

SI 44-561

The Laboratory is requested to return submitted items upon completion of requested action.

7/2/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)  
From: SAC, Indianapolis (44-563)

MURKIN  
COST DATA  
JUNE, 1968

Re ME airtel to AL, 4/19/68.

I. Number of manhours

A. Agent

(1) Regular hours: 172 hours  
(2) Overtime hours: 10 hours

B. Clerical

(1) Regular: 40 hours  
(2) Overtime: 0 hours

II. Total Mileage

Bucars: 100  
Personally owned: 0

III. Any unusual costs: 0

IV. Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month: 2

2 - Memphis  
① - Indianapolis

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SAC, ATLANTA (26-43489)

6/28/68

SAC, ST. LOUIS (26-32047) (P)

MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

UNSUB;  
1968 DODGE  
VIN LH41D8B323249  
1968 GEORGIA LICENSE 1D48283  
ITSMV  
(OO: St. Louis)

Re Jacksonville airtel to Memphis, 6/8/68; and  
Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 5/23/68.

In reviewing this file, it is noted that at the  
time captioned vehicle was recovered at the St. Louis Municipal  
Airport on 5/16/68, Trooper ROBERT SCHURE, Missouri State  
Highway Patrol, advised that this vehicle had been rented  
at Atlanta, Ga., 4/2/68, from National Car Rental utilizing  
stolen credit cards in the name of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN,  
6535 Noad Rd., Richmond, Ill., and that these credit cards  
were alleging stolen from SCHNEIDERMAN in an armed robbery  
in Kansas City, Mo.

Investigation to date has determined that no record  
could be located with the Kansas City, Mo. Police Department  
regarding a robbery of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, and investigation  
at Richmond, Ill., has indicated there is no such address  
as 6535 Noad Rd., and no record of a SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN.

Based on this information on 6/18/68, Trooper SCHURE  
was recontacted to determine where he had obtained the infor-  
mation regarding SCHNEIDERMAN having been robbed at Kansas  
City, Mo. Trooper SCHURE stated that he was not positive  
since he had obtained this information from the radio dispatcher  
of Troop C Headquarters, Missouri State Highway Patrol, at  
Kirkwood, Mo., although Trooper SCHURE was of the opinion

2 - Atlanta  
1 - Chicago (Info)  
1 - Indianapolis (44-563) (Info)  
1 - Kansas City (Info)  
1 - Memphis (Info)  
2 - Jacksonville  
2 - St. Louis (1 - 26-32047)  
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that this information had originally been obtained from the Georgia State Police out of Atlanta.

In view of the above, Atlanta might consider contacting the Georgia State Police to determine if they have information regarding the manner in which credit cards were obtained by UNSUB so that investigation regarding MURKIN in this matter might be resolved.

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Date: 7/16/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: ALL SACs  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 7/9/68.

The Bureau has requested that all divisions continue to submit monthly cost data until further notice.

In view of the above, all divisions are requested to comply with the Bureau's instructions, including offices who have negative cost data to report.

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2 - ALL OFFICES  
2 - Memphis  
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Approved: R. Jensen Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-563

DATE: 7-19-68

FROM : SA Dudley S. Horth

SUBJECT: Murkin

On 7-3-68 Lt. Cliff Shreve, Fort Wayne PD, advised George Moriarity, 1105 Swinney, Fort Wayne, wanted to talk to an agent.

Moriarity said his wife and mother-in-law have been doping him. She has two identities, as have Pete and Mary Markoff, who run the Broadway Grill, where Moriarity hangs out.

Moriarity said a syndicate killed Martin Luther King, Jr., and that he (Moriarity) might even be the one who killed King but he (Moriarity) cannot remember if he was in Memphis at the time.

Moriarity said he knew where some of the \$3,000,000 paid for the killing. The writer agreed to accompany Moriarity to one of the places where the money is buried but Moriarity balked.

He said he was "confused" and "maybe it is all a dream", and walked away.



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Date: 7/18/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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ReBuairtel 7/12/68

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of previously prepared Bureau circular letter re JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, Aka.

It is requested that the format used for enclosed circular letter be used for circular letter in captioned matter.

Assuming that the circular letter comes to the field folded, franked and sealed, the following is the cost data concerning distribution:

CHICAGO DIVISION - \$20.00 (stenographic manhours needed to address 1400 plus circular letters for distribution to dry cleaners in Illinois).

Regarding distribution to 325 laundries in Illinois, there will be no charge for the use of the Laundry Institute's Addressograph machine in Chicago.

INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION - 27.00 (for addressing 1800 letters)

ST. LOUIS DIVISION - 10.00 (for addressing 700 letters)

Total \$57.00

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 2 - Chicago (44-1114)
- ① - Indianapolis (44-) (Info)
- 1 - St. Louis (44-775) (Info)
- 2 - Springfield (44-561)

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 7/23/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

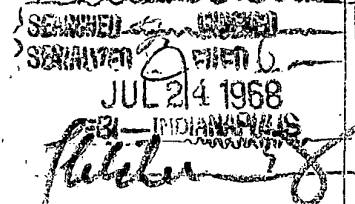
Re Chicago teletype to Bureau, 6/27/68 and  
 Baltimore airtel to Bureau, 7/11/68.

Enclosed under separate cover for Chicago is a list  
 of both members and non-members, National Institute of Dry  
 Cleaning, 7/68 for the states of Illinois, Indiana and Missouri.

The enclosed list was obtained from Mrs. CECIL BONAS,  
 National Institute of Dry Cleaning, 909 Burlington Avenue,  
 Silver Spring, Maryland, telephone JU 9 - 2334 on 7/16/68.  
 Mrs. BONAS has advised that the Institute does not have any  
 addressograph equipment and that the list was prepared from  
 IBM Punch Cards. She further advised that the Institute would,  
 at no cost to the FBI, be willing to run off the list of  
 either members, non-members or both from IBM cards to Cheshire  
 labels which could be done in about two days' work. She  
 stated that the Institute does not have equipment to apply the  
 labels but that there are mailing companies in the WDC area  
 which have Cheshire labeling machines to apply the labels to  
 envelopes or circulars.

