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—N.J. REPORT, DENIAL—

Ray Hiding As Hippie?

ASBURY PARK, N.J. (AP) — Asbury Park police said — and then denied — today that they received an FBI report saying James Earl Ray, charged with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., might be in New Jersey and associating with hippies.

Deputy Police Chief Thomas Flanagan told an Associated Press newsman, "The FBI has information he (Ray) may have settled in New Jersey. He may be associating with hippies."

Later Flanagan denied to the same AP newsman he ever made those remarks. In

the interim an FBI official reported he had talked with Flanagan. Another officer had given other newsmen similar accounts of the FBI flyer before Flanagan was reached first.

Allen Warren, a reporter for the Asbury Park Press, said he learned of the flyer on a routine check of police headquarters.

He said he was flipping through "wanted" posters when he noted an alert underlined in red which said: "The FBI has reason to believe that James Earl Ray is asso-

ciating with hippies in New Jersey."

Warren said that when he went back an hour later the alert had been ripped from the bottom of the poster.

Flanagan said his department received a standard flyer yesterday from the Washington office of the FBI on Ray, including the latest photos.

R. W. Bachman, special agent in charge of the FBI in New Jersey, said in Newark that he has no knowledge that Ray is in the state. Bachman said he does not know of the flyer.

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RE: JACK MAYNARD RAY

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES M. UNDERHILL:

About 11:35 A.M., March 24, 1965, an individual identifying himself only as JACK RAY telephonically contacted the Durham, North Carolina, Resident Agency of the FBI and asked whether information concerning killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING would be of interest. The caller inferred he himself had just finished serving a long prison sentence. He declined to furnish his whereabouts or any more details but agreed to come immediately to the Durham Resident Agency, which he failed to do.

About 2:35 P. M., March 24, 1965, an individual identifying himself as GEORGE MC LAMB, telephone repairman for General Telephone Company of the Southeast, President of the Durham County Citizens Council, and the local Telephone Workers Union, all Durham, North Carolina, contacted the Durham Resident Agency. MC LAMB stated that at about 7:15 P. M. on March 23, 1965, he received a telephone call at his residence from an individual identifying himself as JACK RAY. RAY had said that a former member of the Citizens Council, whose name was not given, gave him MC LAMB's name. RAY, according to MC LAMB, stated he was on his way to Alabama and was wanting the help of the Citizens Council. RAY further said he was calling about MARTIN LUTHER KING and his associates. RAY asked whether the Citizens Council would help him if he were caught after doing what he was going to do.

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MC LAMB stated he informed RAY the Citizens Council would not enter into any conspiracy and asked RAY what he intended to do. RAY replied he was going to "bust KING wide open." MC LAMB said he then advised RAY they had nothing to talk about and terminated the conversation.

MC LAMB said he had made some inquiries among members of this Citizens Council at Durham but failed to develop anyone knowing RAY. MC LAMB said he would immediately notify the FBI in the event he was contacted by RAY or received any further information about him.

Efforts through the Durham Police Department and the Durham Credit Bureau to identify RAY were unsuccessful on March 24, 1965.

On March 25, 1965, JACK MAYNARD RAY of 1814 Vale Street, Durham, North Carolina, was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI at Durham. RAY related as follows:

On Tuesday, March 23, 1965, he was at the "Country Kitchen" at Durham, North Carolina, operated by a Mr. GREEN. RAY got in conversation with GREEN and then GREEN introduced RAY to GEORGE MC LAMB, President of the Durham County Citizens Council and the local Telephone Workers Union. MC LAMB took RAY to a car believed to have been a Ford Station Wagon. There MC LAMB expressed hatred of Negroes and asked RAY if RAY would shoot JAMES FARMER, Executive Director of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and/or MARTIN LUTHER KING. RAY said he would do so if the price were right and the money was "on the line." RAY claimed MC LAMB asked whether RAY would try to get a shot at KING or FARMER in Selma, Alabama, for \$5000 and said that MC LAMB exhibited a photograph of FARMER.

RAY stated MC LAMB had pointed out it was unlikely that a person shooting either FARMER or KING in Alabama, Louisiana, or Mississippi, would be convicted of any serious crime.

RAY continued that MC LAMB again met him in the station wagon near the "Country Kitchen" on the evening of

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March 24, 1965. He mentioned sending RAY to Jackson, Mississippi, to contact an undisclosed person there. MC LAMB also indicated he would arrange to secure a rifle for RAY, since all RAY had was a long barrel .38 caliber Smith and Wesson pistol. RAY said MC LAMB gave him \$20.

RAY acknowledged he was the individual who had telephoned the Durham Resident Agency of the FBI on March 24, 1965, and said he had not kept the appointment because of rain.

RAY stated that he has no intention of harming FARMER or KING and will notify the FBI if he receives any further request along this line.

RAY stated he himself had served approximately 25 years for a robbery in 1942 of a bank in Hyattsville, Maryland. He stated since he was released he has been making liquor in the vicinity of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and that he recently paid a fine at Charlotte, North Carolina, for public drunk and carrying a concealed weapon, a pistol. During this interview RAY was in possession of a quart bottle of wine with the larger portion of it gone.

