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RE: HAYES HENDRICKS HUNT

SUSPECT HAYES HUNT INTERVIEWED JACKSONVILLE, APRIL EIGHT, LAST. HAYES, WM, BORN [REDACTED], MELBOURNE, FLORIDA, FIVE FEET, TEN AND ONE HALF INCHES, ONE THIRTY FIVE TO ONE FORTY POUNDS, BROWN GREENISH EYES, BROWN REDDISH HAIR, RECEDING AND ALMOST BALD ON TOP, SERVED U. S. NAVY, FORTY SEVEN TO FORTY NINE, NAVY SERIAL NUMBER FIVE FIVE SEVEN FIVE TWO ONE ONE, HONORABLE DISCHARGE. SUSPECT RESIDING BOX ONE ONE FIVE CALLAHAN, FLORIDA, AND EMPLOYED BY BROTHER, CECIL HUNT, AT HUNT'S GULF SERVICE, SIX ZERO ONE FIVE, NORWOOD, JACKSONVILLE, FOR PAST THREE WEEKS. SUSPECT DRIVES SIXTY FIVE SPORTS FURY CONVERTIBLE, BLUE OVER WHITE, FLORIDA LICENSE TWO W SIX SEVEN ZERO EIGHT THREE. PRIOR EMPLOYMENT, TOWN AND COUNTRY MOTORS, LIVE OAK, FLORIDA. SUSPECT'S BROTHER, CECIL, VERIFIED SUSPECT'S EMPLOYMENT. NO EMPLOYMENT RECORDS AVAILABLE. SAM SUMMEY, SAM'S GARAGE, ONE NINE FOUR FOUR TOURIST, JACKSONVILLE, HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH SUSPECT SINCE NINE TEEN SIXTY, AND HAS NOTICED SUSPECT'S CAR PARKED AT HUNT'S GULF SERVICE, DAILY, DURING THE PAST WEEK.

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**SUNMEY HAD LUNCH IN RESTAURANT WITH SUSPECT ON APRIL
FOUR, LAST, AND LATER THAT AFTERNOON SUSPECT WAS AT
HIS GARAGE FOR SEVERAL HOURS USING MACHINE SHOP.**

JACKSON AND SAVANNAH ADVISED AM.

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Date: 4/9/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SAVANNAH
 FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN; CR.

VIRGINIA FORBES, AGE SIXTYSEVEN, OCEAN AND SECOND STREET, FERNANDINA BEACH, FLA., ADVISED THAT ONE (FNU) BOATRIGHT, WAYCROSS, GEORGIA, DESCRIBED WM, APPROXIMATELY FIFTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE FORTY LBS., BROWN GRAYING HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD, COMPLEXION WEATHER BEATEN AND EMPLOYED AS CARPENTER AND GENERAL ARTISAN FERNANDINA BEACH AND WAYCROSS AREA. BOATRIGHT RELATED THREAT TO KILL DR. MARTIN LUCIUS KING WITH RIFLE IF HE EVER CAME TO WAYCROSS OR FERNANDINA BEACH AREA. FORBES STATES THREAT MADE SEPTEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSIX AND HAS NOT SEEN BOATRIGHT FROM THAT TIME UNTIL APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS AGO IN FERNANDINA BEACH.

FORBES STATES BOATRIGHT HAD RIFLE WITH HIM AT LAST MEETING. FORBES ADVISES BOATRIGHT CONSIDERS HIMSELF AS LAY PREACHER. SHE STATES HE IS RELIGIOUS FANATIC BUT NOT FRENZIED TYPE.

FORBES BELIEVES BOATRIGHT CAN BE LOCATED THROUGH TED LOTT, REALTOR, WAYCROSS, GA. AS LOTT HAS EMPLOYED BOATRIGHT ON AND OFF OVER NUMBER OF YEARS.

GHV/JLC
 Approved: [Signature]
 Special Agent in Charge

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FERNANDINA BEACH CREDIT AND ARREST TO LOCATE BOATRIGHT
NEGATIVE.

SAVANNAH AT WAYCROSS CONDUCT IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION TO
LOCATE BOATRIGHT THROUGH TED LOTT, REALTOR, AND DETERMINE
WHEREABOUTS AS OF APRIL FOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

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SARAHAN AT WYCHES CONDUCT IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION TO

ROCKE BOATMAN THROUGH THE LEFT, RIGHT, AND IMMEDIATE

REMARKS AS OF APRIL FOUR SIXTYFOUR.

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FBI JACKSVLE

FBI TAMPA

638 PM URGENT 4/9/68 ALS

TO DIRECTOR, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN. BUFILE FOUR FOUR - THREE EIGHT EIGHT SIX ONE.

RE TAMPA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR APRIL EIGHT, LAST AND
CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, APRIL NINE, INSTANT.

REFERENCED CLEVELAND TELETYPE ADVISES AS FOLLOWS:

THOMAS THOROMAN, ROUTE TWO, SPENCERVILLE, OHIO, IS PAINTER AND
PAPERHANGER WHO LEFT NOV., NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, TO WORK IN
FLORIDA. ADDRESS IN FLA. IS ROUTE ONE, BOX THIRTY TWO A,
CLERMONT. INQUIRY, POST OFFICE AND NEGBORS, REFLECTS THOROMAN
EXPECTED TO RETURN ANY DAY FROM FLA., EXACT DATE NOT KNOWN.
NEIGHBORS DESCRIBE THOROMAN AS WM, FORTYFIVE TO FIFTYFIVE YEARS,
FIVE FT. TEN IN., TO SIX FT., ONE FIFTY TO ONE SIXTY LBS., BROWN
HAIR GETTING GRAY. HE IS A SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST OR MENNONITE.
HE TRAVELS WITH WIFE VIOLET AND CHILDREN IN HIS STATION WAGON.
THEY KNOW OF NOTHING DEROGATORY.

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for* *SA Tucker
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SINCE CLERMONT, FLA. IS IN JACKSONVILLE TERRITORY,
JACKSONVILLE HANDLE LEAD SET OUT IN REFERENCED CLEVELAND
TELETYPE TO IMMEDIATELY CHECK ROUTE ONE, BOX THIRTY TWO A,
CLERMONT, RE THOROMAN, AND CONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE
HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. CLEVELAND
ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

END

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4-55PURGENT 4/9/68 CIM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE,
AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

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MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

REMYTEL, APRIL EIGHT LAST CONCERNING SUSPECT, DR. ALVIN
EUGENE FRENCH.

