LIVES AT THIS RESIDENCE WITH TWO YOUNG NIECES. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE HAS NO IDEA WHY A BOX SHOULD BE LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA WITH HER ADDRESS ON IT. THE NAMES JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR., JOHN WESLEY TUCKER AND JONOUR ARE UNKNOWN TO HER. SHE ADVISED SHE HAS A NEPHEW EDDIE JONES AND A NIECE RUBY JONES AS OF FORTY SEVEN, IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. SHE HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM THEM SINCE THAT TIME. SHE HAS NO RELATIVES OR FRIENDS IN CALIFORNIA.

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SHE KNOWS OF TWO BOYS FROM LELAND WHO ARE IN CALIFORNIA, CITIES UNKNOWN, BY THE NAMES OF FIRST NAME UNKNOWN WARREN AND JAMES LOVEY. THESE BOYS, WHILE IN LELAND, LIVED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOON AND WERE NOT CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH HER.

LOS ANGELES BEING ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

~~CORRECTION THIRD LINE FROM END, WORD FIVE SHOWXXSHOULED BE TOWN NOT TOON.~~

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TO : MR. MOHR

DATE: December 4, 1968

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN

SUBJECT: COST OF AIRPLANE TO RETURN JAMES EARL RAY FROM LONDON, ENGLAND, TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

On October 2, 1968, a memorandum from the Director went forward to Mr. Leo M. Pellerzi, Assistant Attorney General for Administration in the Department, transmitting a voucher in the amount of $9,214.60 received from the Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, which covered the cost of the flight of the plane from the United States to England to pick up James Earl Ray and return him to the United States and that the Department could effect payment of this voucher which was erroneously directed to the Bureau. The Budget Officer of the Department at the time that this voucher was forwarded to the Department indicated that it would probably be paid from Department funds and that the State of Tennessee promised to reimburse the Department.

By way of background, when the arrangements were being effected for Ray's return to this country from London, England, by Fred Vinson, Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division in the Department, it was recommended that the Department should bear the expense and the Director indicated "Most certainly."

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Pellerzi of the Department telephonically contacted the writer on December 3rd and stated he wondered if the Bureau as a favor would consider paying the voucher received from the Air Force in the amount of $9,214.60 since the Department has endeavored to have both the State of Tennessee and the State of Missouri, where Ray escaped prison, reimburse it for this expense with negative results. Pellerzi stated that the Marshals' funds are practically exhausted and if there was any way the Bureau could pay this voucher it would be appreciated.

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Inasmuch as the Director has previously concurred in the Department bearing this cost since they made all of the arrangements in connection therewith and further since this Bureau has itself expended over a million dollars in manpower and other expenses incidental to the King assassination case, it is not felt the Bureau should pay the voucher.

RECOMMENDATION

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It is recommended that Pellerzi be informed that the Bureau cannot pay the voucher as requested by him.

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

RE: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Director, 5-1-68, and Indianapolis airtel to Director, 10-17-68.

On December 5 and 6, 1968, PAUL HOWARD, temporarily residing Room 224, Rogers Hotel, Bloomington, Illinois, an unsavory individual with alleged underworld connections, contacted a representative of the Springfield Office.

HOWARD advised that since casually meeting ROBERT HOOD STRADER in a bar he has associated with him constantly from November 26, 1968, to the present. He identified STRADER as the owner of the Prototype Specialty Company, 2745 South Holt Road, P. O. Box 41004, Indianapolis, Indiana, whose wife, MARGARET STRADER, was currently confined to St. Joseph Hospital, Bloomington, Illinois, where she has given birth to a child.

As noted in referenced communications, STRADER, who apparently has a history of mental illness, has alleged he had information concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. HOWARD related the story as furnished him by STRADER with events in the order as set forth in referenced airtels. STRADER alleged to HOWARD that the FBI was fully familiar with his story; that he is well acquainted with numerous agents throughout the United States and that "federal agents" were protecting him and are constantly alert to his whereabouts. According to

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1 - Internal Security Div. (Attn: [illegible])
1 - Civil Rights Div. (Attn: [illegible])
1 - Mr. Rogers

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Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Director, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs
Director, Secret Service
Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service
Director, Internal Revenue Service
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Director, Bureau of Prisons
Director, Office of Law Enforcement Coordination
Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness
Director, Office of Science and Technology
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Director, Office of Management and Budget
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Director, Office of Law Enforcement Assistance
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RE: MARTIN

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HOWARD, STRADER continually discusses the MARTIN LUTHER KING killing and has furnished so much alleged detail in this matter that he has HOWARD thoroughly confused. STRADER allegedly is in the process of selling his story concerning the KING slaying to the "Chicago Daily News" for $2,500,000 and he has an appointment with JOHN LINDSTROM on December 7, 1968, at a motel in Lafayette, Indiana, concerning his story. STRADER allegedly stated whoever will pay the most for his story will get it.