Mrs. BONAS advised that there is no breakdown by  
 county but that the list is broken down geographically by  
 zip code.

- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
  - 3 - Chicago (Enc. 1) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
 (1 - PACKAGE) (REGISTERED MAIL)
  - 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (REGISTERED MAIL)
  - 1 - Springfield (Info.) (REGISTERED MAIL)
  - 1 - St. Louis (REGISTERED MAIL)
  - ① - Indianapolis (Info.) (REGISTERED MAIL)
  - 1 - Baltimore
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 Special Agent in Charge



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No additional requests will be made of Mrs. BONAS pending specific instructions from either the Bureau or Chicago in connection with the enclosed list of dry cleaners.

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AIR TEL

AIR MAIL

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)  
FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (44-563)

MURKIN  
COST DATA  
JULY, 1968

Re Memphis airtel to Albany, 4/19/68.

I. NUMBER OF MANHOURS:

A. Agent

(1) Regular hours 30  
(2) Overtime Hours 4

B. Clerical

(1) Regular hours 8  
(2) Overtime hours 0

II. TOTAL MILEAGE:

Bucar 0  
Personally owned 0

III. ANY UNUSUAL COSTS: 0

IV. PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING ON CASE DURING MONTH: 1

2 - Memphis  
① - Indianapolis

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A I R T E L

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Baltimore airtel to Director 7/23/68, enclosing  
or Chicago list of members and non-members National Institute  
of Dry Cleaning as of July, 1968, for the States of Illinois,  
Indiana, and Missouri.

Chicago Office is of the opinion that it would be  
expedient to send out circulars to members and non-members  
of the National Institute of Dry Cleaning through use of  
cheat labels which Mrs. CECIL BONAS of the National  
Institute of Dry Cleaning in Silver Spring, Maryland,  
volunteered to run off. These labels could then be affixed  
to the circulars which are to be distributed.

UACB, Baltimore is requested to recontact Mrs.  
BONAS and request that above described labels be prepared.

The Bureau is requested to advise Baltimore  
whether the prepared circulars will be sent out from the  
Bureau, Chicago or Springfield.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Baltimore (44-669)  
① - Indianapolis (Info)  
1 - Memphis (Info)  
1 - Springfield (Info)  
1 - St. Louis (Info)  
1 - Chicago

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Airtel

TO: SAC, Chicago  
~~Indianapolis~~  
St. Louis  
Springfield  
Memphis

FROM: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Reference Springfield airtel to the Bureau dated 7/16/68.

Eighteen-hundred copies of the circular letter are being mailed to the Chicago and Indianapolis Offices under separate cover and 700 copies of the circular letter are being mailed under separate cover to the St. Louis Division for distribution to laundry and dry cleaning establishments as per instructions contained in referenced communication.

Fifty copies of the circular letter are being mailed to the Springfield and Memphis Divisions under separate cover for action deemed appropriate by these divisions.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

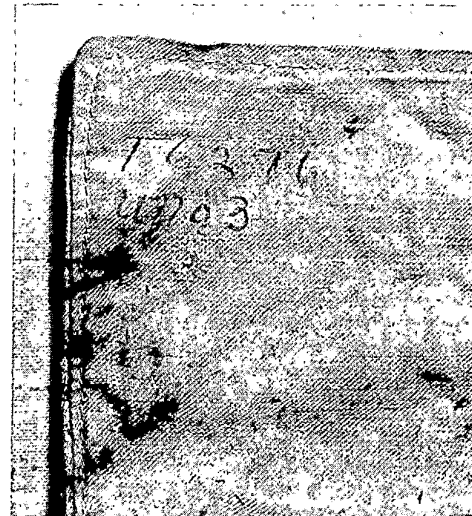
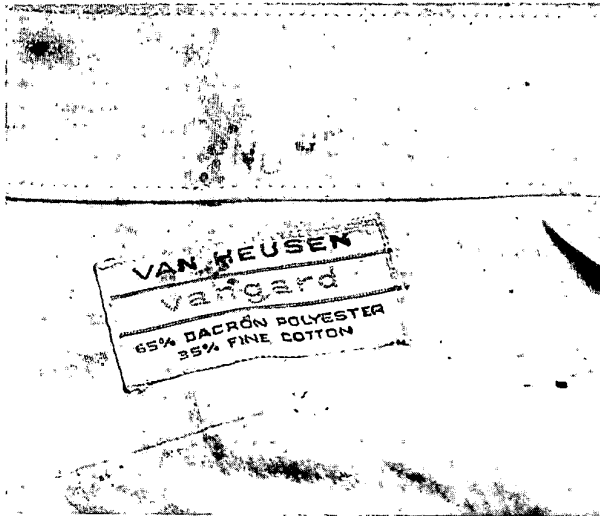
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

**TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS:**

On July 13, 1967, two unknown males, wearing stocking masks, robbed The Bank of Alton, Alton, Illinois, at gunpoint and obtained over \$27,000. Investigation of this crime led to the recovery of a white Van Heusen Vanguard shirt and a pair of tan trousers among other items:

The shirt bears laundry marks and the trousers dry cleaning symbols, facsimiles of which appear below. The laundry marks appear on the shirt collar, and dry cleaning symbols appear on the front and rear pockets on the right side of the trousers.