DOCTORS, GOWANDA STATE HOSPITAL, HELMUTH, N.Y.,
DIAGNOSED FRENCH'S MENTAL PROBLEM AS DEMENTIA PRAECO
TYPE PARANOID. HIS WIFE INFORMED HOSPITAL THAT HE
BECAME EMOTIONALLY DERANGED, ACCOMPANIED BY INCREASING
AGGRESSIVE TENDENCIES, HOSTILITIES AND HATE, EXPRESSED
BY DESIRE TO HARM HIS WIFE.

HOSPITAL PHYSICIANS ADVISE HE IS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS.
APPROPRIATE CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN MAKING CONTACT WITH
HIM.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS,
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I M M E D I A T E 4/9/68 RWP

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, COLUMBIA,
JACKSON, JACKSONVILLE, MIAMI, RICHMOND,
TAMPA

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE ALBANY TELCALLS TO BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE AND JACKSON
APRIL NINE INSTANT.

FOR THE INFO OF OFFICES NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVING THIS
INFO, SEARCH OF PREMISES BELIEVED OCCUPIED BY UNSUB WHO
ASSASSINATED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ON FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT,
DISCLOSED SUITCASE IN WHICH WAS LOCATED TEE SHIRT AND UNDER-
SHORTS BEARING LAUNDRY MARK ON RED TAPE WITH BLACK LETTERING
BELIEVED TO BE THERMO-SEAL TYPE, MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE
MARKING MACHINE CO., INC., SYRACUSE, N.Y. THE TAPE IS ONE
QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG AND
BEARS LETTERS AND NUMBERS ZERO TWO B DASH SIX.

EXPERTS AT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY ADVISE

TYPE ON THIS MACHINE IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE FIRST TWO
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CHARACTERS ARE FIFTEEN POINT TYPE AND THE LAST THREE

CHARACTERS ARE EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE, WITH THE MIDDLE CHARACTER, THE LETTER B, PROBABLY BEING NARROW RATHER THAN REGULAR TYPE.

THE USUAL MACHINE CARRIES FIFTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE FIRST THREE CHARACTERS AND EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE LAST TWO CHARACTERS.

TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE EXPERTS ALSO STATED THIS MACHINE IS DEFECTIVE IN THAT IT IS PRODUCING A TAPE ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG INSTEAD OF ONE AND ONE EIGHTH INCH LONG AND IS NOT PROJECTING THE TAPE FAR ENOUGH RESULTING IN CUTTING OFF A PORTION OF THE FIRST LETTER. THE CODE USED IN THE NORTH-EASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE FIRST LETTER O STANDS FOR LOT NUMBER; THE FIRST NUMBER TWO INDICATES THE DAY OF THE WEEK, TWO BEING TUESDAY; THE SECOND LETTER INDICATES THE FIRST LETTER OF THE STORE NAME,
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THIS IS THE LETTER B; THE LAST NUMBER IS THE BUNDLE NUMBER, THIS IS SIX. COLOR CODING OF THE TAG MAY DESIGNATE VARIOUS THINGS SUCH AS A DIFFERENT MONTH OR THE IDENTITY OF A STORE IN A CHAIN. EXPERTS ALSO STATE THE USE OF THIS SYSTEM ON LAUNDRY ITEMS IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE SYSTEM IS NORMALLY USED ON GARMENTS BEING DRY CLEANED.

THE BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL TEXTILE MACHINES USING THIS TYPE TAPE BE LOCATED AND MACHINES USING THIS CODE BE IDENTIFIED.

THE CODE USED HAS BEEN TRACED TO THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER, A SIMILAR CODING IS USED IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES ALSO AND A SIMILAR CODE IS ALSO USED BY COMPANIES WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMPANY'S REPRESENTATIVES, THEREFORE, ALL THESE MACHINES MUST BE CHECKED.

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TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AS SALES REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE AREA OF NORTHERN ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI AND THE ENTIRE STATES OF TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY, AND MAY HAVE UTILIZED THE CODE SYSTEM USED IN THIS TAPE:

RAY SNYDER, EMPLOYED FROM AUGUST NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR TO AUGUST SIXTYFIVE, PRESENTLY LOCATED TOPS QUALITY CLEANERS, FOUR THREE TWO ZERO JACKSON HIGHWAY, SHEFFIELD, ALABAMA; HERSHEL BANKS, TWO FIVE SEVEN MOUNT PLEASANT BLVD. SE, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, FROM AUGUST SIXTYFIVE TO MAY SIXTYSEVEN.

BIRMINGHAM AND RICHMOND CONTACT THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS, DETERMINE IF THEY USED THIS CODE SYSTEM, AND IF THEY CAN ADVISED LOCATION AND IDENTITY OF CLEANER UTILIZING SYSTEM.
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TEXTILE MARKETING MACHINE COMPANY ADVISED THAT SEVERAL THERMO-SEAL MACHINES FORMERLY IN POSSESSION OF BUSINESSES HAVE EITHER BEEN SOLD OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF. OWNERS OF THESE MACHINES NOT KNOWN TO COMPANY. THESE MACHINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MOBILE

BISHOP CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, DOTHAN, ALABAMA, MODEL NO. H FIVE M FOUR B DASH ONE, SERIAL NO. THREE THREE ZERO NINE FIVE; CHIN'S LAUNDRY, THREE HUNDRED SIXTYONE ST. LOUIS ST., MOBILE, MODEL NO. H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NO. R THREE TWO ONE ONE ONE, R THREE TWO ONE ONE TWO, R THREE TWO ONE ONE FOUR, R THREE TWO ZERO TWO ONE, R THREE TWO ZERO TWO THREE, R THREE TWO ONE SIX SEVEN, R THREE ONE EIGHT EIGHT SIX; PALACE LAUNDRY, SEVEN ZERO ONE ST. ANTHONY ST., MOBILE, ALABAMA, MODEL NO. H FIVE K FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE TWO FIVE ONE FOUR, R THREE TWO FIVE THREE FIVE.

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ATLANTA

MARK'S LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, MODEL
NO. H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE NINE SEVEN ONE;
THREE ONE NINE SEVEN TWO.

COLUMBIA

IDEAL WHITE SWAN CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, SEVEN TWO THREE
KING ST., CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, MODEL NO. H FIVE M FOUR
B DASH ONE, SERIAL NO. THREE THREE ZERO ONE SEVEN.