HOWARD advised he and STRADER travelled to the office of STRADER's attorney, DONALD FOLEY, of the Merchants Bank Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, where between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., December 5, 1968, STRADER made four or five disk recordings utilizing both sides of the recording disks in which he related all of his alleged facts concerning the KING slaying. FOLEY then allegedly contacted or was to contact an agent of the Indianapolis Office.

Incidental to their trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, STRADER and HOWARD travelled to the Veterans Administration Hospital, Danville, Illinois, where STRADER is allegedly a patient on temporary leave due to report back on December 26, 1968. The purpose of the visit was to pick up checks mailed to STRADER at the hospital but after entering the hospital STRADER returned to HOWARD and stated the checks had not come.

In view of past information concerning STRADER, no action is recommended. Additional information furnished by HOWARD in this matter will be furnished the Bureau and interested offices upon its receipt.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: ME

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RE: ROBERT LEE SAUNDERS TONN

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Memphis does not feel that this interview with SAUNDERS is pertinent to this case but will, UACB, include his interview in the next report as previously instructed by the Bureau.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

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(OO: Memphis)

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Investigation concerning his employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant (5/3/67-6/24/67) and his residence at 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Ill., is contained in the report of SA RENE J. DUMAINE dated 10/2/68 at Chicago. Note that this is his first employment following his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary on 4/23/68.

The Springfield Office has determined that the subject on 6/5/67, while still employed at the Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka, Ill., purchased a 1959 Chrysler from one GEORGE SEYMOUR HELLER, 7102 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, Ill. It is not known what became of this Chrysler; however, the Illinois license for the Chrysler was transferred to a 1962 Plymouth which was purchased 7/14/67 from Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., East St. Louis, Ill. Note that this Plymouth was purchased about three weeks after the subject left his employment at Winnetka, Ill., and four days after the purchase he signed a lease on 7/18/67 at the Harkay Apartments, Montreal, Canada.

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Both the Chrysler and the Plymouth are mentioned by HUIE in the first of his "Look" articles, and this Plymouth is the car RAY had in his possession when he met the mysterious "RAOUL" in Canada. In the second of the "Look" articles, it is reported that on instructions from "RAOUL" this car was sold by RAY in Chicago on or about 8/22/67. Illinois Motor Vehicle records reflect that on 8/25/67 this Plymouth was purchased from the subject by JERRY W. RYAN, 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Ill., and on 10/20/67 JERRY W. RYAN sold this car to GJERDIS DOROTHEA RAY, 1344 Hazel Ave., Deerfield, Ill. It is believed that JERRY W. RYAN is the subject's brother and that GJERDIS RAY is JERRY RAY's former wife. Investigation is continuing in this regard.

The second of the "Look" articles states that when RAY met "RAOUL" at Windsor, Ontario, on 8/21/67, RAY made two trips in his automobile between Windsor and Detroit, each time bringing undeclared items through customs which items were turned over to "RAOUL" in Detroit. The "Look" article states that on the second of these trips RAY declared his television set and paid duty in the amount of $4.50. He declared the television set in hopes that this would prevent a thorough inspection of his automobile by customs officials. Neither Detroit nor Buffalo has been able to locate a record to verify that such a customs declaration was ever made.

This same "Look" article states that after leaving Windsor, Ontario, on 8/21/67, RAY spent the night of 8/21/67 in a motel about five miles east of Gary, Indiana. A canvass of motels in that area has failed to locate a registration for RAY on that date.

The "Look" article indicates that RAY was instructed by "RAOUL" to go to Birmingham, Alabama, from Canada. RAY went to Birmingham where he spent the night of 8/25/67, at the Granada Hotel. This article further states that on other occasions RAY stayed at the Provincial Motel in New Orleans; at the Flamingo Motel in Selma, Ala.;

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at the San Francisco Motel in Acapulco, Mexico; and at an unknown motel in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

Guest registrations from the Granada Hotel, the Provincial Motel and the Flamingo Motel have been obtained and are being compared in an effort to identify "RAOUL." The San Antonio Office has been unable to locate a registration for RAY in Nuevo Laredo. The Bureau has not instructed the Legat, Mexico, to conduct investigation at Acapulco.

