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The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine this material for any latent impressions and to compare any of value with suspects previously named in this case.

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DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

4/11/68

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

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Transmitted under separate cover are the following items recovered from examination 4/11/68, of a 1966 Ford Mustang, SN 6T07C190647, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993. This vehicle was examined at the FBI garage in Atlanta, Georgia, by SAs JACK B. SIMPSON, CARL E. CLAIBORNE, RICHARD H. DAVIS, JACK T. BEVERSTEIN, and ALDEN F. MILLER.

The following items of evidence are being submitted to the Laboratory:

- 1) Floor mat from right front floor
- 2) Floor mat from rear of car
- 3) Floor mat from left front side
- 4) Floor mat from trunk
- 5) Air filter cartridge
- 6) Wheel jack from trunk
- 7) Dark blue short sleeve sweatshirt
- 8) One rubber shoe, size 7-8½
- 9) One white fitted sheet
- 10) One black and white shirt jacket
- 11) One pillowcase
- 12) One fitted sheet with yellow thread
- 13) One black sport shirt
- 14) One pair of size 34 walking shorts
- 15) Rug from trunk
- 16) Pillow from trunk of car
- 17) Styrofoam container from trunk of car
- 18) One pair of brown men's socks from trunk of car
- 19) One hunting knife and sheath
- 20) Spare tire mounting from trunk

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- 21) Lug wrench from trunk**
- 22) Blue handled screwdriver from trunk**
- 23) Used windshield wiper blade from trunk**
- 24) One Personna razor blade**
- 25) Soil sample from spare wheel and tire**
- 26) Vacuum sweepings from front passenger side**
- 27) Vacuum sweepings from left front**
- 28) Vacuum sweepings from rear**
- 29) Vacuum sweepings from front**

FBI Laboratory under the circumstances existent in this case is requested to afford the submitted material all manner of technical examination feasible and immediately advise Inspector SULLIVAN and SACs Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles, and Memphis of the results.

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DIRECTOR, FBI 4/11/68
ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

SAC, ATLANTA (44-2586) (P)

MURKIN

Submitted under separate cover are the following items of possible evidentiary value recovered from a 1968 Ford Mustang, Serial Number 6F07C190647, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993, which vehicle was examined at the FBI Garage in Atlanta, on the night of 4/11/68, by SAs JACK B. SIMMONS, RICHARD H. DAVIS, CARL E. CLAYBORNE and ALDEN F. MILLER and JACK T. BEVERSTEIN:

2 1) A piece of Kleenex box bearing letters "At pool" on one side and names GINGER DAY and ANITA KATZWINKEL, 1535 Serrano, Apt. 6, on other side. ✓

25 AS 2) Four lifts of latent impressions found on auto. ✓

AS 3) Rear view mirror from auto.

AS 4) 1967 Alabama license plate 1A 88354 ✓

AS 5) 1968 Alabama license plate 138993. ✓

2 6) One air release shutter, it being in original package. ✓

2 7) One pair of sunglasses with case. ✓

2 8) Two pieces of cardboard from trunk of auto. ✓

2 9) Scraps of paper from glove compartment. ✓

2 10) Scraps of paper from under rear seat of auto. ✓

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April 11, 1968

~~E.D. Conrad~~
1- ~~J.P. Mohr~~
1- ~~Rosen~~

MR. TOLSON:

RE: MURKIN

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The Director was previously advised at approximately 9:10 a. m. today that the Attorney General (AG) had called at 9:30 p. m. last night, April 10th, to indicate that he personally desired to take a look at the evidence this morning in the captioned case.

The AG called at approximately 10:00 a. m. this morning and indicated that he desired to go to the Laboratory and take a look at the evidence in question. I alerted Mr. Conrad to this fact and joined the AG to go to the Laboratory.

In the Hairs and Fibers Section of the Laboratory, the evidence which was found in the blue zipper bag by the Memphis Police Department, as well as the two guns, the gun case and the Redfield sight, was shown to the AG. He asked a large number of searching and probing questions concerning this evidence. These questions were answered in a matter-of-fact, circumspect manner by me and, in certain instances when I did not have the answer, by Mr. Conrad and Laboratory representatives.

At the conclusion of the examination of evidence in the Hairs and Fibers Section, the AG stated he desired to see any handwriting evidence that had been accumulated thus far in the case. He, of course, previously knew of the fact that the gun was purchased in a hardware store in Birmingham, Alabama, as a result of accounts which had appeared in newspapers. The invoice reflecting the sale of the gun in the signature of Harvey Lowmyer, which name previously appeared in newspapers, was shown to the AG. In answer to his questions, and at his insistence, additional handwriting specimens bearing the name of Eric S. Galt were shown to him.

The AG's examination of the evidence in question lasted approximately forty-five minutes. He appeared to be completely satisfied with the manner in which the FBI is handling this case thus far.

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Informal to Mr. Tolson
Re: MURKIN

A number of times during the examination, I stressed to the AG the absolute desirability of not releasing any information to the press. He indicated that he saw no need to do this.

The AG asked if the Director planned to put out what he termed a "stop" notice to police departments, points of embarkation, etc., on any names that had come up as suspects in this investigation. I told him this of course was being considered, however, we needed additional evidence before putting out such an alert. He stated he would like to be personally advised in the event an alert of this nature was put out because he felt that pressure would bear up on him and the Department of Justice.