JACKSONVILLE

TILLMAN'S LAUNDRY, THREE ONE ZERO PARK ST., JACKSONVILLE,
FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FIVE
NINE EIGHT, R THREE ONE NINE NINE EIGHT, R THREE ONE NINE NINE
NINE; STRAHAM'S LAUNDRY, ONE ZERO TWO FOUR KINGS AVENUE,
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE M FIVE M FOUR, SERIAL NO.
THREE TWO SIX FOUR SEVEN.

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MIAMI

NEW PEERLESS LAUNDRY, ONE ONE ZERO N.W., FIFTYFIFTH
AVENUE, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE L FOUR,
SERIAL NO. THREE TWO SIX ONE FOUR.

TAMPA

PALMACEIA CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, SIX TWO ZERO SOUTH
MC DILL, TAMPA, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL
NO. THREE TWO THREE EIGHT NINE; LINCOLN LAUNDRY, ONE NINE ONE
ZERO TWENTY SECOND AVENUE, TAMPA, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE K
ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FOUR EIGHT ONE, THREE ONE FIVE
TWO TWO; SPOTLESS CLEANERS, SIX TWO ONE ZERO FLA. AVENUE,
TAMPA, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE
ONE FOUR TWO SEVEN, THREE ONE FOUR FIVE SEVEN, THREE ONE FOUR
SIX SIX; PRATHER'S, INCORPORATED, FT. MYERS, FLA., MODEL
NO. H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NO. THREE ONE SIX THREE ONE AND
THREE ONE SEVEN NINE THREE.

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SARASOTA LILY-WHITE LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, SEVEN HUNDRED SOUTH OSPREY AVE., SARASOTA, FLA., MODEL NO. H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NO. THREE TEO ONE NINE FIVE.

MOBILE; ATLANTA; COLUMBIA; JACKSONVILLE, MIAMI AND TAMPA WILL CONTACT THE ABOVE BUSINESS PLACES AS INDICATED AND DETERMINE PRESENT LOCATION OF THESE MACHINES, CONTACT OR SET OUT LEADS TO CONTACT THESE PLACES, DETERMINE WHETHER CODE IS USED AS ON INSTANT TAPE, WHETHER THERMO-SEAL IS USED ON SMALL LAUNDRY ITEMS AND WHETHER INSTANT TAPE POSSIBLY PRODUCED BY THEIR MACHINES AND IF SO OBTAIN SAMPLE OF THERMO SEAL TAPE AND FORWARD TO FBI.

THE FOLLOWING ARE LAUNDRIES UTILIZING THERMO-SEAL MACHINES ONE QUARTER INCH TAPE, ONE AND ONE EIGHTH IN LENGTH, FIVE CHARACTERS: AMORY STEAM LAUNDRY, AMORY, MISSISSIPPI, SERIAL NO. R THREE TWO ZERO TWO EIGHT; DELTA STATE COLLEGE
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CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI, SERIAL NO. THREE ONE THREE FIVE FIVE;
LONG'S LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, ONE THREE ZERO EAST MAIN ST.,
TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, SERIAL NO. THREE ONE SEVEN TWO EIGHT
AND THREE ONE SEVEN FOUR SIX; MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY,
STATE COLLEGE, MISSISSIPPI, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE TWO ONE
FOUR AND THREE ONE TWO ONE FIVE; PHOENIX LAUNDRY,
HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI, SERIAL NO. THREE THREE SEVEN EIGHT
FOUR.

JACKSON OFFICE CONTACT ESTABLISHMENTS, DETERMINE WHETHER
THESE MACHINES UTILIZED CODE ON TAPE AND UTILIZED TAPE ON
SMALL LAUNDRY ITEMS AND IF SO OBTAIN SAMPLE AND FORWARD
IMMEDIATELY TO FBI LABORATORY FOR IDENTIFICATION.

ALL OFFICES ADVISED ALBANY IMMEDIATELY IF TAPE IDENTIFIED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

JN KCH

FBI JKSN MISS
JK JLC

FBI JACKSVLE

MM RGT

FBI MIAMI

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FBI TAMPA

FWK ARGOP

FBI WASH DC

611PM PM URGENT 4-9-68 BJP
TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

AMONG ARTICLES RECOVERED AT SCENE OF SHOOTING,
APPARENTLY ABANDONED BY UNSUB, WERE A PAIR OF BROWNISH
CHECKERED PRINT UNDERSHORTS AND WHITE JOCKEY TEE SHIRT
BEARING CLOTH LAUNDRY TAGS. THESE TAGS WERE MADE BY A
THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY THE TEXTILE
MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. THESE TAGS
ARE ONE QUARTER INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH
INCH LONG, RED IN COLOR AND BEAR MARKING WHICH APPEARS
TO BE "O TWO B DASH SIX" OR "D TWO B DASH SIX." ONLY A
PORTION OF THE FIRST CHARACTER IS PRESENT ON EACH TAG,
AND THIS CHARACTER IS CUT ON A SLIGHT BIAS. NO OTHER
VISIBLE LAUNDRY MARKS WERE FOUND ON EITHER GARMENT.

IMMEDIATE CHECKS OF LOGICAL LAUNDRIES SUGGESTED BY
TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY HAVE TO DATE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE.
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UPON RECEIPT, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES IN YOUR DIVISIONS TO IDENTIFY
LAUNDRY USING THIS CODE AND THESE TAGS AND PURSUE LOGICAL
LEADS DEVELOPED.

IF PERTINENT LAUNDRY IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATELY ADVISE
BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY HANDLING TO INSURE
THAT THESE CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS
INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

END
PJL
FBI MIAMI

ALS

FBI TAMPA

JLC

FBI JACKSVLE

JJP

FBI-COLUMBIA
THIS IS FBI SACTO WE RECEVED YOUR MESG. TWICE AND YOU NEVER ASKED
FOR A RESPONSE.

AAC TO W THAT IS A FRECK THING CANUSE BY THE WIRE I RECEIVE
A DISCONNECT N AND THE OPR JUST CONNECT YOU UP WITH ME THIS TIME
PLEASE ACK AND I ILL TALK TO YOU LATER

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JXP

FBI SACTO
SV..PNR

FBI SAVANNAH
AT..MRB

FBI ATLANTA

TU ALL X

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
ATTN :SA CHARLES J. HONETOR

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM :SA JOSEPH M. CULKIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO:ME)

ReButel, 4/9/68.

Checks requested in referenced Bureau teletype completed negatively for Volusia County territory with regard to name HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER. No individuals with this surname detected on checks made. Checks included Voter Registration Records, City Directories, Telephone Directories, and Credit and Criminal Checks.