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

Instruct Legat, Mexico, to conduct appropriate investigation to verify subject's stay at the San Francisco Motel, Acapulco, and to determine who his associates were during the approximately five days he spent in Acapulco. You will note the "Look" article states subject stayed one night at the San Francisco Motel and the next four nights at some other motel in Acapulco. Since we know he arrived in Puerto Vallarta on 10/19/67, he should have been in Acapulco approximately 10/14-18/67.

CHICAGO OFFICE:

Locate and interview all persons involved in the sale and/or transfer of instant 1959 Chrysler and instant 1962 Plymouth and determine who has possession of these cars at present.

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RE: OBJET: murkin

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1. FPS 737045 Richard Alvin GIESBRECHT was interviewed this date in order that a current assessment of his position as an informer concerning the assassinations of President J.F. KENNEDY and Dr. Martin Luther KING could be obtained.

2. GIESBRECHT was quick to create the impression that he was working closely with James GARRISON of New Orleans in the latter's investigation into the KENNEDY assassination, in fact, indicated that he had become aware of what he described as the most delicate facet of the United States' agencies' investigations concerning the two assassinations. He told me that he had received this vital information through several anonymous telephone calls approximately three months ago and had relayed it immediately to GARRISON. The substance of his information was that "RAOUL", the unknown individual with whom James Earl RAY allegedly associated in Montreal, is one and the same person whom GIESBRECHT claims to have overheard discussing the KENNEDY assassination in a local beverage room in February of 1964. According to GIESBRECHT, he mailed certain documents to support some of his information to GARRISON in New Orleans, however, GARRISON apparently did not receive this mail. I might point out that while GIESBRECHT spoke quite openly concerning his involvement in this matter, he was careful to maintain an aura of intrigue by vaguely touching on points of interest or by hinting that he was aware of much more than he cared to impart.

3. GIESBRECHT left me with the impression that his prime interests in the matter under investigation were recognition and personal gain. He admitted that he had attempted to sell information in his possession to the news media. He belaboured the fact that the information which he had was vitally important to GARRISON and to the F.B.I., to the point where I was prompted to question the wisdom of his releasing such information for personal gain. He stated that it is his belief that the general public should be kept abreast of all developments in investigations of this nature. He also expressed the opinion that if the public were aware of his identity, those responsible for the assassinations would be hesitant to do likewise to him. Although I have no firm basis for disbelieving anything which GIESBRECHT said, I formed the opinion that I would hesitate to accept anything he said which was of vital importance without some supporting evidence. He is obviously a promoter, and through my brief exposure to him I would suggest that he would not be above fabrication, for personal gain.

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4. FPS 926280 Donald Stewart APPEL is known to members of this Force and to the Winnipeg City Police as a confidence man, and is not even trusted by GIESBRECHT, according to the latter. GIESBRECHT

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.....GIESBRECHT stated that he has known APPEL for many years and had revealed some of the information which came to him, to APPEL. Without a doubt APPEL's motivation for calling the Assistant Editor of the "Nashville Tennessean" was strictly monetary, and I might suggest, probably at the prompting of GIESBRECHT. As stated earlier, APPEL is known to be a most unscrupulous "con" man, capable of practically any scheme of defrauding, extortion, theft by conversion, and like schemes which would give him financial return. His record follows:

APPEL, Donald Stewart, FPS 926280. (B. 20 June 33) Ste. 14 - 275 Nassau St., Winnipeg Manitoba. Salesman.

24 June 59 - Lethbridge Alta. (1) Extortion - withdrawn.
(2) Soliciting with license - fined $75.00 andcosts $26.00

25 Sept 63 - Winnipeg Man. Disorderly on street - fined $50.00

24 Sept 65 - Winnipeg Man. Theft (7 chges) Sec. 280 C.C. - fined $50.00 each chge.

3 Oct 68 - Winnipeg Man. Fraud (3 chges) - stayed.
Attempt Fraud - stayed.
Conspiracy - discharged.
Conspiracy (3 chges) - stayed.

GIESBRECHT, Richard Alvin, FPS 737045. (B. 6 July 32) 757 Adamdell Cresc., Winnipeg Manitoba. Insurance Representative.