If, after review of the above facsimiles, you feel you have information which would be of assistance to the FBI, please call the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which is in the front page of your telephone directory.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

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# 'Not guilty plea' entered by Jas. Ray

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Appearing before Judge Preston Battle on Monday of this week, James Earl Ray through his counsel entered a plea of "not guilty" to the charge of slaying the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., on Thursday evening April 4.

Ray was flanked by his lawyers, Arthur Hanes, former Mayor of Birmingham and Hanes' son, Arthur Jr., at the counsel table. District Attorney General Phil Canale and two of his aids, Sheriff William N. Morris Jr., sat behind Ray.

Following preliminary procedures Judge Battle advised counsel for Ray that he(Ray) did not have to enter a plea at this time."

Mr. Hanes replied, "The defendant wants to enter a plea of not guilty." Ray was never called by name by his attorney. Following the reading of each indictment, one charging murder and the other carrying a dangerous weapon, Hanes said: "The defendant wants to enter a plea of not guilty."

However, it appears that later Hanes admitted to newsmen that James Earl Ray is his client's real name. He (Ray) was using the name "Sneyd" when arrested in London and seemingly as late as last week. He was arrested in London July 8.

Late Monday afternoon District Attorney General Canale noted that Charles Q. Stephens age 46, is held in jail as a material witness in the case under \$100,000 bond.

Ray dressed neatly in a dark blue suit sat silently through the court procedure. Judge Battle set the trial date for Nov. 12.

The widely-heralded theory of a conspiracy attending the slaying of Dr. King may or may not crop up on or after Nov. 12. But seemingly the FBI has discarded such a theory of the slaying.

Attending Ray's escapades he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967. He has not been known to have worked anywhere since that

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The Indianapolis Recorder  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
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time. But over the seven months period preceding the slaying of Dr. King, it is ventured he (Ray) spent around \$10,000.

In keeping with the wide spread rumors he had boasted while in prison that he intended when on the outside to pick up a "bundle". Again, he might try to collect a \$1 million bundle offered for the death of Dr. King supposedly by a business group.

How, or where Ray obtained money for a \$2,000 car, travel to Mexico, across this country and to Canada may never be revealed. Yet during the time he never held a job and engaged in "play boy spending."

One supposition heretofore explored by the FBI was that he might have been a party to a bank robbery on July 13 last year at Alton, Ill., in which it has been reported more than \$20,000 was seized. The bank robbery followed by something like three months Ray's escape from prison in Missouri on the westside of the "Big River." The FBI has ventured that Ray might have been one of the two men who made the haul on the Alton Bank. But the supposition has never been clinched.

Seemingly, the FBI has abandoned the idea that a conspiracy obtained in the slaying of Dr. King. However, the rumor still prevails in some circles, low or high, that Ray's operations or activities would have been impossible without help from others who entertained ideas of slaying Dr. King.-



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Date: 8/14/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 7/29/68; Chicago airtel to  
 Director, 7/24/68.

Enclosed for Springfield are two separate lists  
 of cleaning establishments, one of members of the National  
 Institute of Dry Cleaners and the second non-members of that  
 organization. (Both lists are in the form of labels on a  
 tape).

On 8/12/68, MRS. CECIL BONIS, National Institute  
 of Dry Cleaning, 909 Burlington Avenue, Silver Spring,  
 Maryland, made available the above described enclosures.

As per prior correspondence, Springfield will  
 utilize the enclosed labels.

3 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)  
 2 - Memphis (REGISTERED MAIL)(AIRMAIL)  
 2 - Springfield (Encl-2)(REGISTERED AIRMAIL)  
 ① - Indianapolis (info)(REGISTERED AIRMAIL)  
 1 - St. Louis (info)(REGISTERED AIRMAIL)  
 1 - Chicago (info)(REGISTERED AIRMAIL)  
 1 - Baltimore  
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 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Date 8-2-68

Name and F.P.C.	FBI No.	A.O.	I.O.	W.F.	CC	Cancellation
George William Tyree, Jr. 20 L 1 U OIO 16 S 1 U OOO	4, 714, 268	3337	3780			Federal process dismissed. (8-2-68)
Don Ferris McCall, Jr. 21 M 1 U 15 L 3 Wr	327, 089 B	3338	4092			Located Northridge, Calif., 7-17-68. (8-2-68)
James Earl Ray 16 M 9 U OOO 12 M 4 W IOI	405, 942 G	3339	4182	442 442A		Extradited London, England to Memphis, Tenn., 7-19-68.
John Michael Walton 17 I 30 W OMI I 32 W IOI	356, 640 E	3340	4200			Located Lowndes Co., Alabama, 8-2-68. (8-2-68)
Robert Vance Walton 14 M 13 U OOM 12 Ref: 13 I 25 U OOO 26	361, 075 E	3341	4201			Located Lowndes Co., Alabama, 8-2-68. (8-2-68)
James Joseph Scully 2 M 21 W 19 Ref: 21 I 17 Ra 19	1, 170, 115	3342	4202			Located Arcadia, Calif., 7-23-68. (8-2-68)
Jimmie Johnson 20 L 1 Ut 6 Ref: U M 1 U T	11, 215 F	3343	4203			Located St. Louis, Missouri, 7-15-68. (8-2-68)