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TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 IP

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MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS.

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICIES, ALL STATE SELECTIVE
SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES,
DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISIONS, FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS, CONDUCT CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECK AND
CONTACT OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION
WHATSOEVER RE SUSPECT GALT. DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED IN
ALABAMA DESCRIBES GALT AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED],
[REDACTED], FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-
FIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND ALL LEADS MUST BE
COVERED BY TELETYPE TO THOROUGHLY RESOLVE. NO INDICATION
TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MURKIN CASE.

END

MM...

FBI MIAMI

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IP...BLW

←FBI TAMPA

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-769)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : IC R. EUGENE HERRING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Supervisor BUOL'S phone call this date.

The following investigation was conducted in the Tallahassee Resident Agency territory.

On 4/9/68 the following agencies were contacted with negative results concerning HARVY LOWMEYER, FNU LOWMEYER, and FNU LOWMYER:

At Tallahassee, Fla. (Leon County)

Motor Vehicle Commission;
Drivers License Bureau;
Voter Registration Office;
Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement;
Florida Division of Corrections;
Police Department;
Sheriff's Office;
Credit Bureau;

At Perry, Fla. (Taylor County)

Credit Bureau;
Police Department;
Sheriff's Office;
Voter Registration Office;

At Apalachicola, Fla. (Franklin County)

Credit Bureau;
Sheriff's Office;
police Department
Voter registration Office;

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At Crawfordville, Fla. (Wakulla County)

Credit Bureau;
Police Dept.;
Sheriff's Office;
Voter Registration Office;

At Monticello, Fla. (Jefferson County)

Credit Bureau;
Police Dept.;
Sheriff's Office;
Voter Registration Office;

At Bristol, Fla. (Liberty County)

Sheriff's Office;
Police Dept.;
Credit Bureau;
Voter Registration Office;

At Quincy, Fla. (Gadsden, Fla.)

Credit Bureau;
Police Dept.;
Sheriff's Office;
Voter Registration Office;

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Date: 4/8/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LAB

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN
CR
(OO Memphis)

Re Buffalo tel, dated 4/8/68.

Transmitted herewith to Lab, Birmingham, and Memphis is one Xerox copy each of Liberty National Bank Dealer Plan-Purchaser Statement, obtained from former SA BIRL WILSON. The copies furnished were Xeroxed from a Xerox in the possession of former SA WILSON. The handwriting on the document is reportedly that of suspect Dr. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH.

For the information of the Laboratory, Dr. ALVIN EUGENE FRENCH has been travelling through the Southern states, passing true name checks and obtaining rental cars through the use of credit cards, some of which have been cancelled. He has a poor financial history with a number of Buffalo area financial institutions.

Dr. FRENCH reportedly served for several years in Africa as a Missionary, during which time he contracted brain fever. He has been under treatment as a mental patient

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Special Agent in Charge

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at Gowanda State Hospital, Gowanda, New York, and most recently at Rochester State Hospital, Rochester, New York, leaving the latter institution in 9/67.

On 4/3/68, Dr. FRENCH was staying at a Holiday Inn in Williston, Florida. On 4/5/68, he called a girl friend at a Rochester, New York banking institution from Memphis, Tennessee, at which time he said he was going to Atlanta, Georgia, where he would stay at a Holiday Inn. At Atlanta, he said he planned to confer with some of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's successors.

Former SA WILSON had verified Dr. FRENCH's presence in Atlanta on 4/8/68, at which time Dr. FRENCH indicated he planned to stay in Atlanta until 4/10/68.

Buffalo does not know whether any handwriting of unsub in captioned case available. If available, it should be compared with Dr. FRENCH's handwriting.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FBI

Date: 4/7/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

Note "CHANGED" title. Previously carried under "ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

All offices receiving copies of this Airtel note that Bureau has designated above caption as approved code word for investigation dealing with murder of Dr. KING.

Information under above caption should pertain only to investigation that may have bearing on identifying subject instant case. All other information pertaining to racial incidents, and racial activity arising out of assassination of Dr. KING should not be submitted under above caption, but should be submitted by interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to Racial Matters.

In addition, all offices in receipt of this information should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants, and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassination, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE, ATLANTA, MOBILE,
LITTLE ROCK, JACKSON, NEW ORLEANS
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN

ERIC STARVO GALT IS SUSPECT THIS CASE AND PREVIOUSLY RESIDED AT
TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. HE IS
DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED], FIVE FEET
ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.
IN BIRMINGHAM HE PURCHASED SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG, VIN SIX T ZERO
SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN, WHICH WAS LAST KNOWN TO BEAR
SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE ONE DASH THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE.

ALL OFFICES CHECK DMV RE POSSIBLE REREGISTRATION OF THIS CAR
AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS.

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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, CLEVELAND, JACKSONVILLE, LOS ANGELES,
MEMPHIS, NEW YORK, RICHMOND, SAN FRANCISCO
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 4P

MURKIN

REBUTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES, APRIL NINE LAST.

ALVIE A. DAVIS, MIDWEST FACTORY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINE CO., SYRACUSE, N.Y., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT THE TAPE DESCRIBED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE WOULD HAVE HAD TO COME FROM A FIVE-CHARACTER THERMO SEAL MACHINE WHICH IS GRADUALLY BEING REPLACED BY A SIX-CHARACTER MACHINE. HE ADVISED THAT THE COLOR OF THE TAPE AND THE CHARACTERS ON THE TAPE WOULD MEAN NOTHING TO ANYONE EXCEPT THE ONE WHO PRODUCED THE TAPE.

DAVIS MADE AVAILABLE A LIST OF LAUNDRIES WHICH STILL USE THE FIVE-CHARACTER MACHINE IN HIS DIVISION, AND LEADS TO CONTACT THESE LAUNDRIES ARE BEING SET OUT SEPARATELY BY KANSAS CITY.

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DAVIS ALSO ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS REPRESENT THERMO SEAL IN THEIR PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, AND RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD CONTACT THE INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR DIVISIONS TO OBTAIN LISTS OF LAUNDRIES WHICH USE THE FIVE-CHARACTER THERMO SEAL MACHINE AND SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE THESE LAUNDRIES CONTACTED:

WEST COAST:

FRED RAUPACH, ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO NINE HIAWATHA, NORTHRIDGE, CALIF., TELEPHONE EM THREE DASH EIGHT NINE SIX THREE.

KENNETH ALBERT, ONE THREE FIVE FOUR FIVE CLOSE ST., WHITTIER, CALIF., TELEPHONE WH ONE - ZERO EIGHT EIGHT ZERO.