He stated he had a speech in New York tonight and he felt the press would corner him immediately following this speech. He indicated he would mention no names nor would he identify any items of evidence, however, he felt he had to say something. I told him that the less said at this stage of the game, the better off we would be.

RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DE LOACH

Mr. DeLoach

A. Rosen

MURKIN

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Eric Galt, the prime suspect who resembles the artist's conception of the subject, owns a white Mustang, was in Memphis 4/3-4/68, and whose handwriting resembles the subject's, continues to be a mystery man. He is known to have lived in Birmingham from September to December, 1967, and to have been in a Memphis motel 4/3-4/68, but no other record of his existence has yet been found. All offices are continuing an extensive search of every logical source for some reference to this individual.

It is noted that Galt claimed to have been a "barger" working on Mississippi River barges between St. Louis and New Orleans. Many small companies operate such barges and all are being contacted as quickly as possible. We have been advised, however, that seamen working on the barges never refer to themselves as "bargers" but that this is a European term. Despite the fact that Galt has been described as having a Texas or western accent, full consideration is being given to the possibility that he is not a native American and appropriate checks are being made including records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, Passport and Visa Office of the State Department, and other such repositories of information concerning foreign nationals in the United States.

All offices are arranging for local law enforcement agencies to issue all point bulletins on Galt's automobile in order that he may be quickly located for questioning.

A full description of Galt's Mustang automobile has been entered in the National Crime Information Center so that we will be immediately aware if any inquiry is made concerning this car by any law enforcement agencies in the country.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

There has been recent press publicity regarding an alleged search for King's killer in Mexico. We have made no such search. It is noted, however, that Legat, Mexico City advised that Mexico City Police, on the basis of an alleged resemblance of Claude Chester McLaren, Jr., to an artist's conception of the subject, questioned him as he was boarding a plane 4/8/68 in Mexico City to travel to Houston. McLaren identified himself as employed by a firm in Venezuela. He had traveled from New Orleans to Honduras 3/30/68 and entries on his passport verified this fact. McLaren was photographed by the Mexicans, and although it appears that he was out of the country during the pertinent period, his photograph is being obtained to display to pertinent witnesses.

It is noted that the subject, when purchasing the rifle in Birmingham, paid for it with \$20 bills, and the suspect who rented a room in the flophouse in Memphis from which the fatal shot was fired also paid for his room rent with a \$20 bill. The landlady at the flophouse furnished three \$20 bills, one of which was given to her by the suspect, but she does not know which of the three bills was received from him. The binoculars purchased in Memphis 4/4/68 were also paid for with \$20 bills. The individual using the name Galt, when he purchased the white Mustang in Birmingham, also paid in cash with \$100 and \$20 bills. The serial numbers of the \$20 bills obtained from the landlady are being processed in the National Crime Information Center to determine whether this money may have been bait money from a bank robbery or otherwise recorded as stolen property.

The Philadelphia Office determined that Barclay Laundry, 258 South Tenth Street, Philadelphia, has used a laundry tag such as the one found on clothing abandoned near the crime scene with the rifle which is believed to be the murder weapon. The Barclay Laundry last used such a tag 12/19/67 for the laundry of one Fred Neibauer, a Philadelphia school teacher residing at 2213 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, whose Social Security No. is

[redacted] No pertinent information concerning Neibauer could be located in Bureau files and no record for him could be located in the Identification Division. (Laboratory examination has now eliminated the Philadelphia laundry.)

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Extensive publicity is currently being given to a suspect reported by the Mexican Consulate in Memphis who allegedly is being sought in Mexico. This concerns one John Scott Candrian a 22-year-old Memphis State University student who resides in Chicago and who obtained a tourist card to visit Mexico from the Consulate in Memphis on 4/3/68. He indicated he intended to enter Mexico 4/13/68. It is known that Candrian entered Mexico through Arizona on 4/10/68. He is due to return to Memphis State University when classes resume after Easter vacation on 4/15/68. Candrian does not fit the description of the subject and there is no evidence to connect him with this case. We have not sought his whereabouts in Mexico but in view of the publicity being afforded this individual, he is being thoroughly processed to eliminate any possibility of his involvement.

With regard to reports of false police radio broadcasts following the shooting of King, we were previously advised by the Memphis Police Department that approximately thirty minutes after King was shot a man with a Citizens Band radio in his car flagged down a Memphis police car and called attention to broadcasts being received on his Citizens Band radio from an unidentified person who claimed he was following a white Mustang occupied by three persons. The unknown broadcaster gave a running description of the route allegedly being taken by the Mustang and toward the end of the transmission claimed that the Mustang had just gone through a red light at the main intersection of Raleigh, Tennessee, at 95 miles an hour. Police contacted the Sheriff's office in Raleigh who advised that two Sheriff's units were at the intersection and no such incident had occurred. The unknown broadcaster was never identified and police considered the broadcast to be a hoax. Full consideration is being given to the possibility that the subject was broadcasting over the Citizens Band for the purpose of drawing police on to a false trail.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a memorandum for the White House, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and the Civil Rights Division.

All investigation is being expedited and you will be kept advised of developments.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

*In Reply, Please Refer to
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April 11, 1968

MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The investigation of the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 4, 1968, has assumed gigantic proportions.

All Field Divisions of the FBI are participating in an around-the-clock operation designed to identify and apprehend the person or persons responsible for the killing.

Suspects are being developed and processed on a daily basis as additional information is developed. Every aspect of the investigation is being vigorously pursued and the complete facilities of this Bureau will remain fully committed until this matter has been finally resolved.