24 Feb 49 - Winnipeg Man. Theft (no disposition shown)

5 Apr 51 - Selkirk Man. B.E. & Theft - Given 3 year Suspended Sentence.

19 July 54 - Winnipeg Man. Assault Causing Bodily Harm - fined $40.00 and costs.

5. GIESBRECHT advised me that a friend of his who is employed by a local newspaper sketched a likeness of the man whom GIESBRECHT described as the person he overheard discussing the KENNEDY incident in the beverage room. He gave me a copy of this drawing, stating that GARRISON and the newspaperman each have one. This is the person then, whom GIESBRECHT says is "RAOUL". (Photostatic copy attached)

6. Mr. M. NELSON, F.B.I. Agent at Grand Forks N.D., USA, interviewed GIESBRECHT in Winnipeg on 27 Feb 64 concerning the conversation GIESBRECHT is said to have overheard. At that time subsequent investigation by the F.B.I. apparently failed to substantiate vital points of the story given by this subject. It was after his contact with the F.B.I. that GIESBRECHT began his campaign to publicize his story, and when District Attorney GARRISON began his enquiries, he made himself known, and according to him, has been co-operating with GARRISON since.

(D.P. Wershler) #19842 Cpl.

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21 Nov 68: Photo of composite drawing of person GIESBRECHT overheard in Horizon Room 13 Feb 64.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

223 PM URGENT 11-20-68 JGA

TO BUREAU 44-38861 MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND ST LOUIS

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN

RE BUREAU AIRTEL NOVEMBER FOURTEEN LAST REQUESTING REGISTRATION RECORDS BE CHECKED AT GRANADA HOTEL FOR DATE AUGUST TWENTYFIVE SIXTYSEVEN AND NEARBY DATES RE SUBJECT RAY'S REGISTRATION AS ERIC S. GALT OR JOHN L. RAYNS IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY "RAOUL" CONCERNING WHOM ARTICLE IN "LOOK" MAGAZINE NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX LAST ISSUE ALLEGES INVOLVEMENT WITH RAY.

REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER NINE ZERO TWO TWO, LOCATED GRANADA HOTEL TODAY FOR JOHN L. RAYNS, ONE EIGHT TWO FIVE LA FAYETTE STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI WHO ARRIVED AT NINE ZERO FIVE AM SATURDAY AUGUST TWENTYSIX SIXTYSEVEN, HAD LUGGAGE, AND WAS ASSIGNED ROOM TWO ONE ZERO AT RATE FOUR DOLLARS FIFTY CENTS WITH ONE IN PARTY WITH NO TELEPHONE CHARGES AND METHOD OF ARRIVAL UNKNOWN. BY REFERENCE TO PAGE SIXTYSIX OF REPORT SA HENRY A. SNOW, BIRMINGHAM, APRIL SEVEN-

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TEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, DATE OF ARRIVAL AT HOTEL WAS SAME DATE RAY, USING ALIAS GALT, RENTED ROOM FROM PETER CHERPES ON HIGHLAND AVENUE IN BIRMINGHAM.

REVIEW OF HOTEL RECORDS CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY "RAOUL" AND REGISTRATION CARD OF RAYNS WILL BE FORWARDED FBI LABORATORY.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE, IDENTIFY ADDRESS ONE EIGHT TWO FIVE LA FAYETTE STREET WITH ANY KNOWN ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO NEW ORLEANS, MOBILE, AND SAN ANTONIO.

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CALLED: Lab
M Mr Gray
By Mrs Time 2:35 pm

cc. Mr. Conrad

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Via Airtel REGISTERED
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To: Director, FBI (44-38861)

From: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)(P)

Subject: MURKIN
(OO: ME)

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5 - Bureau
1 cc - Liaison Direct
1 cc - Memphis (44-1987)
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to Birmingham, New Orleans, Memphis, Mobile, and San Antonio, dated 11/14/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 25 copies each, and for the Bureau one copy each, of FD-302's pertaining to investigation conducted at Selma, and Montgomery, Alabama, relative to captioned case. As noted, investigation conducted on 11/9/68, was conducted as a result of Bureau telephone conversation requesting contact at the Flamingo Motel to determine if ERIC S. GALT or JOHN L. RAYNS were at the motel during the period 3/21,22 or 23/68.

Investigation conducted by SA ROBERT L. FRYE at the Flamingo Motel on 11/25/68, was conducted as a result of referenced Bureau airtel.

The FD-302's are furnished to Memphis for incorporation in their next report and a copy of each is designated for the Bureau so that the Bureau might be apprised of the results of this investigation.