HOWARD HAMALIAN, TWO ZERO EIGHT SEVEN VALLEY GREEN DR., APT. SEVEN SIX, CUPERTINO, CALIF., TELEPHONE TWO FIVE THREE-EIGHT THREE THREE EIGHT.

JOHN POPP, PORTLAND, ORE., ADDRESS UNKNOWN, BUT STATED HE WAS A PREACHER.

NORTH CENTRAL:

PETER WUKOVICH, SEVEN FIVE SIX HAWTHORNE, ELMHURST, ILL., TELEPHONE BR NINE-SIX ONE FOUR ONE.

JACK CODY, LIVES OUTSIDE OF CLEVELAND, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, HOWEVER, WUKOVICH WOULD KNOW. IT IS NOTED THAT IT IS JACK CODY WHO COVERS TENN.

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EAST COAST:

FRED WEBER, THREE THREE SKYLARK LN., STONEY BROOK, NY.

PAUL COMBS, SIX THREE TWO TWO KAYWOOD DR., FALLS CHURCH, VA., TELEPHONE HU ONE-NINE THREE TWO TWO (COMBS RECENTLY DECEASED AND BROTHER, NAME UNKNOWN, NOW RUNNING BUSINESS.)

SOUTH:

DICK BRISTOW, THREE FOUR SIX TWO NORTHWEST THIRTEENTH AVE., GAINESVILLE, FLA., TELEPHONE FR TWO-ONE TWO NINE ZERO.

DAVIS ADVISED IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT A FIVE-CHARACTER MACHINE COULD HAVE BEEN SOLD BY A CUSTOMER TO ANOTHER LAUNDRY, HOWEVER, HIS COMPANY OFFERS A VERY HIGH TRADEIN ALLOWANCE IN THE PURCHASE OF ANOTHER MACHINE, AND HE CONSIDERS IT UNLIKELY ANY SUCH MACHINE IS IN EXISTENCE. HE IS SURE NONE EXISTS IN HIS DIVISION AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT ALL FIVE-CHARACTER MACHINES TRADED IN IN THE LAST THREE YEARS HAVE BEEN RECONDITIONED AND RESOLD AS SIX-CHARACTER MACHINES.

CHICAGO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE CLEVELAND THE WHEREABOUTS OF JACK CODY.

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IF PERTINENT LAUNDRY IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATELY ADVISE
BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY.

THIS MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY HANDLING TO INSURE THAT THESE
CHECKS ARE IMMEDIATELY RUN OUT.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS
INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

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330 PM URGENT 4-10-68 DCC

TO DALLAS (44-2649), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE TELETYPE FROM DALLAS APRIL EIGHT LAST.

ON APRIL NINE LAST, MRS. MAUDE GIBSON, RED SPRINGS,
NC, INTERVIEWED AT SCOTLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL, LAURINBURG, NC,
AND ADVISED HER SON CHARLES NELSON GIBSON BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], ROBESON COUNTY, NC, AND THAT HE
IS ALCOHOLIC AND HAS MENTAL PROBLEM. SHE ADVISED HE LAST
VISITED HER APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS AGO AND SHE HAS NOT
SEEN HIM SINCE THAT TIME. LAST CONTACT SHE HAD WITH HIM
WAS APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS AGO WHEN SHE RECEIVED COLLECT
LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM HIM AT WHICH TIME HE WAS
REPORTEDLY AT DALLAS, TEXAS, ADDRESS NOT KNOWN. SHE UNDERSTANDS
HE ALSO MADE COLLECT CALL TO HIS BROTHER, HAROLD GLENN GIBSON,
CHARLOTTE, NC.

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SHE ADVISED CHARLES GIBSON USUALLY WORKS AT VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION JOBS, HAS BEEN ARRESTED ON MANY OCCASIONS DURING PAST FIFTEEN YEARS, USUALLY FOR PUBLIC DRUNK AND ASSAULT. SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OR ACQUAINTANCES. IN ADDITION TO BROTHER IN CHARLOTTE, HE HAS BROTER, EARL JONES GIBSON, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, WHO IS EMPLOYED WITH A PRINTING COMPANY AND ANOTHER BROKER, THOMAS ALLEN GIBSON, A CONFIRMED ALCOHOLIC CONFINEE STATE HOSPITAL, COLUMBIS, SC.

TODAY, MRS. HAROLD GIBSON, CHARLOTTE, NC, ADVISED CHARLES GIBSON MADE COLLECT LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE TO THEIR RESIDENCE ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO AT WICH TIME HE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN AT DALLAS, TEXAS, ADDRESS NOT KNOWN. SHE COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS WHEREABOTS.

DALLAS, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CHARLES GIBSON.

JACKSONVILLE ATTEMPT TO LOCATE EARL JONES GIBSON AND INTERVIEW FOR WHEREABOUTS OF HIS BROTHER, CHARLES.

FOR INFORMATION JACKSONVILLE, T. G. GRIMES, DALLAS, TEXAS, CONSIDERS CHARLES GIBSON MAY BE SUSPECT. GRIMES DESCRIBED GIBSON AS VETERAN OF KOREAN CONFLICT OF UNSTABLE MIND AND OBSESSED WITH SUBJECT OF COMMUNISM.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

1100 AM URGENT 4-10-68 JGA
TO DIRECTOR, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN. CR. 00: MEMPHIS.

RE ALBANY TEL TO BIRMINGHAM, APRIL NINE, LAST.