Mr. DeLoach

A. Rosen

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April 10, 1968

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1 - Mr. Sullivan

Set forth below are current highlights of the investigation into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4/4/68.

With regard to the laundry tags on clothing believed to have been abandoned by the killer, efforts to identify the tags through the limited number of marking machines indicated by the manufacturer have been unavailing. One reason for this appears to be that users of the machines develop their own marking systems instead of following coding methods recommended by the factory.

The laundry tags are printed on red cloth and are sufficiently distinctive to permit accurate verbal description. In view of this fact and because of the importance of this lead, all offices have been instructed to telephonically contact all laundries in their Divisions to identify these tags. In handling this kind of inquiry no mention is being made of the fact that the investigation involves the death of Martin Luther King.

The following information has been developed by investigation at the Aero Marine Supply Company, Birmingham, the dealer that sold the rifle which is believed to be the murder weapon.

On March 29, 1968, the subject entered the store and stated that he wanted to select a rifle to use on a hunting trip to Wisconsin. He selected a .243W caliber Remington rifle and had it fitted with a Redfield variable power telescopic sight, and the total bill including tax was \$248.59. He paid for these items with \$20 bills.

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(It is noted that the binoculars which were purchased in Memphis, 4/4/68, were also purchased with \$20 bills and a \$20 bill was used to pay one week's rent on the room in the flop house which was occupied by the subject.)

The subject returned to Aero Marine Supply Company 3/30/68 to state that his brother had advised him the gun he had purchased was not heavy enough for the type of hunting they would be doing and had recommended that he exchange it for a .30-06 caliber rifle. The store changed the telescopic sight from the .243W Remington to a .30-06 caliber Remington pump gun, which the subject carried from the store. This is the rifle that was recovered in Memphis immediately after the shooting of King.

In purchasing the rifle the subject used the name Harvey Lowmyer and signed this name across the invoice of the sale. The clerk who handled the transaction has entered the name on the invoice as Harvey Lowmeyer. It is noted that this clerk is advanced in age and interviewing Agents have found him to be hard of hearing.

The invoice for the gun shows Lowmyer's address as 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama. Extensive investigation in the area of this address has failed to produce any information concerning the subject. A taxi driver has been located who recalled that on 3/28/68 he picked up a man resembling the subject about a half mile from Aero Marine Supply Company and drove him to the general vicinity of the address given on the invoice. This passenger was carrying a blue overnight bag similar to the zipper bag recovered at Memphis.

Lowmyer is a very unusual name. Although it is very likely that this is not the subject's actual name, it also appears likely that he is acquainted with someone named Lowmyer. This surname and all logical variations are being checked through the Bureau's files in the field as well as at the Seat of Government, and all field divisions are checking telephone directories, city directories, voting lists and similar sources to locate all persons having this or a similar name.

**Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN**

The FBI Laboratory in comparing the Lowmyer signature with known handwriting available in the Bureau's files has noted that certain letters in the signature of one Bobby Ray Graves, FBI # 410 150 D are similar in handwriting to comparable letters in the Harvey Lowmyer signature. Due to the limited nature of the material available for comparison, the significance of these few similarities could not be assessed, but the field has been instructed to immediately check out Bobby Ray Graves, who is Exalted Cyclops of the Klan in the area of Boiling Springs, South Carolina. Graves' fingerprints are not identical with latent fingerprints that have been developed in this case.

Personnel and other customers at Aero Marine Supply Company identified three other weapons handled by the subject. These have been processed in the Identification Division and two latent fingerprints as well as a palm impression were developed on one of the rifles.

Personnel of the Exhibits Section are presently in the field preparing an artist's conception of the subject based on descriptions being provided by persons who observed subject in both Birmingham and Memphis; the picture is being revised through interviews with newly developed witnesses.

It is pointed out that the subject apparently ran out of the flop house immediately after the shooting and abandoned the rifle which is believed to be the murder weapon, as well as a small zipper case containing a pair of binoculars and various personal items. A white Mustang automobile was seen driving away at a high rate of speed but it is not known if the subject left in this car.

Wrapped around the abandoned rifle was a cloth which appears to be a bedspread or blanket. This is believed to be of the type used by motels and extensive efforts are being made to trace this item.

In the zipper bag was a pair of binoculars purchased in Memphis 4/4/68 on which a latent fingerprint has been identified that is identical with a latent fingerprint developed on the abandoned rifle believed to be the murder weapon. Other items in the zipper bag,

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In addition to the tee shirt and shorts bearing the laundry marks previously described, included a pair of pliers, two cans of Schlitz beer, a hammer, a bar of soap from a Friendship Inn Motel, a small transistor radio and various toiletry items. Extensive investigation is underway in an effort to trace each of these items and the pair of pliers has been traced to a Los Angeles hardware store which received it in October, 1966, as one of a lot of twelve. The pliers were put in a bargain barrel near the front door upon receipt and one pair remained in the barrel 4/8/68. Employees do not recall any sale of these pliers but an extensive search is being made of credit sales records.

A total of 13 latent fingerprints have been developed in this case. These include two latent fingerprints found in Room 5B of the flop house which is believed to have been occupied by the subject on the afternoon of the killing, one latent fingerprint on what is believed to be the murder weapon, one on this rifle's telescopic sight, one on the binoculars, one on a can of beer, one on a newspaper, one on a bottle of aftershave lotion, three on a cartridge box, and two on a rifle handled by the subject at the Aero Marine Supply Company. With the exception of the rifles, the telescopic sight and the two latent prints found in Room 5B, all of the latent prints are from items found in the abandoned zipper bag.