RAY described MC LAMB as follows:

Race:	White
Age:	37
Height:	About 5 feet 8 inches
Features:	Round face

RAY is described as follows:

Race:	White
Born:	<input type="text"/>
	Franklin County, North Carolina
Height:	5 feet 10 inches
Weight:	158 pounds
Hair:	Light brown
Eyes:	Gray
Residence:	1814 Vale Street

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The following investigation was conducted at Durham, North Carolina, by SA CHARLES S. MILLER:

On April 26, 1968, HORACE H. HALLETT, Durham, reported that GEORGE E. MC LAMB was still employed by the telephone company but was now in the purchasing department. Employment records reflected that he was at work at Durham, North Carolina, April 3-5, 1968 and worked nine, ten, and nine hours respectively these dates.

On April 29, 1968, HALLETT, supra, advised his records reflected GEORGE E. MC LAMB was currently a division plant supervisor of the Marerial and Supplies Division. He resided at 2819 Way Cross Road, telephone number 682-2881. Records reflected MC LAMB was born [redacted], at Sampson County, North Carolina. He was hired by the telephone company June 1, 1953, under Social Security number [redacted].

He stated MC LAMB was now a part of management and no longer a member of the IBW Union although he was believed to retain a close friendship with the present president of this organization, BUDDY HOLLAND.

HALLETT stated MC LAMB had an excellent work record and no information concerning financial difficulty, instability, or unusual obsessions was noted in the file.

On May 2, 1968, GEORGE E. MC LAMB, 2819 Way Cross Road, was interviewed at the General Telephone Company of Southeast Maintenance Plant. MC LAMB advised he had had no contact whatever with JACK MAYNARD RAY since the previously reported contact in March, 1965.

MC LAMB noted he never had in fact had any significant contact with RAY.

He did recall that at that time RAY had made a false allegation that the Citizens Council had tried to hire RAY to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING but this had not been true.

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MC IAMB stated since that time he, MC IAMB, had discontinued completely his affiliation with Durham County Citizens Council. He never had belonged to any Klan unit. Also, he had become a part of management and given up all affiliations with the Teamsters Workers Union.

MC IAMB stated he had no information whatever concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. As previously stated, MC IAMB stated he was opposed to acts of violence and would not uphold in any fashion the shooting of KING.

On April 26, 1968, Detective Lieutenant RICHARD MORRIS, Durham Police Department, advised he had made a check of his department, and none of the officers were aware of any information to indicate that JACK MAYNARD RAY had been in Durham, North Carolina, over the past two years.

MORRIS stated he had requested all officers to contact their informants for information as to the whereabouts of RAY.

On April 27, 1968, MORRIS stated officers of the Durham Police Department had been unable to develop any specific information as to the whereabouts of JACK MAYNARD RAY.

On April 30, 1968, ED MARKS, 1841 Vale Street, advised he understood JACK RAY had previously resided at that address with his sister, SUSIE WHITT, but that he had not seen or heard anything as to the whereabouts of RAY for well over a year.

On April 30, 1968, MELVIN BARBEE, 1810 Vale Street, advised he had known JACK RAY for many years as the brother of his next door neighbor, SUSIE WHITT. BARBEE stated he had last seen RAY in about 1965. He said that the FBI had talked to RAY at that time and immediately after this, RAY had left Durham without notice, stating he was never going to come back.

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BARBEE stated RAY's sister, SUSIE WHITT had moved to the Hocutt Road, Durham, North Carolina, but she had recently indicated she did not know RAY's whereabouts.

On April 30, 1968, SUSIE WHITT, Hocutt Road, Durham telephone number 596-7487, advised JACK MAYNARD RAY was her brother. She stated she had not seen him since 1965 when the FBI came to see him. She stated at that time he had been continually drunk. After talking with the FBI, RAY left Durham, stating he was never coming back. He indicated an intention of visiting his wife, MAE RAY, nee MAE HELMS in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mrs. WHITT advised she never knew Mrs. RAY's address but recalls she had worked at the Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. WHITT stated her brother would say anything when drunk. She doubted very seriously any intention on his part to harm anyone. She noted further that he was born over 55 years ago, and no one would mistake him for being under 45.

On May 6, 1968, Detective R. D. RAY, Durham Police Department, advised he had known JACK RAY, but could furnish no information as to his current whereabouts. The only relative he knew RAY to have was his sister, SUSIE WHITT, and she denied any knowledge as to his whereabouts. RAY noted that when JACK RAY had previously been in Durham in 1965, he had been suspected of getting his nephew, the son of SUSIE WHITT, in trouble. JACK RAY himself was regarded as a drunk.

RAY stated the Durham Police Department records reflected RAY, Durham Police Department number 9865, had FBI number 864 684, and was born [redacted] in Franklin County, North Carolina.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD J. BRENNAN and SA EMANUEL R. JOHNSON in an effort to locate JACK MAYNARD RAY:

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Records of the Charlotte Police Department were reviewed and numerous references to RAY were located. The records reflected residences of 1915 Thomas Avenue and 1919 Thomas Avenue, and employment at Renfrow Distributing Company.

Neighborhood investigations reflected that Mr. RAY had last been seen in the Charlotte area some four years prior to 1968.

Mrs. SUZIE HUFFMAN, Secretary to the Personnel Director of Charlotte Memorial Hospital, advised that she could locate no record for MAE RAY, nee Helms as an employee of the hospital.

Mrs. ANNE HOWELL, Medical Records Librarian, advised the only record of a patient named MAE HELMS which might in any way be connected with one MAE HELMS in this matter, expired in April of 1963. She had a former address of 1619 Parsons Street, Charlotte. Neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of that location revealed that this particular MAE HELMS had never been married to JACK MAYNARD RAY.