MEMPHIS HAS FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM COLORED PHOTO OF T-SHIRT AND PAIR OF TRUNKS OR SHORTS WHICH BEAR RED COLORED LAUNDRY LABELS ABOUT ONE-FOURTH INCH WIDE BY ABOUT ONE INCH LONG. THESE TWO RED LABELS BEAR SYMBOLS TWO B - SIX AND NUMBER TWO PRECEDED BY WHAT APPEARS TO BE ZERO WHICH HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF. RAYMOND SNYDER, OPERATOR, TOPS CLEANERS, SHEFFIELD, ALABAMA, FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR DURING NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, SIXTYFIVE, WAS SALESMAN IN KENTUCKY, TENNESSEE, AND NARROW STRIP ACROSS NORTH ALABAMA FOR TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, WHICH MANUFACTURES THERMO-SEAL LAUNDRY LABELING MACHINES. HE STATES LABELS IN PHOTO APPLIED BY THERMO-SEAL MACHINE WHICH IS OUT OF ADJUSTMENT BECAUSE ONLY PART OF ZERO PRECEDES FIRST NUMBER IN CODE. IN CODE SYSTEM USED BY SNYDER AND RECOMMENDED BY HIM
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TO CUSTOMERS TO WHOM HE SOLD THERMO-SEAL MACHINES, NUMBER TWO WOULD REPRESENT LOT NUMBER, B WOULD REPRESENT WEEK, AND SIX WOULD REPRESENT CUSTOMER. DUPLICATE OF THESE LABELS SHOULD BE ON CUSTOMER'S LAUNDRY TICKETS WHICH IS RETAINED BY LAUNDRY. ORDINARILY, ABOUT FIFTEEN BUNDLES OF LAUNDRY MAKE UP LOT AND DIFFERENT LOT NUMBER USED FOR NEXT FIFTEEN BUNDLES. TAPE COLOR WOULD BE CHANGED WHEN LOT NUMBER CHANGED IN ORDER TO AVOID DUPLICATION AND CONFUSION. SNYDER STATES RICHARD BRISTO, GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, FOR PAST EIGHT OR NINE YEARS HAS BEEN SALES AND SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE HANDLING THERMO-SEAL MACHINES IN ALABAMA, FLORIDA, GEROGIA, LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI. HE SHOULD HAVE AVAILABLE NAMES OF LAUNDRIES IN THOSE STATES USING THERMO-SEAL MACHINES WHICH UTILIZE ONE-FOURTH INCH SIZE TAPE. BRISTO TRAVELS EXTENSIVELY BUT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGH HIS FAMILY AT GAINESVILLE. SNYDER HAS USED THERMO-SEAL MACHINE IN HIS LAUNDRY FOR PAST ONE AND ONE-HALF YEARS AND SEARCH HAS BEEN MADE OF ALL HIS EXISTING LAUNDRY TICKETS BUT NO RED TAPE LOCATED BEARING NUMBER TWO B - SIX OR ZERO TWO B - SIX.

JACKSONVILLE AT GAINESVILLE IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF RICHARD BRISTO THROUGH HIS FAMILY OR OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES SUCH AS

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MAJOR LAUNDRIES OR LAUNDRY SUPPLY HOUSES. HAVE BRISTO INTERVIEWED FOR IDENTITY OF ALL LAUNDRIES IN HIS TERRITORY USING THERMO-SEAL MACHINES WITH ONE-FOURTH INCH TAPE AND ALSO DETERMINE IF HE MIGHT BE ACQUAINTED WITH MACHINE WHICH IS OUT OF ADJUSTMENT AS MENTIONED ABOVE. ALSO DETERMINE IF HE IS ACQUAINTED WITH LAUNDRIES USING CODE SYSTEM WHICH INCLUDE ZERO PRECEDING FIRST FIGURE IN CODE. SET OUT LEAD TO IDENTIFY CUSTOMER WHO HAS RED TAPE WITH NUMBER TWO B - SIX OR ZERO TWO B - SIX.

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1 14 PM URGENT 4/10/68 VSC
TO DIRECTOR, JACKSONVILLE, MEMPHIS AND TAMPA
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN. CR. 00: MEMPHIS

RE TELETYPE FROM DIRECTOR, APR. NINE, LAST.
INQUIRY, ALBANY, GEORGIA, REFLECTS THERMOSEAL
MARKING MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING
MACHINE COMPANY, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, SOLD SOUTHEAST
AREA BY DICK BRISTOW, THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINE COMPANY,
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA. HE SHOULD HAVE LISTING FOR ALL
LAUNDRIES PURCHASING THIS MACHINE SOUTHEAST AREA.

JACKSONVILLE AT GAINESVILLE, FLA. IMMEDIATELY
CONTACT BRISTOW FOR LIST OF CUSTOMERS HAVING THIS
MACHINE AND SET OUT LEADS. P

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6:48 PM URGENT 4-10-68 AWS

TO CINCINNATI, JACKSONVILLE, MEMPHIS.

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN, CR. OO: ME.

RE AL TEL TO CI, APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT; CI TEL TO WA,
APRIL NINE, SIXTYEIGHT; MO TEL TO ME AND NY ET AL, APRIL NINE,
SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION JK RE CI TEL SET FORTH "SEARCH OF PREMISES
BELIEVED OCCUPIED BY UNSUB WHO ASSASSINATED DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JUNIOR, DISCLOSED SUITCASE IN WHICH WAS LOCATED T-SHIRT
AND UNDERSHORTS BEARING LAUNDRY MARK ON RED TAPE WITH BLACK LETTER-
ING BELIEVED TO BE THERMOSEAL TYPE, MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE
MARKING MACHINE COMPANY, INC., SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. TAPE IS
ONE FOURTH INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCHES LONG,
AND BERS LETTERS AND NUMBERS ZERO TWO B - SIX.

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*SA Honaker
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TEXTILE COMPANY EXPERTS ADVISED TYPE ON THIS MACHINE IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE FIRST TWO CHARACTERS ARE FIFTEEN POINT TYPE AND THE LAST THREE CHARACTERS ARE EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE, WITH THE MIDDLE CHARACTER LETTER B, PROBABLY BEING NARROW RATHER THAN REGULAR TYPE. THE USUAL MACHINE CARRIES FIFTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE FIRST THREE CHARACTERS AND EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE LAST TWO CHARACTERS.

TEXTILE COMPANY EXPERTS SAY THIS MACHINE IS DEFECTIVE IN THAT IT IS PRODUCING A TAPE ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCHES LONG INSTEAD OF ONE AND ONE EIGHTH INCHES LONG AND IS NOT PROJECTING THE TAPE FAR ENOUGH RESULTING IN CUTTING OFF A PORTION OF THE FIRST LETTER.

THE CODE USED IN THE NORTHEAST PART OF THE UNITED STATES IS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE FIRST LETTER ZERO STANDS FOR LOT NUMBER;

"THE FIRST NUMBER TWO INDICATES THE DAY OF THE WEEK, TWO BEING TUESDAY;

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"THE SECOND LETTER INDICATES THE FIRST LETTER OF THE STORE NAME, THAT IS THE LETTER B;

"THE LASTNUMBER IS THE BUNDLE NUMBER, THAT IS SIX.

"COLOR CODING OF THE TAG MAY DESIGNATE VARIOUS THINGS, SUCH AS A DIFFERENT MONTH OR THE IDENTITY OF A STORE IN A CHAIN. USE OF THIS SYSTEM OF LAUNDRY ITEMS IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE SYSTEM IS NORMALLY USED ON GARMENTS BEING DRY CLEANED.