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 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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ALBANY, New York 12207	502 U. S. P. O. & Ct. House	518 465-7551
ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico 87101	4303 Federal Office Bldg.	505 CH 7-1555
ANCHORAGE, Alaska 99501	Room 204, Federal Building	272-6414
ATLANTA, Georgia 30303	275 Peachtree St., N. E.	404 JA 1-3900
BALTIMORE, Maryland 21202	408 U. S. Post Office Bldg.	301 LE 9-6700
BIRMINGHAM, Alabama 35203	Room 1400 - 2121 Bldg.	205 322-7711
BOSTON, Massachusetts 02203	John F. Kennedy Federal Office Building	617 RI 2-5533
BUFFALO, New York 14202	400 U. S. Court House Bldg.	716 856-7800
BUTTE, Montana 59701	400 Thornton Building	406 792-2304
CHARLOTTE, North Carolina 28202	1120 Jefferson Standard Life	704 333-4126
CHICAGO, Illinois 60604	Room 905, U. S. Court House & Federal Office Building	312 431-1333
CINCINNATI, Ohio 45202	415 U. S. Post Office & Court House Building	513 421-4310
CLEVELAND, Ohio 44199	3005 Federal Office Building	216 522-1400
COLUMBIA, South Carolina 29201	1529 Hampton Street	803 252-1911
DALLAS, Texas 75201	Room 200 - 1810 Commerce Street	214 RI 1-1851
DENVER, Colorado 80202	Room 18218, Federal Off. Bldg	303 222-5981
DETROIT, Michigan 48226	913 Federal Building & U. S. Court House	313 WO 5-2323
EL PASO, Texas 79901	202 U. S. Court House Bldg.	915 533-7451
HONOLULU, Hawaii 96813	206 Dillingham Building	59546
HOUSTON, Texas 77002	6015 Federal Building & U. S. Court House	713 CA 8-1414
INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana 46207	1221 North Pennsylvania St.	317 632-6415
JACKSON, Mississippi 39201	Room 800 - First Federal Savings Building	601 948-5000
JACKSONVILLE, Florida 32202	414 U. S. Court House & Post Office Building	904 355-1401
KANSAS CITY, Missouri 64106	707 U. S. Court House Building	816 BA 1-6100
KNOXVILLE, Tennessee 37902	617 Walnut Street, Southwest	615 524-2721
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LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas 72201	215 U. S. Post Office Bldg.	501 FR 2-3157
LOS ANGELES, California 90017	1340 West 6th Street	213 483-3551
LOUISVILLE, Kentucky 40202	Room 701, Bank of Louisville	502 583-3941
MEMPHIS, Tennessee 38103	841 Federal Office Bldg.	901 525-7373
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MOBILE, Alabama 36602	520 Federal Building	205 438-3674
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NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana 70113	701 Loyola Avenue	504 522-4671
NEW YORK, New York 10021	201 East 69th Street	212 LE 5-7700
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OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma 73118	5104 N. Francis Street	405 VI 2-7471
OMAHA, Nebraska 68102	1010 Federal Office Bldg.	402 348-1210
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PHOENIX, Arizona 85013	244 West Osborn Road	602 CR 9-5511
PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania 15222	1300 Federal Office Bldg.	412 471-2000
PORTLAND, Oregon 97205	423 U. S. Court House Bldg.	503 224-4181
RICHMOND, Virginia 23220	200 West Grace Street	703 644-2631
SACRAMENTO, California 95814	2020 J Street	916 441-1275
ST. LOUIS, Missouri 63103	2704 Federal Building	314 CH 1-5357
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah 84111	3203 Federal Building	801 EL 5-7521
SAN ANTONIO, Texas 78206	433 Federal Building	512 CA 5-6741
SAN DIEGO, California 92103	3211 Fifth Avenue	714 297-3361
SAN FRANCISCO, California 94102	450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36015	415 552-2155
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico 00917	Pan Am Building	
	255 Ponce de Leon Avenue	912 765-6000
SAVANNAH, Georgia 31405	5401 Paulsen Street	912 354-9911
SEATTLE, Washington 98104	1015 Second Avenue	206 MA 2-0460
SPRINGFIELD, Illinois 62701	421 South Sixth Street	217 522-9675
TAMPA, Florida 33602	Room 610, Federal Off. Bldg.	813 228-7661
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535	506 Old Post Office Building	202 393-7100

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Air Mail

To SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From SAC, Indianapolis (44-563)

MURKIN  
COST DATA  
AUGUST, 1968

Re Memphis airtel to Albany 4/19/68.

I. NUMBER OF MANHOURS:

A. Agent

(1) Regular hours 8  
(2) Overtime hours 0

B. Clerical

(1) Regular hours 0  
(2) Overtime hours 0

II. TOTAL MILEAGE:

Bucar 0  
Personally  
owned 0

III. ANY UNUSUAL COSTS: 0

IV. PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING  
ON CASE DURING MONTH: 1

2-Memphis  
1-Indianapolis  
PJF/sjr  
(3)

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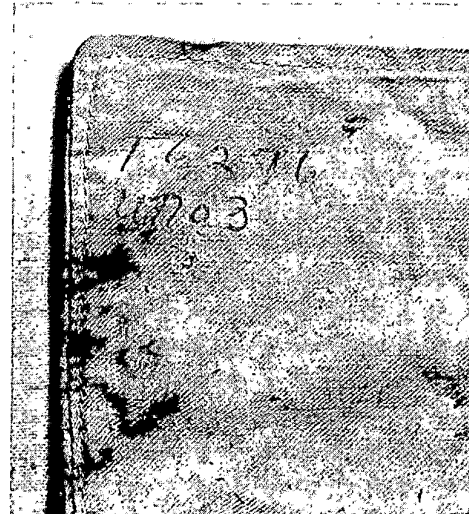
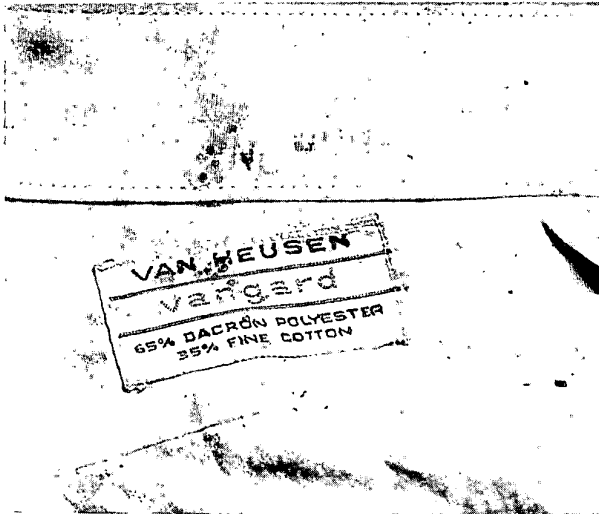
August 12, 1968