Police records reflected that JACK MAYNARD RAY had been confined at Wilmuth Hospital; therefore, Mrs. BONNIE KNOWLES, Superintendent of Nursing, was contacted at Wilmuth Hospital, an Alcoholics Anonymous institution. No record of RAY was located; however, Mrs. KNOWLES reported he could have entered the hospital under any name he might choose to give; therefore, his photograph was circulated among members of the staff and patients, most of whom are repeaters. They related his face was familiar; however, they could not identify him.

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Contact with personnel of Renfrow Distributing Company failed to reveal anyone who knew the current whereabouts of RAY. Mr. JACK RENFROW advised that RAY remarried one MAE HELMS, who worked as a practical nurse. Canvass of all local hospitals revealed that MAE HELMS worked as a private duty nurse at the Wesley Nursing Center; however, her current whereabouts were not known inasmuch as her mother had recently suffered a heart attack and confined to another local hospital.

A review of the records of the United States Probation Office at Charlotte revealed RAY listed his in-laws as Mrs. CORA HELMS, 1409 Pecan Street.

Inquiry in the vicinity of 1409 Pecan Street revealed that Mrs. CORA HELMS was critically ill in a local hospital having suffered a heart attack. MAE HELMS, her daughter, resides at 1401 Pecan Street, and MAE HELMS was contacted.

She advised that she divorced JACK MAYNARD RAY approximately two years ago and the last contact she had with him was through his sister in Durham, North Carolina, who contacted her in January, 1967, stating that JACK MAYNARD RAY was confined to a hospital in Daytona Beach, Florida, suffering from convulsions. She related he was an alcoholic and she believed he is possibly dead.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Charlotte 4/26/68; and Bureau teletype to all SAC's 4/26/68; and Charlotte teletype to Jacksonville 5/8/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an original and eight copies of an insert concerning JACK MAYNARD RAY. Two copies of the insert are being furnished Jacksonville inasmuch as that office has leads at Daytona Beach, Florida.

On 4/27/68 and 5/3/68, CE 1990-C and CE 1772-R were contacted concerning the whereabouts of JACK RAY with negative results.

Efforts are continuing at Charlotte to locate RAY for the purpose of interviewing him concerning threat reportedly made against MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in 1965.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel dated 4/23/68 re threats against KING.

ReBureau airtel referred to matter captioned "ALLEGED OFFER OF \$100,000 BY WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, TO ANYONE WHO KILLS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM, RACIAL MATTER". Initial information in that case was received from DONALD JAMES NISSEN, who at the time he reported the information, was incarcerated in the Grayson County Jail, Sherman, Texas. NISSEN was released on \$1,000 bond on 6/19/67 and was believed to have returned to Atlanta, Georgia.

On 4/30/68, investigation at Sherman, Texas, revealed that the last known address of NISSEN, as of 6/19/67, was in care of HAROLD E. FINEGSRALD, SENIOR INTERNATIONAL TRADER, 3220 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, MAY LOU CROCKETT, Secretary to the County Attorney, Sheriff GEORGE W. BLANTON; and Court Appointed Attorney JOHN HILL, all of Grayson County, Sherman, Texas, advised they have heard nothing from NISSEN since his release on bond. The charge against him is still pending but the county has no intention of proceeding with prosecution.

- 2 - Bureau
 - 2 - Jackson (157-3536)
 - 2 - Atlanta (44-2386)
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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Jackson was designated office of origin in this matter and Dallas has had no investigative interest since submitting RUC letter to Bureau and interested offices dated 7/14/67.

Jackson should refer to their file captioned as set forth in paragraph one and conduct logical investigation to determine if NISSEN and persons referred to by him are implicated in KING's death.

Atlanta see urfile 100-3585. Locate NISSEN through above address and interview for any information he may have obtained re alleged offer to kill KING since NISSEN's release from jail on 6/19/67.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-472) RUC

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ALLEGED OFFER OF \$100,000
BY WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI TO ANYONE WHO
KILLS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
RM

OO: Jackson

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau 6/6/67.

Enclosed is one copy each of the USP, Leavenworth, Kansas classification material regarding LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN and DONALD JAMES NISSEN, for Dallas and Jackson. Both inmates presently confined at USP, Leavenworth.

It will be noted that all authorized correspondents of MC MANAMAN are relatives in the Dodge City, Kansas area with the exception of one SYBIL ZURE, 423 Raymond Road, Jackson, Mississippi who according to the Parole Progress Report of October, 1966, MC MANAMAN plans to work with in the real estate business upon his release.

CARL ZARTER, Administrative Assistant, USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, on 7/19/67 was unable to identify any present or former inmate known as "LITTLE RED" from his records and those interviewed reported such person was not known to them.

- 3-Bureau (RM)
- 2-Jackson (Enc. 2)(RM)
- ①Atlanta (Info)(RM)
- 1-Charlotte (Info)(RM)
- 1-Columbia (Info)(RM)
- 1-Dallas (Enc. 2)(RM)(Info)
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JOHN EMMANUEL MAY, USP-L, Inmate #82459, FBI #4 714 728, sentenced in USDC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 9/27/65 to 5 years for ITSMV on interview 7/19/67 by SA MAX E. RICHARDSON advised that he considered the story by NISSEN regarding an alleged plot to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. just one of NISSEN's "cock and bill stories".