In addition to the widespread investigation which has been indicated above, intensive efforts are being made to locate the white Mustang automobile, and to identify and trace all other items of physical evidence. A large number of suspects have been processed and eliminated and additional suspects are being developed on a daily basis, both from information provided by citizens and as a result of our investigation. We also are checking out Klan members, Minutemen, rabble rousers and other persons known to have a potential for this type of crime because of their prior activities, associations, or statements. Every conceivable, logical investigative approach is being vigorously pursued on a top priority basis for the purpose of solving this case at the earliest possible hour.

**Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN**

The press has given widespread publicity to reports that Joplin, Missouri, police arrested a suspect who resembles the artist's conception of the killer. This individual is Lynn Ray Cleveland who was arrested 4/9/68 while hitchhiking after a woman thought he resembled the subject. Cleveland, who is 33 years old, is a former mental patient from Texas. He had only five cents when arrested and had no luggage or identification. He claims to be a traveling minister but rambles incoherently and cannot furnish definite information as to his past whereabouts. Investigation is underway to establish his whereabouts and his fingerprints are being forwarded for comparison. Fingerprints in the Identification Division of one Lynn Ray Carpenter who may be identical with the Joplin suspect are not identical with the latents in this case.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a memorandum to the White House with copies for the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and the Civil Rights Division.

All phases of this investigation are being pushed to the utmost and you will be kept advised of developments.



*In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 10, 1968

MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

All investigation into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 4, 1968, is proceeding on a top priority basis.

It has been determined that a pair of pliers believed to have been abandoned by the killer was one of twelve purchased in October, 1966, by a Los Angeles hardware store. When the pliers were received by the store they were placed in a bargain barrel near the front door. One pair remained in the barrel on April 8, 1968. Employees do not recall any sales of this item but an extensive review is being made of credit sales records for any mention of such pliers.

Klansmen, members of other hate groups, and all persons known to have a potential for a crime of this type are being treated as suspects. Their recent whereabouts and activities are being determined and their fingerprints are being checked against the latent fingerprints that have been developed during this investigation.

In addition to the lines of investigation described above, we are vigorously pursuing every other logical investigative approach to quickly bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

1-Mr. Rosen
(Attn: Mr. Martindale)
1-Mr. Trotter
(Attn: Mr. Bonebrake)

1-Mr. Long
~~1-Mr. Conrad~~

To: **FBI, Birmingham**

Date: **April 10, 1968**

1-Mr. Frazier
1-Mr. Griffith
(Attn: Mr. Mortimer)
1-Lab Files
1-Office, 7133

Re: **MURKIN**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **PC-A5524 BX**

Examination requested by: **Birmingham**
Reference: **Teletype 4-5-68**
Examination requested: **Firearms - Toolmarks - Document - Fingerprint**
Remarks: **6**

The enclosed report confirms the teletype to Birmingham and Memphis on April 9, 1968.

The results of the latent and document examinations requested are being furnished separately.

All of the evidence listed in the enclosed report is being temporarily retained in the Laboratory.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Birmingham

Date: April 10 1968

Re: MURKIN

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. PC-A5524 BX

Specimens received 4-6-68

- Q72 .243 Winchester caliber Remington bolt-action rifle, Model 700, Serial Number 283749 from Aeromarine Supply Company
- Q73 Telescope sight mount from .243 Winchester caliber rifle
- Q74 Original invoice dated 3-29-68, Number 2251A, covering sale of rifle to Harvey Lowmeyer
- Q75 Copy of invoice, Number 2251A

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Factory box for .243 Winchester caliber rifle
Nine boxes of caliber .243 Winchester ammunition
Elimination major case prints of Donald F. Wood
and U. L. Mathew Baker

Results of examination:

Debris found on the face of the bolt of the Q72 rifle shows that this rifle has not been fired recently. The debris has been present for a considerable length of time and this weapon probably has not been fired since manufacture.

The Memphis Office submitted a .30-06 Springfield caliber Remington Model 760 rifle, Serial Number 461476, to the Laboratory in connection with this case. A Redfield telescope sight is mounted on this rifle. No marks were found on the telescope sight tube and, therefore, the telescope sight mount, Q73, cannot be associated with this sight tube. on the basis of a toolmark examination. Therefore, it was not possible to determine whether or not the telescope sight was ever on the telescope mount.

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Mr. DeLoach

April 10, 1968

A. Rosen

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The massive, widespread investigation into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., has developed important new information.

A great many motels have been checked and at the Rebel Motel on the outskirts of Memphis it has been determined that a man using the name Eric S. Galt registered 4/3/68 and checked out 4/4/68. He gave his address as 2608 Highland Street, Birmingham, and was driving a Mustang, Alabama license 138 993.

Investigation at the Birmingham address given by Galt determined that this is a rooming house which has no records of tenants but the proprietor recalls that a man using the name of Eric Galt stayed there from September until December, 1967. Galt said that he had been employed by Ingalls Boat Works, Pascagoula, Mississippi, but was unemployed and on vacation. The proprietor and another tenant have both stated that Galt resembles the artist's conception of the subject. It is noted that the rooming house is in the same general area as the address given by "Harvey Lowmeyer" when he purchased what is believed to be the murder weapon on 3/29/68.