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**TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS:**

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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

*See serials  
referenced in  
Bureau's airtel to  
Cg, Lps, Pk, Div Me  
7-29-68  
Law*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. IP 140-1780

Indianapolis, Indiana  
September 13, 1968

Re: John C. Carbo, Jr.  
Chief Probation Officer  
Northern District of Georgia  
Atlanta, Georgia  
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Donald James Nissen was contacted at the United States Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana, on September 12, 1968, and furnished the following information in a signed statement:

"September 12, 1968  
"Terre Haute, Indiana

"I, Donald James Nissen, am presently confined at the United States Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana. I am giving this statement of my own free will and no promises or threats have been made to me. I am willing to testify to the following information before any Security Hearing Board and in the presence of any persons I make allegations against as well as their attorneys knowing I would be subject to cross-examination.

"I know of no connection between John C. Carbo, Jr., who is the Chief Probation Officer for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia, and the K.K.K. or any similar group. I never meant to infer this, but there may have been a misunderstanding when I made a statement that I was afraid to talk to Mr. Carbo, however I meant that he might feel that I was under great pressure and strain from the K.K.K. and might jump probation. I feared that if he felt I was about to violate my probation earlier this year, he might have my probation revoked.

7-Bureau  
1-Atlanta  
2-Jackson  
1-Memphis (44-Murkin)  
1-St. Louis  
1-Phoenix  
②-Indianapolis (1-44-563)  
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Re: John C. Carbo, Jr.

"During February or March, 1967, I was confined at the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and I talked with a fellow inmate, Leroy McMenamán. He told me that there was a \$100,000 reward for the person who killed Martin Luther King, who was still alive at that time. McMenamán asked me at first if I would set it up for him, by finding out such things as King's whereabouts, and daily schedule. Just before my release from prison in April, 1967, McMenamán told me that it was all right for me to do the entire job including the assassination of King. He told me that in order to collect the \$100,000 I should contact Mrs. Eurie, owner of Eurie Real Estate Company, Jackson, Mississippi. Mrs. Eurie would then put me in contact with the pay-off man who was a K.K.K. member and also the newest Deputy United States Marshal, at Jackson, Mississippi. I was never told the name of this Deputy United States Marshal, however he was in April, 1967, the newest man in that office. He was also supposedly a member of the Council for the White Knights at Jackson. I don't have any further information about this Deputy Marshal and I never contacted Mrs. Eurie. I do believe that McMenamán was telling me the truth.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and one other page and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have made this statement to John D. Burroughs, Jr., who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"/s/ Donald James Nissen

"Witness: John D. Burroughs, Jr., SA, FBI,  
Indianapolis".



Re: John C. Carbo, Jr.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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9/13/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: Director, FBI (77-33993)

FROM: SAC, Indianapolis (140-1780) (RUC)

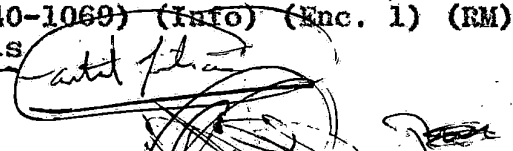
JOHN C. CARBO, JR.  
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA  
(REFER TO EMPLOYEES SECURITY AND SPECIAL INQUIRY SECTION)

Re Bureau airtel to Indianapolis and Atlanta  
dated 9/6/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and  
six copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting the  
interview with DONALD JAMES NISSEN. Enclosed for Atlanta,  
Memphis, St. Louis, and Phoenix is one copy each of  
above letterhead memorandum, and for Jackson two copies of  
letterhead memorandum. Also enclosed for Jackson is one  
copy of referenced airtel.

The following investigation was conducted  
at Terre Haute, Indiana, by SA JOHN D. BURROUGHS, Jr.  
on 9/12/68:

3-Bureau (Enc. 7) (RM)  
2-Atlanta (140-1970) (Enc. 1) (RM)  
2-Jackson (Enc. 3) (RM)  
1-Memphis (Info) (Enc. 1) (RM) (44-murkin)  
1-St. Louis (Info) (Enc. 1) (RM)  
1-Phoenix (140-1069) (Info) (Enc. 1) (RM)  
2-Indianapolis  
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IP 140-1780

A review of the Inmate File pertaining to DONALD JAMES NISSEN at the U.S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, revealed that he is a white male American, born [redacted] 5'10", 130, brown hair, blue eyes, and assigned number 26055TH. On 12/14/64, he received five years probation for Dyer Act and on 7/19/65, his probation was revoked and on 8/14/65, he was recommitted for five years on the probation violation and Dyer Act in U.S. District Court at Tucson, Arizona.

Mr. WILLIAM BARBER, NISSEN's case worker, at the U.S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, advised that NISSEN is not under psychiatric care and further there is no psychiatrist at the U.S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana. He stated that NISSEN only recently was transferred into the U.S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, and he knows very little if anything about him.

During interview of NISSEN, on 9/12/68, he very emphatically attempted to make it clear that there was a misinterpretation of his statements regarding JOHN C. CARBO, Jr., the Chief Probation Officer at Atlanta, Georgia, and that he never meant to infer that CARBO was in any way connected with the KKK. He further advised that the Deputy United States Marshal he was referring to was not stationed in Atlanta, Georgia, but rather was assigned to Jackson, Mississippi. He said that even though he would be willing to testify before a Security Hearing Board that he wanted to limit his information in this matter as he felt that while he was confined at the institution chances of retaliation against him would be great. He further stated that he had given much of this information to the FBI previously and that he was under the opinion that Mrs. EURIE of Jackson, Mississippi, had previously been interviewed by the FBI as a result of information furnished by him.