MAY stated that he is not an associate of inmate MC MANAMAN, knows him only well enough to recognize him in the institution and has never talked to him. He added that he, MAY, keeps to himself, trying to serve his sentence without becoming involved in the troubles of other inmates and that he is not acquainted with the associates of MC MANAMAN. He denied knowing the identity of any inmate known as "LITTLE RED".

According to MAY it is well known to all inmates in the institution that he is a capable machinist and that he does a great deal of the mechanical drawing in connection with the work done in this institution. He added that when he became acquainted with former inmate DONALD JAMES NISSEN he learned that NISSEN had few friends among the other inmates. Further that NISSEN liked to talk about himself as well as about any subject, with anyone who would listen to him. He explained that NISSEN found him a good listener and would often spend several hours in the doorway of his, MAY's cell, talking while he, MAY was working on his drawings. He added that he seldom did much of the talking but only agreed with whatever NISSEN had to say on whatever topic was being discussed.

MAY stated he does recall that on one occasion NISSEN had mentioned that one "MAC", and he assumed NISSEN was referring to MC MANAMAN, had informed him there was a plot to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. for \$100,000. He added that NISSEN stated that it was "all set up" but that he did not want to tell him too much about it. MAY stated he informed NISSEN that he did not want to know anything about the matter. He said he further told NISSEN that KING was probably so well guarded that a person could not "reach him with a ten foot pole". MAY also recalled that NISSEN claimed that "MAC" had told him to get in touch with someone whose name he mentioned but which he does not now recall, in the real estate business when NISSEN was released.

MAY went on to state that he believes he indicated to NISSEN that he, MAY had heard some similar comment regarding \$100,000 being offered to kill KING. MAY stated this referred to an occasion several years ago when he was drinking in some bar in Raleigh, N. C. He explained that he was not acquainted with any of the occupants of this bar. He added that some of the occupants were discussing the current racial problems and one individual made the comment that "Someone had a good idea when they offered \$100,000 to get KING killed".

MAY further stated that at no time had NISSEN ever requested him to make any part of a gun. He stated that NISSEN had once inquired if he, MAY, could make a gun and that he informed NISSEN that any machinist with any ability could make a rifle. MAY recalled that he and NISSEN at the same time were talking about what an advantage it would be for the military to have a rifle with a longer magazine or clip that would carry more cartridges than the one presently used.

MAY advised that when NISSEN mentioned the alleged plot to kill KING he paid little attention to what was being said and passed it off as just another of NISSEN's stories.

CHARLES L. FOREMAN, JR., USP-L Inmate #81476, FBI #970 939 sentenced in USDC, Cheyenne, Wyoming; 5/12/64 to 6 years for ITSMV, advised on 7/19/67 that he was not an associate of MC MANAMAN, that he knew no inmate associate of MC MANAMAN's who was known as "LITTLE RED" and that he had never heard any comment from any source regarding a plot or offer of \$100,000 for the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

FOREMAN stated that for a period of time when he first arrived at this institution he frequently ate at the same table with MC MANAMAN but that although there was no friction between them they made other friends with whom they eat. He stated that he is aware that MC MANAMAN dislikes colored people and avoids contact with colored inmates but that he is not outspoken on the subject. He added that he had

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never heard MC MANAMAN make any type of threatening or critical remark to any colored inmate and he is not known to have had any trouble with such inmates. FOREMAN stated that he did not know any of the present associates of MC MANAMAN.

USP, Leavenworth records reflect that LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN #81371, FBI #1 244 125 was sentenced in USDC, Wichita, Kansas 1/18/63 to 8 years for ITSMV and on 3/31/64 in USDC, Topeka, Kansas to 1 year consecutive for Harboring a fugitive.

Under present mail procedures at the USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, no record is kept of what mail if any is actually received from or sent to any particular correspondent on an inmate's authorized correspondent list. SYBIL ZURE, Jackson, Mississippi is not on MC MANAMAN's authorized visitor list.

LEAD

THE JACKSON DIVISION

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Suggest interview of SYBIL ZURE, 423 Raymond Road.

FBI

Date: 6/6/67

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-New) (P)

**SUBJECT: ALLEGED OFFER OF \$100,000
BY WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN,
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,
TO ANYONE WHO KILLS
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; *100-5586*
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
RM**

OO - Jackson

On 6/2/67, DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI No. 637 320 A, presently an inmate at Grayson County Jail, Sherman, Texas, was interviewed by SA W. J. WILKINSON, JR. and SA JOHN B. FULKS, at which time a signed statement was obtained pertaining to an alleged violation of NISSEN's civil rights since being brought to jail in Sherman as of 5/12/67. The Bureau has been advised of that matter under caption "GEORGE W. BLANTON, Sheriff, Grayson County, Sherman, Texas; DONALD JAMES NISSEN - VICTIM, CR, OO Dallas."

After obtaining a signed statement in the civil rights matter, NISSEN orally furnished the following information, requesting that his identity be concealed as the source of the information.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Jackson (RM)
- ② - Atlanta (RM)
- 2 - Kansas City (RM)
- 1 - Charlotte (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Columbia (Info) (RM)
- 3 - Dallas (1 - 157-New) (1 - 88-6042)
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NISSEN stated that while at Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, from July, 1965, until his release in April, 1967, he became very friendly with another inmate identified as LEROY McMANAMAN. McMANAMAN was originally from Western Kansas, town unrecalled, and was alleged to have bootlegged in Mississippi. According to NISSEN, he and McMANAMAN worked together in the shoe factory at Leavenworth. NISSEN claimed that the FBI had tried to "get" McMANAMAN on bank burglary charges but were unsuccessful and McMANAMAN was presently in the penitentiary on charges of concealing three stolen autos and was due for release sometime next year.