44-38861-5424

No further investigation being conducted at Mobile at this time and this case being considered RUC to Memphis.

3 - Bureau (Encs 3) ENCLOSURE
2 - Memphis (Encs 75)
1 - Mobile
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-5257) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARKIN
(OO: Memphis)

RE BUREAU STITEL OF BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS, Memphis, Mobile, and San Antonio, dated 11/14/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 25 copies each, and for the Bureau one copy each, of ED-305's pertaining to investigation conducted in Selma, and Montgomery, Alabama, relative to captioned case. As noted, investigation conducted on 11/6/68, was conducted as a result of Bureau telephone conversation regarding contact in the Birmingho Motel to determine if ERIC S. GALT or JOHN L. RAVNS were in the motel during the period 5/31,55 to 5/8/68.

Investigation conducted by SA ROBERT L. EKXE in the Birmingho Motel on 11/25/68, was conducted as a result of referenced Bureau stitel.

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No further investigation being conducted in Mobile at this time and this case being considered RUC.

Memphis, Mobile, and San Antonio, dated 11/14/68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 11/25/68

FROM : J. P. Dunphy

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the killing of Martin Luther King.

By my memorandum 11/15/68, the Director approved that the Exhibits Section prepare a three-dimensional trial exhibit which had been requested by Phil M. Canale, Jr., District Attorney General for Shelby County, Tennessee.

During period 11/19-23/68 necessary measurements were taken of the crime scene area. Accompanying me were Exhibits Specialists Brent H. Hughes and F. Thomas Peyton. We met with Mr. Canale and other members of his staff and after surveying the area and hearing from them the location of their various witnesses, I informed them it will be necessary to construct two and possibly three models to properly show the relationship of the various buildings and also the interior of the rooming house from which the shot was fired. They were informed we will attempt to have these exhibits completed by 2/15/69. The trial is now scheduled for 3/3/69.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: EXHIBITS SECTION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Approved by Director on memo JPD to NPC dtd 11-15-68 copy "Murkin" directed to begin 11-19-68

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Approved: R. L. Jensen Sent _____ M Per _____
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN. OO - MEMPHIS.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU, NOV. THIRTEEN LAST.

REGISTRATION RECORDS FOR AUG. TWENTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, CHECKED THIS DATE AT U. S. TWENTY MOTEL, PORTAGE, IND. NO RECORD FOUND FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC S. GALT OR JOHN L. RAYNS.

AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, Detroit (44-989)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Detroit, dated 11/19/68 and Detroit airtel to the Bureau, dated 11/14/68.

Detroit's check of Customs receipts for all items imported through the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel and Ambassador Bridge, Detroit, Michigan, during the period 4/67 - 5/68, included all known aliases of JAMES EARL RAY, No customs receipts indicating the importation of a television set on which $4.50 duty was paid was located in any name.

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (44-38881)

FROM: SAC, Detroit (44-986)

SUBJECT: WUNKIN

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Via AIRTEL AM
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

There are enclosed original and one copy of newspaper clipping in this matter.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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FD-350 (Rev. 7-16-63)

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Foreman Visits Ray In Shelby Jail Cell

Percy Foreman, the volatile Texas attorney defending James Earl Ray, charged with murder in the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was back in Houston today after paying a visit to his new client in Memphis yesterday.

Foreman said, "I saw him yesterday and that is all I'm going to say." He visited Ray in his Shelby County jail cell.

Foreman is the man who succeeded Arthur Hanes Sr., of Birmingham, Ala., as attorney for Ray just before Ray was to have gone on trial. The switch in attorneys forced postponement of the trial.

Hanes said in Birmingham that he has met with Foreman and has supplied Foreman with material he compiled while he was Ray's lawyer. Foreman left Birmingham and spent yesterday in Memphis, before returning to Houston.

Meanwhile, Shelby County Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle virtually ruled out the use of closed circuit television to provide newsmen with electronic coverage of the Ray trial.

Ray is now slated to go on trial March. 3. Various news agencies have been allotted 38 regular seats in the courtroom and four others on a rotating basis.

"I don't think we can do it," Battle replied when asked if he would consider a private television hookup for newsmen.

County Dist. Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale, prosecutor in the Ray case, said "I'm against it."

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THE MEMPHIS PRESS - SCIMITAR

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Springfield 11/18/68.