Information copy to Memphis as LHM contains information concerning identity of individuals who supposedly were putting up money for the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

IP 140-1780

As NISSEN could not identify the Klan he was referring to, no characterization of KKK is attached. The Indianapolis Office is not in possession of a characterization of the Council for the White Knights.

LEADS:

JACKSON

At Jackson, Mississippi

UACB will attempt to identify the Deputy U.S. Marshal referred to by NISSEN and inquire of appropriate confidential informants to confirm or refute the alleged KKK membership. Will then furnish LHM setting forth results of these efforts to Bureau as soon as possible as Bureau deadline previously set for 9/16/68.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 9/13/68

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS (2);  
The Bank of Alton,  
Alton, Illinois  
7/13/67  
BR

(OO: SPRINGFIELD)

Enclosed for St. Louis and Indianapolis, if not already received, are lists of members and non-members of the National Institute of Dry Cleaners furnished by the Baltimore Division.

These lists are to be used in the mailing of circular letters furnished by the Bureau concerning the subject.

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circular letter  
mailed to all on  
list. low*

44-563  
91-4619  
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- 2 - Chicago (44-1114)
- 1 - Baltimore (44-669)
- 2 - Indianapolis (Enc. 2) *FD*
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - St. Louis (44-775) (Enc. 2)
- 2 - Springfield (44-561)

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

44-563-378



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

August 12, 1968

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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

*91-4679*

*J. J.*

FBI - INDIANAPOLIS

*44-563-379*

*sent to all  
members + non-  
members of Natl.  
Institute of Dry Cleaners  
in state of Indiana.  
Jon*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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SAC, Springfield (44-561)

9/27/68

SAC, Indianapolis (44-563) (P)

UNSUBS (2)  
The Bank of Alton,  
Alton, Illinois, 7/13/68  
BR  
OO: Springfield

Re Springfield letter to Chicago 9/13/68.

Circular letters pertaining to laundry marks were mailed to all laundries and dry cleaning establishments within the State of Indiana. To date no information has been developed from these sources.

2-Springfield  
1-Indianapolis

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9/30/68

Airtel

Air Mail

To SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From SAC, Indianapolis (44-563)

MURKIN  
COST DATA  
SEPTEMBER, 1968

Re Memphis airtel to Albany 4/19/68.

I. Number of Man hours

A. Agent

(1) Regular hours 8  
(2) Overtime hours 0

B. Clerical

(1) Regular hours 12  
(2) Overtime hours 0

II. Total Mileage

Bucar 2 miles  
Personally owned 0

III. Any Unusual Costs 0

IV. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case during Month 1

2-Memphis  
1-Indianapolis  
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10/17/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563) (AUC)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Director, dated 5/1/68.

On 10/16/68, ROBERT H. STRADER, 122 William Drive, Apartment J, Brownsburg, Indiana, telephonically contacted this office advising that he wished to speak to an agent in regard to captioned subject. Arrangements were made to meet him at which time he furnished information substantially the same as was furnished by his wife, MARGARET CARMICHAEL STRADER, in referenced airtel. The only discrepancy with information furnished previously by his wife was that he compared photographs that were published of JAMES EARL RAY to the persons that he remembered having overheard at the Gulf Truck Stop, Lebanon, Tennessee, in late March, 1968. After comparison he advised that none of the five men he overheard at the truck stop were identical to JAMES EARL RAY. His wife had previously stated in referenced airtel that one of those persons had been RAY.

STRADER advised that after hearing this conversation with the five men in the restroom at the truck stop on or about the last day of March, 1968, that he and his wife turned around and traveled back to Memphis, a distance of about 65 miles, to report what he had overheard. When they returned to Memphis, however, he got scared, did not want to get involved and did not report what he had heard to anyone. They left Memphis and traveled East in the direction they had been traveling before returning to Memphis. Mrs. STRADER, in referenced airtel, advised to the contrary that he did not mention hearing of the plan to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING that day, and she did not advise of having returned to Memphis to report such information.

3-Bureau (44-38861) (RM) *P* Indianapolis  
2-Memphis (44-1987) (RM) *LIG/vlm*  
2-Springfield (44-561) (RM) (8) *vlm*

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In addition to the above information, STRADER advised that he was approached by a man on the night of 10/13/68, at the bar of Howard Johnson's, located at I-465 and Indiana State Highway 136, in Indianapolis. This man, according to STRADER, knew all about STRADER and was aware of his poor financial status. This man followed him to the car and told STRADER that he could make \$100,000 if he would testify to what he heard in the restroom in Lebanon, Tennessee, in late March. The man did not tell him who would pay the money, but told STRADER that if he was interested he was to be in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the airport at 3:00 AM, on Saturday, 10/19/68. The man also told STRADER that if he did not believe him, to go to the Holiday Inn bar, at the Indianapolis airport at 5:00 PM the next evening. STRADER advised that he did, in fact, go the next evening to the Holiday Inn bar, which was on 10/14/68, but he was not approached by anyone. On the morning of 10/15/68, at approximately 5:30 AM, STRADER heard a noise at his apartment door, and found a note which stated, "Sat. 3:00 AM, OKLA. City. How much money". STRADER stated that he became very worried and finally on 10/16/68 made a telephone call to ARTHUR HAYNES, attorney for JAMES EARL RAY, in Birmingham, Alabama, attempting to find out if HAYNES was responsible for the offer of \$100,000 for STRADER to testify. He talked to HAYNES, at which time HAYNES mentioned to STRADER that he had received a mysterious phone call several days before, advising that he should get in touch with a ROBERT STRADER, however, HAYNES had taken it as a prank call. HAYNES knew of no offer of money to STRADER if he would testify, but did take STRADER's address and phone number.