NISSEN said he had previously met McMANAMAN before going to the penitentiary in Jackson, Mississippi, and he recognized McMANAMAN "in the joint."

NISSEN said that just before he was scheduled to be paroled from Leavenworth, McMANAMAN approached NISSEN, stating that he knew NISSEN was going to Atlanta as soon as he squared away two local detainers and McMANAMAN told NISSEN he needed him to set things up for him.

McMANAMAN told NISSEN that \$100,000 had been offered by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan to be paid to anyone who would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

NISSEN stated that after he was squared away on his two local Texas charges, McMANAMAN wanted him to contact a Mrs. FNU EURE, at the Eure Realty, Jackson, Mississippi. McMANAMAN claimed Mrs. EURE is listed as a correspondent by him at Leavenworth Penitentiary. According to instructions, NISSEN was to contact Mrs. EURE and ask her when she next writes to McMANAMAN at the penitentiary to tell him "DON" had arrived. McMANAMAN indicated he would write and tell EURE that NISSEN was "O.K."

If NISSEN wanted to try to "pull this" himself, Mrs. EURE would put him in contact with two people identified to NISSEN only as FLOYD LNU, an honorary colonel in the National Guard at Jackson, Mississippi, and a second person whom NISSEN cannot now identify. NISSEN stated, however, that the unidentified person, according to McMANAMAN, had recently been appointed a Deputy U. S. Marshal at Jackson.

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It was NISSEN's understanding that if he were willing to pull the job, he was to get in touch with Mrs. EURE, advise her, and she would thereafter put him in touch with the above two men, both of whom NISSEN understands are associated with the White Knights. NISSEN stated those men would insure payment if KING were killed.

NISSEN continued, saying that if he was not interested in doing the job himself, he was supposed to "case KING's place," (location not specified) in Atlanta, and check the layout. NISSEN pointed out he could do this rather easily, as before serving time, he worked for Encyclopedia Americana. After getting the layout, NISSEN was to tell McMANAMAN the set-up so that when McMANAMAN was released from the penitentiary he could handle it himself. NISSEN stated he would get a percentage of the money received by McMANAMAN for casing KING's residence. NISSEN stated that based on his knowledge of McMANAMAN, he believes McMANAMAN is perfectly capable of committing the plot. He stated McMANAMAN "hates Negroes and lets them know it in the pen."

NISSEN also claimed that another inmate at Leavenworth, a JOHN MAY, a nearby cellmate of NISSEN's when he was at the penitentiary, has knowledge of the aforementioned plot.

MAY is from Rock Island, Illinois, and has worked as a machinist at the arsenal in Rock Island. He is presently at Leavenworth on a Dyer Act charge. McMANAMAN had asked NISSEN to contact MAY to determine if MAY could build a long barrel and firing pin for a new type of .38 automatic pistol. McMANAMAN knows that MAY is an excellent machinist and a friend of NISSEN's. According to NISSEN, McMANAMAN intended to use this long barrel pistol with the scope and firing pin to be made by MAY in the killing of KING. McMANAMAN planned to dispose of the scope, firing pin and long barrel, and replace the original barrel and firing pin and in this manner the gun could not be traced to McMANAMAN.

NISSEN claims he contacted MAY about McMANAMAN's proposal and MAY reportedly told NISSEN he did not want anything to do with the plan, but he stated he could make a long

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barrel for the gun if so desired. NISSEN advised it would be "O.K." for the FBI to contact MAY in order to verify NISSEN's story. NISSEN feels MAY will protect him, as they are good friends.

NISSEN claims that MAY also told him he also had heard of the \$100,000 sum put up for the death of KING. MAY's information apparently came from an unrecalled source in either North or South Carolina.

NISSEN understands the \$100,000 is supposed to be a standing offer.

Following is a description of NISSEN:

Name	DONALD JAMES NISSEN aka Don
Birth data	[redacted], Erie, Pennsylvania
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 10"
Weight	130
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Scars and marks	½" circular bone growth left side of forehead
Military service	U. S. Navy, 1949-1951, BCD for "AWOL," SN USN 5692268
Marital status	Divorced
Former wife	DARLENE CREIGHTON, unknown address Silver City, New Mexico
Former wife's parents	V. B. COLEMAN, 410 Ohio Street, Silver City, New Mexico
Residence	3230 Peachtree Road N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, home office address of Encyclopedia Americana, the "Spencer International Press, Inc."
Parents	Father, deceased; mother, EVA SPRAGUE, operating the Parmaley House, Painsville, Ohio
Sister	ARLINE HOWARD, 2525 East Alta Vista Street, Tucson, Arizona
Occupation	Salesman
Arrests	Numerous
FBI No.	607 320 A

NISSEN said CHARLES FOREMAN and "Little Red," not otherwise identified, inmate at Leavenworth, were close friends of McMANAMAN, and may have information on captioned matter.

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For the information of the Bureau, Jackson Office has been designated origin in this matter, inasmuch as that office is origin in the case entitled "WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI." Also, if NISSEN's information is to be given any credence, Mrs. FNU EURE would have detailed information on the captioned matter.