Motor Vehicle records in Alabama show that Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, is the owner of a Mustang, Alabama tags number 1-38993, vehicle identification number 6T07C190647. It has been determined that this car was formerly owned by one William D. Paisley in Birmingham who advertised the car for sale 8/29/67. Galt answered the ad and agreed to buy the car. Paisley requested payment by cashier's check but Galt said he did not know how to obtain a cashier's check and would meet Paisley at the bank the following day. Galt told Paisley he had been working on barges between St. Louis and New Orleans. The next day Paisley met Galt at the bank and received cash payment in the amount of \$1,950 for the Mustang.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

No bank account has been located for Galt but he did have a safe deposit box at the Birmingham Trust National Bank from September to December, 1967, when he wrote the bank in reply to a rental notice saying that he no longer needed the box. When applying for the safe deposit box he listed his nearest relative as Karl Galt, 2515 Lafayette Street, St. Louis.

An Alabama drivers license issued to Galt describes him as a white male, born [redacted] 5 feet 11 inches tall, 175 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes.

Extensive investigation to date has failed to locate any other record of Galt. He is not known at Ingalls Ship Building Company at Pascagoula nor can any record be found of Karl Galt in St. Louis. There is no record of Galt at Social Security Administration, Baltimore, and no record has been found in the general or identification files of the Bureau. Extensive investigation is underway in all field divisions to check all sources including State Selective Service Headquarters, credit bureaus, etc., for any record of Galt.

The registration card from the motel and documents relating to the safe deposit box at the bank have been compared with the hand written signature of "Harvey Lowmeyer" on the invoice of the Remington rifle. Due to limited amounts of handwriting available a definite conclusion could not be made but similarities in handwriting were noted. Latent fingerprints developed on these documents are not identical with other latent fingerprints in this case or with the fingerprints of various prior suspects.

The safe deposit box in the Birmingham bank has not been re-rented and is being flown into the Laboratory for fingerprint processing. The motel room occupied by Galt has been processed and 25 latent fingerprints developed are being forwarded to the Bureau for comparison.

ACTION:

All-out efforts are continuing to locate and interview Galt.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Lolo # D. 2260)

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 12, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: Atlanta, Boston

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560380 JK ✓
D-560340 JK ✓
PC-A5564 JV ✓
PC-A5571 JV ✓

Reference: Letter 4/8/68, Airtel 4/8/68

Examination requested: Document - Microscopic
(Hair and Fibers)

Remarks: Miscellaneous

- Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
- 2 - Boston (157-644) Enclosures (2) (2 Labreport)
- 2 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
- 1 - Albany Enclosure (Lab report)

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

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

Date: **April 12, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
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FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **D-560380 JK**

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Specimens received **4/9/68, from FBI, Atlanta**

K1 Five sample laundry tapes bearing Code #02B-6, from machine used by Blum's Individual Laundry and Dry Cleaning Co., Macon, Ga.

Specimens received **4/9/68, from FBI, Boston**

K2 Four pieces of paper each containing laundry marks on red tape obtained from four separate thermo-seal machines manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Co., Inc. and used by Superior Laundry Co., Inc.

K3 Partial roll of unused red tape obtained from Superior Laundry Co., Inc. 625 Concord Ave., Cambridge, Massachusetts

Result of examination:

The printing on the K1 and K2 tags was found to differ from that appearing on the laundry tags affixed to the Q69 shorts and the Q70 T-shirt.

The fabric tape in K1, K2 and K3 is similar in color, construction and composition to the fabric tape used on the two laundry tags attached to Q69 and Q70. The submitted items have been retained.

JHM:AW (8)

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



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 11, 1968

MURKIN
Re: CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861
FBI File No. D-560449 JK
Lab. No.

Examination requested by: Buffalo
Reference: Airtel 4/8/68
Examination requested: Document
Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Atlanta Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-493) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Jacksonville Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Buffalo (44-374) Enclosure (Lab report)

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 11, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560449 JK

Specimens received 4/10/68

Kc7 Photocopy of Liberty National Bank Dealer Plan-
Purchaser Statement bearing purported known hand
printing and signature of DR. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH

Result of examination:

Because Kc7 is almost entirely hand printed and
not adequate for comparison with the questioned writings,
it could not be determined whether the material in this
matter was prepared by DR. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH, Kc7.
However, the style of writing of FRENCH differs from the
other writings which have been submitted in this matter.

Kc7 has been retained.

JHM:AW (10)

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

1 - Mr. Mortimer 1 - Mr. McGowan
~~1 - Mr. Conrad~~
1 - Mr. Griffith

4/11/68

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SACS LOS ANGELES
MEMPHIS
ALBANY
BIRMINGHAM

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (4438861)

MURKIN.

RELAIRTEL APRIL TEN LAST SUBMITTING SAMPLES OF
LAUNDRY MARKINGS FROM HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY AND DRY
CLEANING , FIVE TWO EIGHT ZERO, HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD,
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. LABORATORY COMPARISON OF
SUBMITTED SAMPLES WITH LAUNDRY MARKINGS ON GARMENTS
RECOVERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SLAYING DISCLOSES THEY
ARE SIMILAR AND NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES EXIST SUGGESTING
THAT QUESTIONED LAUNDRY MARKINGS COULD HAVE ORIGINATED
FROM THE MACHINE FROM WHICH SUBMITTED SAMPLES WERE
OBTAINED. FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES ALL OTHER
LAUNDRY TAGS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED HAVE EITHER BEEN
ELIMINATED OR FOUND TO DIFFER FROM THE QUESTIONED
MARKINGS.

**TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS, ALBANY, BIRMINGHAM
RE: MURKIN**

**THE SIGNATURE OF JEROME W. VERNON, FBI
NUMBER [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] MANAGER OF
HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING, IS DISSIMILAR
FROM THE QUESTIONED HANDWRITING IN THE CASE AND IT IS
UNLIKELY THAT HE PREPARED ANY OF THE QUESTIONED
WRITING.**

**NOTE: Printed laundry markings appear on pair of men's shorts
and a T-shirt recovered from a blue bag believed to have been
abandoned by suspect in Memphis. It has been determined these markings
were made by a machine manufactured by Textile Marking Company,
Syracuse, New York. The field is making widespread inquiry of laundries
utilizing this type of equipment and has submitted numerous samples for
comparison with the questioned markings. To date only the samples
submitted by Los Angeles have any likelihood of having had a common
origin.**

WDG:mb



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Trotter
(Attn: Mr. Bonebrake)
1-Mr. Long
~~1-Mr. [redacted]~~
1-Mr. Frazier
1-Mr. Griffith
(Attn: Mr. Mortimer)
1-Lab Files
1-Office, 7133

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 11, 1968

Re: MURKIN

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. PC-A5505 BX 1Z

Examination requested by: Memphis
Reference: Airtel 4-6-68
Examination requested: Firearms - Fingerprint - Microscopic
Remarks:

The enclosed report confirms and supplements the teletype to the Memphis Office dated April 7, 1968.

You will be separately advised concerning the results of the latent examination requested and as to the results of the examination of the printing on the laundry tags on the undershorts and T shirt.

Specimens Q69 through Q71 are being temporarily retained in the Laboratory.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

RAF:nlb (12)

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Memphis

Date: April 11, 1968

Re: MURKIN

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. PC-A5505 BX IZ

Specimens ~~received~~ personally delivered on 4-8-68 by SA Robert Fitzpatrick,
Memphis

Q69 Undershorts

Q70 T shirt

Q71 Board from windowsill in bathroom

Results of examination:

The undershorts and the T shirt each bears a laundry tag with what appears to be the characters "02B-6." Only a portion of the first character is present on each tag. The Laboratory does not maintain a file of visible laundry marks. No invisible laundry marks were found on the undershorts or T shirt.

The pair of undershorts is small in size while the T shirt is large.

The pair of undershorts does not have a brand label. The T shirt has a "JOCKEY" brand label.

The T shirt label is held flat with a folded piece of 3/4" wide cellophane tape. The piece of tape is about 1" long. One end has been cut, and the other end has been torn.

The crotch seams of the undershorts have been repaired in two places with brown thread. The repaired areas are hand stitched.

No hairs were found on the undershorts or T shirt.

The Q71 board bears a recent dent which could have been produced by a light blow from the muzzle of a weapon such as the Remington rifle, Serial Number 461476

previously submitted in this case. The dent contains microscopic marks of the type which could be produced by the side of the barrel at the muzzle but insufficient marks for identification were left on the board due to the physical nature of the wood. The microscopic marks present are different from the type which would be produced by the duck-bill pliers or tack hammer which were in the blue zipper bag previously submitted. No other marks were found on the board.

No gunpowder or gunpowder residues were found on the Q71 board.

No wood, paint, aluminum or other foreign material was found on the rifle barrel nor were any significant marks found on the rifle barrel.

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PC-A5505 BX

~~Mr. Griffith~~

~~Mr. Harshman~~

April 10, 1968

airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
CR

OO: Memphis

ReBureau teletype to Memphis 4/5/68 setting forth observations regarding scratches discerned on the small transistor radio. Radio re-examined following latent examination and scratches interpreted to be "00416." Two photographs, necessary to show complete number, enclosed for Memphis for possible use.

Note: Telephonically furnished to SAC Jensen, Memphis, 4/10/68.

Enclosures (2)

WDG:mb

JHM/saw

MR. TROTTER

4-10-68

S. F. Latona

MURKIN

LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION

Re my memo to you of 4-8-68, advising that the thirteen latent fingerprints in this case were searched through the explosive and extortion sections of single fingerprint file, but no identification effected. These latent prints have now been searched all sections of single fingerprint file without effecting an identification.

At 9:50 P.M., on 4-9-68, a registration card for Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, dated 4-3-68, was received for laboratory and latent print examination. At 2:15 A.M., this date (4-10-68), three bank forms and an undated letter concerning a safe deposit box in name of Eric S. Galt in Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, were delivered by a Birmingham agent for laboratory and latent print examination.

Two latent fingerprints were developed on the motel registration card. One of these latent prints has been identified as a fingerprint of a Memphis agent. One latent fingerprint was developed on bank form "Record of Access to Safe Deposit Box #5517 of Eric S. Galt" and one latent fingerprint developed on bank form "Contract for Safe Deposit Box." No other latent prints of value developed.

These latent fingerprints compared with latent prints previously reported this case, but no identifications effected.

Memphis, Birmingham and General Investigative Divisions have been advised.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

44-38861

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - ~~Mr. Conrad~~

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John
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Mr. DeLoach

April 9, 1968

A. Rosen

MURKIN

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. McDonough
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. Martindale
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

J.P.

M. Jensen

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.,
4/4/68.

One of the most promising leads developed so far is the laundry tags appearing on a T-shirt and a pair of shorts apparently abandoned by the subject with the rifle that is believed to be the murder weapon. It has been determined that these laundry marks were made by a Thermo Seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. The manufacturer of this machine has advised that the laundry marks in question are unusual in that they consist of five characters whereas the usual code contains six characters.