Invoices of Mixon Buick Company, 1910 State Street, and C and C Motors, Collinsville, Illinois, formerly located 1960 State Street (becomes West Main Street at Belleville City line), both East St. Louis, Illinois, checked, and no record identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY or under name of RAYNS or suspect 1962 Plymouth Oldsmobile located.

Check of Soundex Records, Illinois Motor Vehicle Bureau, in name of RAYNS located no record.

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Airtel to Springfield & change RELITMS

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1 - Memphis (info) (RM)
2 - Springfield (44-561)
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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

November 26, 1968

Director, FBI

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ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter directed to this Bureau from Mr. Percy Foreman, Attorney at Law, 804 South Coast Building, Houston, Texas 77002.

We have acknowledged receipt of Mr. Foreman's letter and have advised him that his letter has been referred to you.

Enclosure

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL

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

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MUNKIN

Mr. W. PITMAN, 191 Carlton Avenue, Pasadena, California, advised that his wife is employed at the Crocker-Citizens National Bank, Lake and Green Streets, Pasadena. On 11/12/68 Mrs. PITMAN observed a cardboard box in the rear parking area of the bank. This box bore pencilled handwriting as follows:

"JAMES EARL RAY
112 Tucker Street
Leland, Mississippi"

"JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR."

"JOHN WESLEY TUCKER"

The above appeared to have been written by the same person.

Also written on this box were the names "JOHN" and "JONGUN", which appeared to have been written by a different person.

Mrs. PITMAN retained the box, which was furnished to SA PHILIP J. KEILLY, Pasadena Resident Agency, by her husband. Mr. PITMAN stated that neither he nor his wife has any additional information regarding the box, who placed it in the parking lot,

4 - Bureau (Enes. - 4)(AM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(Enes. - 2)(AM)
2 - Jackson (Enes. - 2)(AM)
2 - Los Angeles
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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

MR. W. FIRMAN, 191 CENTRAL AVENUE, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, advised that his wife is employed as the CLOCKER-CASHIER at National Bank, Lake and Green Streets, Pasadena. ON 11/15/68 MR. FIRMAN opened a safeDepty box in the vault during the time of the bank. This box bore penciled numbering as follows:

"JAMES EARL RAY
111 Crocker Street
Memphis, Tennessee"

"JOHN MERLEX RAYMOND, JR."

"JOHN MERLEX YOCKEY"

the above appeared to have been written by the same person.

Also written on this box were the names "JOHN" and "YOUNGER," which appeared to have been written by a different person.

MR. FIRMAN returned the box, which has been inventoried to Pasadena Homicide Squad by Detective J. WILLIAM LEWIS, Pasadena Police Department. MR. FIRMAN states that neither he nor his wife has ever rented an additional safeDepty box, and that he is not familiar with information regarding the box, nor knows it is being used.

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when it was placed there or how long it had been there.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office contain no reference to JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR., or JOHN WESLEY TUCKER.

Enclosed for the Laboratory is the original portion of the box, as furnished to SA PHILIP J. REILLY, for comparative examination with other samples of handwriting submitted in this matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of a photograph of the handwriting. Two photographs of the above-described handwriting are enclosed for Jackson and Memphis.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861 5431
Lab. # D-681125011 JK
LC# 91075

Examination requested by: Los Angeles (44-1574) Airtel 11/21/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 11/25/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer Bonebrake

No latents N or SN
Q410 enclosed
Lab report separate

Specimens submitted for examination

Q410 Portion of a cardboard box bearing handwritten notations including the name and address ""James Earl Ray 112 Tucker St. Leland, Mississippi"

2 cc's Memphis 44-1987
1 cc Jackson

Examination completed 4 pm (Time) 11-26 (Date) Dictated 11-26 (Date)

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 44-1574 November 29, 1968
FBI FILE NO. 44-38861
LATENT CASE NO. 91075

TO: SAC, Los Angeles

RE: MURKIN
CR

REFERENCE: Airtel 11-21-68
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Los Angeles
SPECIMENS: Portion of cardboard box, Q410

Listed Q specimen is described in the Laboratory report, which is being furnished separately.

No latent impressions of value developed on Q410, which is enclosed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 26, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861 5381
Lab. No. D-681125011 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 11/25/68

Q410 Portion of a cardboard box bearing handwritten notations including the name and address "James Earl Ray 112 Tucker St. Leland, Mississippi"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned handwriting appearing on Q410 was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G. The hand printing on Q410 is too limited for an adequate examination; however, differences were noted between this limited hand printing and the known hand printing of RAY.

Q410 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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