After talking to HAYNES, STRADER immediately called the Indianapolis office and requested to talk to an Agent. STRADER gave as his reason for not contacting the FBI previously, that he was an ex-con and was not fond of dealing with police in any manner, however, he was scared and felt that he must make known the above information. STRADER furnished both notes he had received to interviewing Agents.

IP 44-563

Indianapolis Office is retaining these notes at this time and has instructed STRADER to promptly advise if he is recontacted in the future by anyone concerning this matter. As the substance of this interview with STRADER has previously been furnished to the Bureau and Memphis, it does not appear further investigation is necessary. The Indianapolis Office will keep the Bureau and Memphis advised of any further developments.

It should be noted that in referenced airtel, mention is made of the fact that STRADER was a patient twice at Patton State Hospital, Sacramento, California, and once at Atascadero State Hospital in California.

11/4/68

Airtel

Air Mail

To SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From SAC, Indianapolis (44-563)

MURKIN  
COST DATA  
OCTOBER, 1968

Re Memphis airtel to Albany 4/19/68.

I. Number of Man hours

A. Agent

(1) Regular hours 2  
(2) Overtime hours 0

B. Clerical

(1) Regular hours  $\frac{1}{2}$   
(2) Overtime hours 0

II. Total Mileage

Bucar 20 miles  
Personally owned 0

III. Any Unusual Costs 0

IV. Peak Number of Special Agents  
Working on Case during Month 1

2-Memphis  
1-Indianapolis

PJF/sjr  
(3)

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44-563-383

F B I

Date: 11/13/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

REBUTELEPHONE CALL TO INDIANAPOLIS NOV. TWELVE LAST.

ALL MOTELS IN AREA EAST OF GARY, IND., CHECKED BY

BUAGTS NOV. THIRTEEN INSTANT AND NO REGISTRATION FOR AUG.

TWENTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN, FOUND FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC S. GALT,

OR JOHN L. RAYNS. RECORDS UNAVAILABLE THIS DATE AT U.S.

TWENTY MOTEL, PORTAGE, IND. THAT MOTEL WILL BE RECONTACTED

NOV. FOURTEEN, NEXT. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

① - Indianapolis 1 - Memphis (AM)  
ECW:css  
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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 735 M Per *[Signature]*

44-563-384

F B I

Date: 11/14/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

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.  
AM COPY MEMPHIS.

① - Indianapolis  
lcc - Memphis (AM)

ECW:fjm *fjm*  
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*gk*

Approved: *J. T. ...*  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 12:47 P M Per *ep*

44-563-385

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

12/4/68

SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re IP tels to Bureau 11/13/68 and 11/14/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ERIC C. WILLIAMS and ARTHUR C. GRUBERT:

On 11/13/68, the following individuals advised the records of their businesses failed to indicate anyone using the name JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC S. GALT or JOHN L. RAYNS registered for 8/21/67, nor did they have a record of an older model Plymouth with Illinois license plates for that date:

MARGUERTE PILGRIM, Manager, Gary Travelodge, 6200 Melton Road, Gary, Indiana.

ETHEL MIHALKO, Assistant Manager, Holiday Inn, 3030 East 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana.

JEAN KIRCIMAYER, Bookkeeper, Diplomat Motel, 4905 Melton Road, Gary, Indiana.

MARGARET LEWIS, Owner, Sleepy Hollow Motel, 5296 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana.

HOWARD HEBBERGALL, Owner, Park Side Motel, 5192 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana.

RICHARD TRETENEY, Owner, Don's Motel, 5500 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana.

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2 - Memphis  
① - Indianapolis (44-563)  
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IP 44-563

MARTY MARELAK, Owner, Gary Motel, 5400 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana.

On 11/14/68, KATHERINE TROUP, Manager, U. S. 20 Motel, 11200 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana, advised her place of business had no record as above.

12/3/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN  
COST DATA  
NOVEMBER, 1968

Re Memphis airtel to Albany, 4/19/68.

I. Number of Man hours

A. Agent

(1) Regular hours 4  
(2) Overtime hours 0

B. Clerical

(1) Regular hours  $\frac{1}{2}$   
(2) Overtime hours 0

II. Total Mileage

Bucar 50  
Personally owned 0

III. Any Unusual Costs 0

IV. Peak Number of Special Agents  
Working on Case During Month 2

2 - Memphis  
① - Indianapolis  
PJF/plp  
(3) *plp*

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44-563-387

F B I

Date: 12/23/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: All SAC's  
FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA  
(OO: MEMPHIS)  
BUFILE 44-38861

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68, and  
Memphis airtel to All SAC's, dated 7/16/68.

Discontinue the monthly submission to the Memphis  
Division of the cost data requested in referenced airtels,  
since the Bureau has agreed this submission can be discon-  
tinued.

2-All SAC's  
2-Memphis  
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*Raw*  
*Close*  
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44-563-388

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*cc*  
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Approved: *R Jensen* Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

12-6-68

**AIRTEL**

**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

3 - Bureau  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info.)  
① - Indianapolis (44-563)(Info.)  
1 - Chicago (44-1114)(Info.)  
1 - Springfield  
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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.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Indianapolis (44-563)

DATE: 12/7/68

FROM : SA JOHN J. MC ARDLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

Approximately 11:30 AM today, attorney at law DONALD F. FOLEY, Merchants Bank Building, telephone 639-5454, called this office. He advised he is a member of the law firm - Stewart, Irwin, Gilliom, Fuller and Meyer, Suite 1200 at above address. He stated their legal practice is practically entirely civil. Mr. FOLEY advised he is presently representing ROBERT STRATER for the purpose of drafting a contract with representatives of the Chicago Daily News, newspaper, published in Chicago, Illinois.