These markings are also unusual because the first two characters are in smaller type while the remaining three characters are in larger type. The normal arrangement is for the first three characters to be in smaller type and for the following characters to be in larger type. The Textile Marking Machine Company has stated only a limited number of machines have been manufactured which print laundry marks in this manner. Investigation is proceeding on an expedited basis to locate these machines for the purpose of identifying the laundry marks.

FBI DIVISION

Richard Helm, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has furnished the Central Intelligence Agency file on Robert Ervin Kramer, M. D., Berkeley, California, whom Helm considers a suspect because of his resemblance to an artist's conception of the subject and because of the Central Intelligence Agency's experience with Kramer. The Central Intelligence Agency file states Kramer has a long arrest record and contains a Berkeley Police Department photograph, dated 1/27/66, number 22806.

Enclosure

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

He has been a chronic letter writer to the Central Intelligence Agency criticizing them and the Government. By letter of 12/29/67 Kramer requested the Central Intelligence Agency to pay him \$100,000 monthly for six months for a paper on geopolitical economy he had previously submitted. He concluded his letter with the statement, "In the event that you fail to acknowledge my request, I can accept no responsibility for any future efforts necessary to gain the combined ends of ideal government and financial recompense."

The only record of Kramer found in Bureau files is a memorandum from the Central Intelligence Agency, 1/18/68, advising us of his letters to the Central Intelligence Agency. No record can be located in the Identification Division but Kramer's fingerprints are being obtained from the Berkeley police.

A. C. Hayden, Intra-Division Information Unit of the Department, advised on the evening of 4/8/68 that Beatrice Rosenberg, a secretary in the Attorney General's office, had received a telephone call from a man identifying himself as Frederick Dunstan who said he resided at Route 350, Whitefield, North Carolina. Dunstan said he was calling the Attorney General to report that a white man was in his house, was drunk, had a gun and said he had killed Martin Luther King, Jr.

There is no Whitefield, North Carolina. There is a Whiteville, North Carolina. Investigation by the Charlotte Division has failed to locate a Route 350, Box 350, or Highway 350 in the Whiteville area and no record of a Frederick Dunstan has been located. No record of Dunstan could be found in Bureau files.

A pair of duckbill pliers was found among the personal effects believed to have been abandoned by the subject. These pliers bear a trademark of the Rompage Hardware Company, Los Angeles. Employees at the hardware company believe this is one of twelve pliers purchased in October, 1966. Employees have no recollection of the sale of these pliers but an exhaustive search is being made of charge sale records.

It is noted that the rifle believed to be the murder weapon was purchased in Birmingham, Alabama, 3/30/68. Binoculars found with the rifle were purchased in Memphis, 4/4/68. A latent fingerprint found on the rifle is identical with a latent fingerprint found on the binoculars. This presents a strong probability that these fingerprints are those of the subject.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Other major avenues of investigation include checking out white Mustang automobiles, since one was seen leaving at a high rate of speed after the shot was fired; efforts to trace a bedspread or blanket found with the gun, and the immediate processing of all suspects as soon as they are developed.

ACTION:

1. Attached is a memorandum for the White House, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and the Civil Rights Division.

2. Investigation is continuing on an all-out basis.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

April 9, 1968

MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In connection with the murder of **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, on April 4, 1968, we are continuing the investigation with all possible diligence and dispatch.

The investigation is nationwide in scope as countless suspects are being processed and physical evidence is being traced.

A rifle, believed to be the murder weapon, and a zipper bag containing a pair of binoculars and a large number of personal items were apparently abandoned by the **subject** immediately after the shooting. Extensive efforts are being made to identify the source of each of these items as a means of identifying and locating the person or persons responsible for the killing.

In addition to active investigative efforts throughout the field, the many facilities of the FBI Laboratory and Identification Division are continuing to make exhaustive tests of evidence obtained.

You may be completely assured that this investigation will continue on an expedited basis until the **matter** has been finally resolved.

1-Mr. Tolson 1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Mohr 1-Mr. Martindale
1-Mr. DeLoach 1-Mr. Bonebrake
1-Mr. Rosen Rm. 6129, IS
1-Mr. Trotter

4-9-68

PLAINTEXT

~~1-Mr. Conrad~~ 1-Mr. Griffith
~~1-Mr. Frazier~~ 1-Office, 7133

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SACS BIRMINGHAM
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

MURKIN. REFERENCE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND
MEMPHIS APRIL FIVE. ON APRIL FIVE SPECIAL AGENT NEIL P.
SHANAHAN, BIRMINGHAM, DELIVERED EVIDENCE FOR FINGERPRINT AND
LABORATORY EXAMINATION IN ACCORDANCE REFERENCED TELETYPE.

DEBRIS ON FACE OF BOLT SHOWS POINT TWO FOUR THREE
WINCHESTER CALIBER REMINGTON RIFLE, SERIAL NUMBER TWO EIGHT
THREE SEVEN FOUR NINE, FROM AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY, BIRMINGHAM,
HAS NOT BEEN FIRED RECENTLY AND PROBABLY NOT FIRED SINCE
MANUFACTURE.

NO MARKS FOUND ON TELESCOPE SIGHT TUBE SUBMITTED BY
MEMPHIS ON REMINGTON RIFLE, SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SIX ONE FOUR SEVEN
SIX, AND THEREFORE TELESCOPE SIGHT MOUNT FROM AEROMARINE SUPPLY
COMPANY CANNOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SIGHT TUBE.