Dallas, at this time, is unable to evaluate the information furnished by NISSEN on captioned matter, but for the further information of the Bureau and receiving offices, prior to furnishing the above information and prior to furnishing the signed statement in the civil rights matter, NISSEN stated "I first wanted to know if I furnished you (FBI) information, if you would help me." NISSEN was immediately advised by the interviewing agents that there would be no dickering or trading, but that they would be glad to accept any information he cared to furnish.

Dallas has not deemed it warranted at this time to furnish NISSEN's information in letterhead memorandum form, and that determination is being left to the discretion of the Jackson Division after the completion of the following investigation.

LEADS

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Furnish Jackson and other interested offices any information available in the file "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C, OO Atlanta," which may tend to verify or refute NISSEN's story.

KANSAS CITY

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS. 1. Review LEROY McMANAMAN's prison record at Leavenworth Penitentiary in order to obtain detailed background. Will determine if Mrs. FNU EURE is an approved correspondent of his. Determine if McMANAMAN has any other other Mississippi contacts and thereafter set out appropriate leads.

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2. Review DONALD JAMES NISSEN's prison file for further background.

3. Interview JOHN MAY, inmate at Leavenworth Penitentiary in an effort to verify or refute NISSEN's statements. Note that NISSEN advised that in addition to MAY and NISSEN, a CHARLES FOREMAN and a person identified only as "Little Red" were also associates of McMANAMAN at Leavenworth.

4. Identify and interview CHARLES FOREMAN and "Little Red" in effort to corroborate NISSEN's information. Note NISSEN requested his identity be revealed only to MAY when investigation conducted at Leavenworth.

JACKSON

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. 1. Through Klan informants, attempt to verify or refute NISSEN's information on alleged plot regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

2. Identify Mrs. FNU EURE of the Eure Realty Company, Jackson. Determine EURE's degree of association, if any, with the White Knights.

3. Attempt to identify FLOYD LNU, an honorary colonel in the National Guard at Jackson, and the un-named recently-appointed Deputy U. S. Marshal at Jackson, both of whom are alleged to be members of the White Knights.

4. Based on results of investigation conducted by Kansas City and Atlanta, consider interview of Mrs. EURE regarding captioned matter.

DALLAS

AT SHERMAN, TEXAS. Maintain contact with NISSEN and furnish any additional information he supplements regarding the captioned matter.

Information copies furnished Charlotte and Columbia, inasmuch as standing offer of \$100,000 for KING's death may have been circulated in Klan circles in those divisions.

FBI

Date: 5/8/68

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

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 5/1/68, regarding alleged offer of \$100,000 by White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK), Jackson, Miss., to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed for Jacksonville are two copies each of Dallas airtel to Bureau, 6/6/67, Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 7/21/67 and Dallas airtel to Bureau, 5/1/68.

On 5/8/68, Mr. J. B. MC WHORTER, Spencer International Press, 2335 Brannen Road, Atlanta, Ga., advised DONALD JAMES NISSEN is no longer employed by this company, having left approximately December, 1967, to go to Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was employed by the Americana Encyclopedia Co. MC WHORTER stated he recently learned that NISSEN is working in Panama City, Fla., selling a safety device which operates

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as a gyroscope. He stated the name of the unit is the Auto Safety Control and the company office is located in Reno, Nevada. MC WHORTER stated HAROLD B. FITZGERALD is presently located with the Spencer International Press at 3801 Kirbey Drive, Houston, Texas.

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At Panama City, Florida:

Will locate DONALD JAMES NISSEN and interview for any information he may have obtained re alleged offer to kill KING since NISSEN's release from jail on 6/19/67. For info Jacksonville, the Jackson Office in July, 1967, advised the WKKKK were in bad financial straights, having a difficult time raising enough money to defend members of this organization after their arrest.

Information copy furnished Jackson inasmuch as present investigation being conducted that Division.

Jacksonville, Florida
May 9, 1968

MEMORANDUM TO ALL AGENTS NO. 129
(CASE INFORMATION)

RE: MURKIN

As you are all very aware, this is the caption and case concerning JAMES EARL RAY, I.O. 4182. Subject is charged in this case with the murder of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Two additional photographs of RAY were released today to news media in Washington.

Photograph No. 1 should bear caption "JAMES EARL RAY (Photograph taken 1967 in Mexico)." This is a photograph of RAY in dark glasses and sport shirt.

Photograph No. 2 should bear the caption "JAMES EARL RAY (Photograph taken late January or early February, 1968, in California)." This is a head shot of RAY in a business suit which shows marked cleft in chin.

Jacksonville is reproducing copies of these two photographs locally and each Agent in his contact with news media is requested to insure that these receive widespread distribution. Several of these will be furnished to each of you.

I noted the Jacksonville "Florida Times-Union," Wednesday, May 8, 1968, showed these two pictures in a news article in a UPI news release so it may be the major papers will have already received and published this article and photograph if they were tied in with this new service but many of the smaller papers, particularly the weeklies in your area may not have the picture or article so we want as widespread distribution of this photograph as possible.

Each Agent personally; I want you to keep a copy of this I.O. and this photograph with you, and use it in

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discussions at the police departments and sheriff's offices in your rounds. If you want additional I.O.'s and additional photographs, advise Jacksonville immediately and they will be sent to you.

RAY is probably the most wanted fugitive the Bureau has ever had and we want to be absolutely sure that either one of these two conditions exists: Either he is not in our territory or if he is in our territory we want to catch him. I cannot conceive of a situation that would be more embarrassing to us or intolerable than to have another Division furnish us some information or lead concerning his presence in our territory, when we should rightfully be able to boast of the complete coverage which is expected of us as Bureau Agents in our territory.