BUREAU IS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL TEXTILE MACHINES USING THIS TYPE OF TAPE BE LOCATED AND MACHINE USING THIS CODE BE IDENTIFIED."

RE CI AND MO TELS INDICATED PINNACLE PRODUCTS CORP., BLAUVELT, NEW YORK, HAD TAKEN THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES AS TRADE-IN FROM SWAN CLEANERS, COLUMBUS, OHIO, AND CHIN LAUNDRY, MOBILE, ALABAMA.

MILTON HEILWEIL, GENERAL MANAGER, PINNACLE CORP., BLAUVELT, NEW YORK, ADVISED DURING PAST EIGHT YEARS HIS CORPORATION HAS ACCEPTED THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES ON A FEW OCCASIONS. NO RECORD RETAINED OF SERIAL NUMBERS OR DATE
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TRADE-INS MADE. ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO, PINNACLE ACCEPTED SEVEN MACHINES FROM LOEB LAUNDRY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. LOEB LAUNDRY BASICALLY USING PINNACLE EQUIPMRNT BUT STILL MIGHT HAVE THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES IN USE.

ACCEPTED SEVEN THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES FROM CHIN LAUNDRY, MOBILE, ALABAMA, ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO AS TRADE-IN. OF THE ABOVE MACHINES ACCEPTED, FOUR WERE SOLD TO BRANCH LAUNDRY CORP., EIGHTY SHERIDAN BOULEVARD, INWOOD, QUEENS; ONE IS IN STORAGE AT PINNACLE; NINE WERE RETURNED TO TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

PINNACLE CORP. HAS THREE THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES IN STORAGE. THESE MACHINES HAVE BEEN IN WAREHAOUSE FOR OVER TWO YEARS.

HEILWEIL SAID SWAN CLEENERS, COLUMBUS, OHIO, TRADED THEIR THERMOSEAL MACHINES BACK TO TEXTILE MACHINE COMPANY, NOT TO PINNACLE. ANDREW GELPI HANDLED TRANSACTION FOR SWAN.

PINNACLE NOW IN PROCESS OF ACCEPTING THESE THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES FROM DUVAL LAUNDRY, NINTH AND WALNUT STREET, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

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LEADS:

ME AT LOEB LAUNDRY DETERMINE IF THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINE STILL IN USE. IF SO, TAKE APPROPRIATE SAMPLES.

CINCINNATI AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, CONTACT ANDREW GELPI, SWAN CLEANERS TO VERIFY THERMOSEAL MACHINE RETURNED TO TEXTILE MARKING COMPANY RATHER THAN PINNACLE.

JACKSONVILLE AT DUVAL LAUNDRY, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, CHECK THERMOSEAL MARKING MACHINES.

NEW YORK, AT NEW YORK WILL CHECK THERMOSEAL MACHINES AT BRANCH LAUNDRY CORP.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

947PM IMMEDIATE 4-10-68 HEP
TO DIRECTOR AND ALL SACS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

ERIC STARVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE SOUTH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, REGISTERED OWNER OF WHITE NINETEEN SIXTYSIX
MUSTANG, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN,
BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE ONE - THREE EIGHT NINE
NINE THREE, IS PRIME SUSPECT IN THIS CASE.

ALL OFFICES CHECK ABOVE VIN FOR POSSIBLE RE-REGISTRATION.

NO INDICATION TO BE GIVEN THAT THIS LEAD IS IN CONJUNCTION
WITH MURKIN CASE.

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FBI TAMPA

10:37PM URGENT 4/10/68 MJR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM, COLUMBIA,
JACKSON, JACKSONVILLE, MEMPHIS MIAMI, MOBILE, AND SAVANNAH
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN. CR. OO:MEMPHIS

RE ATLANTA TEL APRIL TEN INSTANT AND TAMPA TEL APRIL TEN
INSTANT.

TODAY, RICHARD BRISTOW, TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO.,
GAINESVILLE, FLA., ADVISED HE SELLS AND SERVICES THERMOSEAL
MARKING MACHINES IN SOUTH CAROLINA, ALABAMA, GEORGIA, FLORIDA,
AND MISSISSIPPI AS FAR NORTH AS JACKSON. BRISTOW, FROM MEMORY
FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING LIST OF LAUNDRIES AND CLEANERS WHICH
USES THE THERMOSEAL MACHINES IN HIS TERRITORY:

ATLANTA DIVISION:

ATLANTA, MCFARLAND BROS., FOUR PLANTS; GAINESVILLE,
GAINESVILLE STEAM LAUNDRY; MACON, BLOOM'S LAUNDRY.

COLUMBIA DIVISION:

PARRIS ISLAND, BASE LAUNDRY; COLUMBIA, DELUX LAUNDRY;

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CHARLESTON, NAVAL EXCHANGE LAUNDRY.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION:

BIRMINGHAM, ALLADIN CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; HUNTSVILLE,
BOB'S CLEANER'S AND LAUNDRY; HUNTSVILLE, PRATT'S CLEANERS AND
LAUNDRY; FLORENCE, ONE HOUR MARTINIZING; TUSCALOOSA, NORTHERNTON
LAUNDRY.

JACKSON DIVISION:

BILOXI, BASE LAUNDRY.

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION:

JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL LAUNDRY; JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; JACKSONVILLE LAKE FOREST LAUNDRY;
JACKSONVILLE, NEW YORK LAUNDRY; JACKSONVILLE, NAVAL EXCHANGE
LAUNDRY; TALAHASSEE, FSU LAUNDRY; PENSACOLA, NAVAL EXCHANGE
LAUNDRY; LAKE CITY, LAKE CITY LAUNDRY; QUINCY, SUNSHINE
LAUNDRY; GAINESVILLE, IDEAL LAUNDRY; GAINESVILLE, CLEAN-A-
MATIC; GAINESVILLE, NEW WAY LAUNDRY.