DOCUMENT AND LATENT EXAMINATIONS RESULTS SEPARATE REPORT
FOLLOWS.

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LABORATORY DIVISION

MR. TROTTER

4-8-68

*White
Duffett
John
Gray*

S. F. Latona

MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

M. [unclear]

Re forwarding of information concerning thirty-six "rabble rousers" by General Investigative Division on evening of 4-7-68.

Latent prints remaining unidentified this case not identical fingerprints following individuals:

- Richard Berry Norton, born [redacted] Baltimore, Maryland
- Bobby Ray Graves, FBI # [redacted]
- Warren Henry Folks, FBI # [redacted]
- Ralph Perry Forbes, FBI # [redacted]
- Charles Baker Riddlehoover, FBI # [redacted]
- Donald P. Heath, born [redacted] Chicago, Illinois
- Robert Melvin Landis, [redacted]
- [redacted]
- Fred Francis Catalano, FBI # [redacted]
- James Harting Madole, FBI # [redacted]
- Miles Peter Moravec, Jr., aka Francis Xavier Edwards, FBI # [redacted]
- Maynard Orlando Nelsen, FBI # [redacted]
- Halter Leon Blanton, FBI # [redacted]
- Frank Capo, FBI # [redacted]
- Roy Everett Frankhouser, Jr., FBI # [redacted]
- Connie Charles Lynch, FBI # [redacted]
- Scott Larry Poulter, FBI # [redacted]

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HEC:psp

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - ~~Mr. Conrad~~
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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Memorandum to MR. TROTTER
RE: Murkin
Civil Rights

Joseph John Carroll, FBI [REDACTED]
Richard Anthony Barrett, FBI [REDACTED]
Robert Marvin Shelton, FBI # [REDACTED]
William H. Richardson, FBI # [REDACTED]
John Charles Helm, FBI # [REDACTED]
Gene Norman Foreman, FBI # [REDACTED]
James Ronda Stewart, FBI # [REDACTED]
Calvin Fred Craig, born [REDACTED] in Georgia
William M. Sexton, born [REDACTED] in Northport, Alabama
John Thomas Bowles, FBI # [REDACTED]
Wille Eugene Wilson, FBI # [REDACTED]
Robert Echols Scoggia, FBI # [REDACTED]
Christopher Vidajevich, FBI # [REDACTED]
Marshall Robert Kornegay, born [REDACTED] in Sampson County,
North Carolina
Robert Ray Long, born [REDACTED] in Tennessee

No fingerprint records could be located for Roy Wake;
James Harold Spears; Richard Charles Keen; or Roger Lamar Sanford.

RECOMMENDATION:

Forward to General Investigative Division.

~~White~~
Ray

Mr. Conrad

4/8/68

W. D. Griffith

MURKIN

The Civil Rights Section of the Investigative Division has requested we make an effort to compare the name "Harvey Lowmyer," signed by the subject on the invoice for a Remington Model 760 rifle purchased in Birmingham, Alabama, on 3/29/68, with signatures appearing on fingerprint cards of suspects. Even though the name "Harvey Lowmyer" is not comparable with the fingerprint card signatures of most of the suspects, a detailed analysis has been made of the writings, looking toward any similar individual letters that might at least furnish some indication or direction. Based on this survey, it has been noted there are a few similar letters appearing in the signature of one "Bobby Ray Graves" when compared with the questioned "Harvey Lowmyer" signature. These similarities are largely pictorial and their significance cannot really be assessed because of the limited nature of the material involved. In addition, it should be noted that Graves is listed as being 6'1" to 6'2" tall with weight of 185 lbs., whereas the composite description of the suspect seems to indicate he is about 5'8" tall and weighing 150 to 160 lbs. It should be further noted that Graves' fingerprints have been compared with the unidentified latents and found to be not identical.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Trotter
- ~~1 - Mr. Conrad~~
- 1 - Mr. Griffith

WDG:mja
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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad
Re: Murkin

Notwithstanding the difference in the descriptive data and the lack of identification with the latent fingerprints, we are advising Memphis that Graves should not be overlooked as a suspect.

Graves is the subject of Bureau file 157-8638, has FBI# [REDACTED], is white male, born [REDACTED] Inman, South Carolina, currently resides Boiling Springs, South Carolina, and is the Exalted Cyclops of the Klan in that area.

ACTION: A teletype is being sent to Memphis and Columbia setting forth the above information. Also, photograph of Graves being transmitted to Memphis.

MR. TROTTER

4/8/68

S. F. Latona

MURKIN

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LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION

Re my memo to you of 4/8/68, advising of receipt of three rifles from Birmingham.

Two latent fingerprints and one latent palm print of value developed on one of three rifles submitted by Birmingham Office on 4/8/68. No latent prints on other two rifles. These three rifles believed handled by Unsub. prior to making purchase.

These latent prints not identical fingerprints and palm prints of two store clerks Wood and Baker. Latent fingerprints not identical latent fingerprints previously reported this case. Latent prints not identical fingerprints, and palm prints where available, of suspects named to date.

Latent fingerprint on board (window sill in bathroom) identical fingerprint of Memphis agent.

Thirteen latent fingerprints and one latent palm print remain unidentified this case.

Memphis, Birmingham, and General Investigative Divisions have been advised.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - ~~Mr. Conrad~~

CJB:bb
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