He stated that he first met STRATER some time ago when he was referred to FOLEY to handle some legal matters, and as a result of that relationship he was approached with respect to the contract drafting. Mr. FOLEY advised that this past Thursday STRATER talked to him and indicated that he had not told all the facts he had relative to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING to the FBI in previous contacts with the FBI. FOLEY stated that last Thursday his client "gave him the full story" of what he allegedly knew of this matter. FOLEY advised that at that time he told STRATER he would not assist in drafting any contract with the Chicago Daily News unless STRATER cooperated fully with the FBI. According to FOLEY, STRATER professes to be willing to take a polygraph test to prove he is now or will be now telling the truth. FOLEY said that he feels it is his responsibility to advise the FBI and in calling he was fulfilling this responsibility. He said he would make available any information or physical evidence such as credit cards, charges for gasoline, etc., that his client, STRATER, furnished him if STRATER is agreeable to this. This is due according to FOLEY because of the lawyer-client relationship.

② - Indianapolis

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FOLEY stated that his client, STRATER, professed to be in fear of his life, professed to want to talk to the FBI and professed to be willing to set up an appointment and meet with them. FOLEY advised that several weeks ago he spoke to SA RICHARD H. GRABHAM of this office telephonically to call our attention to STRATER and the fact that STRATER said he had been interviewed by the FBI and had additional information.

FOLEY advised that there was to be a meeting with representatives of the Chicago Daily News at a motel in Lafayette, Indiana on either 12/6 or 7/68, which meeting was canceled by the newspaper representatives. He said the meeting has been re-scheduled for next Friday night, 12/13/68 at 7:00 PM. FOLEY did not say whether he dealt with the newspaper representatives or whether this information came to him through his client, STRATER.

He stated that STRATER professed to be scared and in addition to be willing to submit to a polygraph test, wanted to have the FBI "bug" his automobile. He said his client in the past has alleged that he has been shot at, received threatening notes, has been living in fear, has gone to various cities, etc. He said STRATER presently is living at the Rogers Hotel in Danville, Illinois. He will be there until Christmas Day, 1968. He is on leave from the VA Hospital at Danville, Illinois, where he is receiving mental treatment. STRATER has a wife and young child. They are living with her folks at Lexington, Illinois. He said STRATER alleges he has previously contacted the FBI at Bloomington, Illinois, and at Indianapolis, Indiana.

FOLEY stated that STRATER also advised him (no dates) that an unknown man approached him at the Howard Johnson Motel on West 16th Street in Indianapolis to testify in a certain way at the RAY trial. He also told FOLEY that he was in contact with two men at the Holiday Inn at the Indianapolis Airport. Or, at least there were two men whom he thought were trying to make contact with him there.

FOLEY said STRATER's wife had recited the story of STRATER's alleged involvement in matters relating to the KING murder. FOLEY said his client has a record of previous psychiatric treatment.

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The writer pointed out to FOLEY that independetly of the attorney or the FBI, medical people had objectively determined STRATER required psychiatric care as FOLEY said he did. The writer advised attorney DONALD F. FOLEY that the proper official of the FBI conversant with matters of interest to the FBI in the investigation of Reverend KING's murder would be apprised of the above.



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MURKIN

Re Kansas City letter to Memphis, 10/4/68, captioned as above, and Kansas City report of SA WEETER S. POND, 2/10/69, captioned "FRED ALEXANDER MICHAELSON, aka; ITSP."

For information of Memphis, MICHAELSON was transported 2/27/69 to the U. S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana.

For information of Indianapolis, MICHAELSON as FRED ALEXANDER MICHELSON appeared in U. S. District Court, Kansas City, Ks., on 1/31/69 and was sentenced to serve six years custody of the Attorney General on each of three counts of an indictment charging violations Section 2314, Title 18, U. S. Code. The sentences are concurrent.

He was confined in the Clay County Jail, Liberty, Missouri, since 7/27/67, on local charges inasmuch as his trial had been continued on several occasions because of his insistence in changing lawyers. He was removed by writ for the Federal charges, and subsequently the local charges were dismissed in view of the Federal sentence.

MICHAELSON was interviewed in jail at Liberty, Mo., on 10/2/68, upon his request, and stated he had written several letters to the Case Agent, but they had been returned because of improper addresses. He claimed to have vital information concerning the assassinations of JOHN F. KENNEDY on 11/22/63; MARTIN LUTHER KING on 4/3/68, and ROBERT KENNEDY. His information would go "to the scale of great national importance." He realized the information had been held much too long, but he refused

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to discuss it in jail. He denied using this as an attempt to get out of the jail, and added that he would definitely make a full disclosure if and when he is incarcerated in a penitentiary or hospital where he could obtain treatment for his nervous stomach.

Information had been previously furnished by the jailer that several prisoners had commented that MICHAELSON had claimed to be psychic in making predictions of such things as aircraft disasters. It had been claimed that such predictions could not be made unless he had the use of a ballpoint pen, and such pens were not available to him while in jail.

It is noted MICHAELSON was incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary from about 6/25/65 to about 8/26/66 and both MICHAELSON and JAMES EARL RAY were there at the same time.

In view of the above information and the fact MICHAELSON desired to enter guilty pleas to Federal charges, the AUSA, District of Kansas, issued a writ and had MICHAELSON removed to Federal custody for sentencing as stated above. Prior to sentencing, MICHAELSON was found by the court to be mentally competent.

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AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA:

At the U. S. Penitentiary will interview MICHAELSON, FBI #2 914 E, white male, born [redacted] for all possible information concerning MURKIN and other possible matters.