MIAMI DIVISION:

MIAMI, METROPOLITAN LAUNDRY; MIAMI, CAUSEWAY LAUNDRY;
MIAMI, STAR CLEANERS; MIAMI, PARISIAN CLEANERS; MIAMI,
CROWN CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; MIAMI, AMERICAN HOME LAUNDRY;
PARINE, PARINE CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; FT. LAUDERDALE, COLONY
CLEANERS; FT. LAUDERDALE, IMPERIAL CLEANERS AND TAILORS;
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FT. LAUDERDALE, FT. LAUDERDALE CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY;
FT. LAUDERDALE, BOND CLEANERS; FT. LAUDERDALE, MCEWEN'S
HELPEY-SELFY; FT. LAUDERDALE, HAYWORTH'S LAUNDRY; FT.
LAUDERDALE, PARIS CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; BOCA RATON, BOCA
RATON CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY; DEL RAY BEACH, DEL RAY BEACH
LAUNDRY; FT. PIERCE, RICE BROS. LAUNDRY;

MOBILE DIVISION:

ALEXANDER CITY, ALEXANDER CITY LAUNDRY; MOBILE, CHINA
LAUNDRY; MONTGOMERY, MAXWELL AFB LAUNDRY.

SAVANNAH DIVISION:

THOMSON, THOMSON HOME LAUNDRY; AUGUSTA, SUPERIOR LAUNDRY;
AUGUSTA, SNOW'S LAUNDRY; AUGUSTA, TAYLOR HULSE'S; DOUGLAS,
SOUTHERN LAUNDRY; BRUNSWICK, BRUNSWICK STEAM LAUNDRY;
SAVANNAH, WINK DAVIS LAUNDRY.

RECIPIENT OFFICES NOTE BRISTOW HAS CONSIDERABLE
KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING MARKING SYSTEMS OF THE THERMOSEAL
MACHINE. HE ADVISED THAT NONE OF THE ABOVE LISTED LAUNDRIES
USE A ZERO AS THE FIRST CHARACTER AND ONLY MCFARLAND BROS.,
ATLANTA USE A LETTER RATHER THAN NUMBER AS THE FIRST CHARACTER.

RECIPIENT OFFICES HANDLE FIRMS LISTED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA MICHAEL J. LEYDEN

Penner

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: ME)

Re Bureau teletype to all offices dated 4/8/68.

The following investigation was conducted on 4/9/68, by SA MICHAEL J. LEYDEN at Milton, Florida.

The following people were contacted but could not find any record identifiable with HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER:

Mrs. LEWIS NOBLES, Milton, Florida, Credit Bureau.
Chief CHARLES MANNING, Milton, Florida, Police Department.
Deputy Sheriff PAUL PRIDGEN, Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office.
Mrs. PATRICIA PRIDGEN, Deputy Clerk of Supervision of Registration.

An examination of the current Milton, Florida telephone directory could find no listing for a HARVEY LOWMEYER under either spelling.

It should be noted that Milton, Florida, and vicinity is not carried in any city directory.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC JACKSONVILLE (137-1088)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA CLAUDE H. MEADOW, JR.

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: JK 169-C

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Dates of Contact			4/10/68
Titles and File #s on which contacted			
MURKIN; CR			44-769
Purpose and results of contact			
☐ NEGATIVE			
☒ POSITIVE			
☐ STATISTIC			
Informant, who owns and operates the Nu-Way Laundry, 424 W. University Ave., and Bob's Drive In Cleaners, 2304 N.W. 6th Street, Gainesville, Florida, advised that he and Ideal Laundry, 517 SW 2nd Ave., Gainesville, Fla., are the only laundries using the Thermo Seal Marking machine for identifying laundry. He advised that "O2B-6" or "D2B-6" is not his code. Informant advised that in his code the first number represents the Lot Number, the letter represents the Week of The Year, and the last number the Customer. Informant for example checked his code number "12B-6", which reveals that on 2/20/68, a DOUG CROW sent in laundry through his pick-up station at Carolyn Plaza. Informant advised he uses different color tapes to keep the lots from getting mixed up. He advised that a red colored tape has no specific indication at his laundry.			
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	EXCELLENT	
	Coverage	SAME	

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①-44-769 (MURKIN)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA DONALD W. BALDWIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: ME)

Reference Bureau teletype to Jacksonville dated 4/8/68. Jacksonville teletype to Bureau dated 4/8/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DONALD W. BALDWIN at Perry, Florida, on 4/8/68.

ARRON C. ANDREWS, Perry Truck and Tractor Company, 2673 South 19th, advised that a white male, middle aged, wearing glasses, name unknown, representing the Barrentine Manufacturing Company, Greenwood, Mississippi, visited the company, April 4, 1968, some time between 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM and stayed for about 1/2 hr. and spoke to a fellow employee, ROBERT GRUBBS.

ANDREWS further advised that the next morning, April 5, 1968, he noticed the man's pickup truck parked at Pouncey's Restaurant in Perry, Florida, with the man sitting inside.

ROBERT GRUBBS, Perry Truck and Tractor Company, advised that a white male representing the Barrentine Company of Greenwood, Mississippi, visited his company and spoke to him about business for about 1/2 hr. between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM, 4/4/68; the man left a pamphlet from the Barrentine Company. GRUBBS advised that he didn't remember the man's name but advised he was about 5'10", 165 lbs., middle aged, dark hair, wearing glasses.

Mrs. JAMES SOUTHERLAND, Pines Motel, Perry, Florida, advised that BYRON DE LA BERKWITH, 1001 Dewey Street, Greenwood, Mississippi registered at her motel at approximately 5:30 PM, April 4, 1968, and stayed at the motel until 7:30 AM, April 5, 1968.

Seh further advised that BERKWITH spoke to her husband for quite a while, the evening of April 4 regarding the selling of boats at Perry, Florida, through his company.



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Date: 4/10/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR
MEMPHIS

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN. CR.

RE TAMPA TELETYPES TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHT LAST AND
APRIL NINE LAST.

MR. JAMES G. WHITE, RT. ONE, BOX THIRTYTHREE A,
CLERMONT, ADVISED THAT THOMAS THORMAN AND FAMILY HAVE
RESIDED ON HIS PROPERTY IN RENTAL HOUSE SINCE FALL, SIXTYSEVEN.
CLAIMS THORMAN AND FAMILY HAVE BEEN COMING TO CLERMONT FROM
THEIR RESIDENCE IN OHIO OFOR PAST THREE OR FOUR YEARS.
THORMANS LEFT FOR EVERGLADES VACATION AND PLAN TO RETURN TO
OHIO NEXT WEEK.

HERBERT ROGERS, OWNER, ROGERS REST HOME, CLERMONT,
ADVISED THORMAN HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY HIM AS A PAINTER DURING
PAST FOUR MONTHS AND WORKED A TEN HOUR SHIFT AT THE ROGERS
REST HOME ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING THORMAN.
TAMPA ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

1-Tampa
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Approved: *ed REX/cmt.*
Special Agent in Charge

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