I want each of you to make this a matter of personal pride that our coverage is complete and that each lead, no matter how nebulous it may seem to you, gets your immediate, thorough attention.


ROBERT E. GEBHARDT
SAC

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM LEE BOLYARD at Panama City, Florida on
April 23, 1968:

BUD HASTINGS, operator-owner, Treasure Island
Motel, Panama City Beach, Florida, furnished the following
information:

On March 25, 1968, a Mrs. JASPER WARD and
a Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS came to his motel seeking a room.
He pointed out to them that he was at the motel carrying
out certain maintenance details in preparation for
opening the motel and that he was not at that time ready
to rent any of his units in that he was still in the
process of painting and carrying on other maintenance
details. Thereafter, Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS left and
returned within a short period of time stating that they
liked his motel the best of any locations they had
observed on the beach and requested that he rent them
a room, if possible, for several days vacation. He
explained to them that he was willing for them to rent
his motel room if they were aware that the office to
the motel was not opened and there would be no telephone
service as a result of the office being closed. Both
agreed that they desired to rent the room and thereafter
he rented them Unit Number 4 which unit at that time was
available for occupancy.

Mrs. WARD registered, listing her address as
2540 Ransdell Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky. At the time
they registered, Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS were driving a
1967 Cadillac convertible. Mrs. WARD identified herself
as a State Senator in the Kentucky Legislature. At the
time they registered they indicated that they would be there
from two to three weeks. They also indicated that they
anticipated another guest arriving within several days who
would join them at the motel.

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On April 1, 1968, he came to the motel to continue his maintenance duties at which time he observed an individual seated on the patio of Unit Number 4 drinking a can of beer. This individual introduced himself as Reverend A.D. KING. Reverend KING checked into Unit 5 as a part of the party of Mrs. JASPER WARD and Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS. They remained at the motel until April 3, 1968 when Reverend A.D. KING checked from the motel. Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS did not check from the motel, but stated they were leaving enroute to Memphis, Tennessee to participate in a demonstration march with Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING. Mrs. WARD indicated that she and Mrs. DAVIS would return to Panama City Beach to complete their vacation.

Mrs. WARD returned to the motel on April 6, 1968 at which time she checked herself and Mrs. DAVIS from the motel. Mrs. WARD was alone at the time.

During the time that these individuals stayed at the Treasure Island Motel, he had very little conversation with them as they remained on the beach most of the day, during which time he was in the general area conducting maintenance work on the motel. He did not observe any of these individuals having any visitors during the time they were at the motel, and they used the pay telephone located outside the motel office during their stay as the motel office was not opened. He recalls that they made numerous telephone calls and that they had numerous incoming calls through the pay telephone during the hours that he was in the general area conducting his maintenance duties.

Mr. HASTINGS advised that he has no information whatsoever pertaining to the death of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING.



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SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

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(OO: ME)

Re LS airtel to Director, 4/16/68, setting forth information concerning Mrs. JASPER B. WARD furnished to Louisville concerning her visit with Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS and Rev. A.D. KING to Panama City, Florida on 3/25/68.

Enclosed herewith to Memphis are nine (9) copies of an investigative insert setting forth the interview of BUD HASTINGS, owner, Teasure Island Motel, Panama City Beach, Florida.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN

ReTPairtel to Bureau, dated 4/30/68.

Regarding **JAMES RAY** of Jacksonville, Florida, formerly with Oakwood Villa Volunteer Fire Department.

Investigation Jacksonville, Florida, reflected **JAMES JACKSON RAY** was individual referred to by **ALFRED T. LANG**, Clerk, Charlotte County Court House, Punta Gorda, Florida. It was determined **JAMES JACKSON RAY** is not identical with subject.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO, JACKSONVILLE, MIAMI, AND
SAVANNAH
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TEN INSTANT.

EXPANDED SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX CHECK CONTINUING.

ELIMINATION OF LOOK-ALIKE REPORTS CONTINUING.

BILLY MACK WISDOM, FBI NO. SEVEN ZERO SEVEN FIVE ZERO SIX
D, RECEIVED THREE YEARS SENTENCE USDC, NDGA, ATLANTA, JAN.
TWENTYNINE LAST AND TRANSPORTED TO FCI, TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

EXPANDED AIRLINE CHECK REFLECTS DELTA AIRLINES RECORDS
INDICATE SIX TICKETS REFERRED TO IN MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR
MAY NINE LAST HANDLED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY. TEN OTHER
TICKETS IDENTIFIED AND NONE PURCHASED BY HERRON. TICKETS
HANDLED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCIES SHOULD BE LOCATED WEEK OF
MAY TWELVE NEXT.

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DAL RECORDS FURTHER REFLECT JOHN WILLARD MADE RESERVATION ON EAL ON APR. ELEVEN LAST, CHANGED FLIGHT, AND FLEW APR. TEN LAST ON EAL AND RETURNED TO ATLANTA APR. FIFTEEN LAST ON DAL FLIGHT NO. TWENTY. HE LEFT CONTACT NUMBERS MIAMI FOUR FOUR EIGHT DASH ZERO TWO SEVEN SIX AND SAVANNAH TWO THREE THREE DASH THREE FIVE THREE ONE, ROOM FIVE TWO ONE. MIAMI NUMBER APPARENTLY IS RESIDENCE.

JIMMY GARNER, ATLANTA, REINTERVIEWED AND AGAIN STATED IF HE OBTAINS ANY INFORMATION OR IS CONTACTED IN ANY WAY BY SUBJECT, HE WILL NOTIFY ATLANTA FBI OFFICE.

ATLANTA INDICES NEGATIVE RE CARL MURPHY, JR.

JACKSONVILLE, AT TALLAHASSEE. INTERVIEW BILLY MACK WISDOM. FOR INFORMATION JACKSONVILLE, DOUGLAS MERRELL, MANAGER, CATACOMBS, A HIPPIE CLUB IN ATLANTA, INDICATED WISDOM POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION. JACKSONVILLE OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING ASSASSINATION.

MIAMI ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY JOHN WILLARD THROUGH PHONE NO. FOUR FOUR EIGHT DASH ZERO TWO SEVEN SIX. FOR INFORMATION MIAMI, WILLARD REPORTEDLY BOARDED EAL FLIGHT AT ATLANTA AND ALSO TRAVELED TO MIAMI ON EAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN SEVEN AND THEN RETURNED
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TO ATLANTA ON DAL FLIGHT TWENTY ON APR. FIFTEEN. APPARENT
CONFUSION REGARDING WILLARD'S FLIGHTS WAS RESULT OF HIS MAKING
EAL RESERVATIONS THROUGH DELTA AIRLINES AT SAVANNAH.

SAVANNAH ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY WILLARD THROUGH CONTACT PHONE
TWO THREE THREE DASH THREE FIVE THREE ONE, ROOM FIVE TWO ONE.

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Date: **May 7, 1968**

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Via **AIRTEL** _____
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To: **All SACs and LEGATs**
From: **Director, FBI (44-38861)**
MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

The Bureau has designated Memphis as office of origin in this case.

You were previously advised that leads in this Top Ten Fugitive case must be handled within 24 hours. The Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Springfield Offices are to prepare the results of their investigation to date in report form, not as an insert. At such time as the amount of investigation in these field offices does not appear to warrant individual reports, advise the Bureau and office of origin that inserts being prepared in future in lieu of reports, UACB.

All other offices will record the results in appropriate form and transmit 15 copies of each to the office of origin for inclusion in reports submitted by the Memphis Office. Should investigation increase in any such area warranting submission of individual report, do so and advise the Bureau and Memphis.

LEGATs are to submit results of investigation which can be disseminated in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination. Any administrative data which cannot be disseminated is to be set forth in the administrative section of your transmittal communication. Look-alikes and other leads resolved and reported by cablegram or other communication need not be rereported as copies of these communications are being forwarded office of origin by the Bureau for administrative handling of the case.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Rerep SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 4/29/68 at New Orleans.

Memphis and Atlanta can refer to pages 19 through 24 of rerep, which sets forth a list of all guests who were registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, La., between 12/17 and 19/67.

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Other Offices receiving copies of this airtel were not furnished rerep and so the following background information is being set forth to assist these Offices in conducting the requested investigation:

Investigation has determined that the subject, using the name of ERIC GALT, left Los Angeles, Calif., on 12/15/67, driving his Mustang automobile, in the company of CHARLES J. STEIN, of Los Angeles. STEIN had formerly been a resident of New Orleans and the alleged purpose of this trip was for STEIN to pick up two children of his sister's who were residing in New Orleans and return them to California. According to STEIN, they arrived in New Orleans on 12/17/67 and left New Orleans on 12/19/67. STEIN stayed with relatives and investigation has determined that subject registered at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, on 12/17/67 as ERIC S. GALT and was assigned room 126. The registration card indicated GALT's automobile to be a Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993 and his address as 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Ala. The subject, as GALT, stayed at the motel until 12/19/67 when he checked out.

Interviews of motel employees in regards to the subject have been negative in that they cannot recall him.

There is set forth under a caption for each Office the identity or identities of persons staying at the Provincial Motel from 12/17 through 19/67. The identities of these persons were obtained from the motel registration cards as well as other information which is set forth under the name. The date listed under each name is the date the individual or individuals stayed at the motel. Each Office should locate and interview these individuals for any knowledge or contact they may have had with the subject. Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, which have been furnished to all Offices, should be displayed to these individuals to ascertain if they recall RAY.

In order to assist Memphis, the Office of Origin in this matter, each Office should set forth the results of this investigation in report form with copies of the reports designated for the Bureau and Memphis.

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In the preparation of these reports, it is suggested that an appropriate predication for this part of the investigation be utilized in the details prior to reporting the results of contacts with these individuals. As an example, the following information might be used for this predication:

Information was Received from the New Orleans Office of the FBI that (insert name and address of person) had registered on (insert date) at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. *see p. 6*

Of course, if any pertinent information is developed as a result of these contacts, this information should be brought to the attention of the Bureau and Memphis by the most expeditious means.

Each Office is reminded that previous Bureau instructions are that leads in captioned matter should be covered within 24 hours.

ATLANTA

RAY EASTERWOOD
139 Briar Lane, Atlanta, Ga.
Room 219
One in Party
12/18/67

E. D. ELLIOTT
1610 Southland Circle, N.W.,
Atlanta, Ga.
Room 202
One in party
12/19/67

N. R. HINEC
1610 Southland Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia
One in party
12/19/67

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Mr. and Mrs. R. C. MATTHEWS, JR.
2126 Mobry Road, Northeast
Atlanta, Ga.
Car - Pontiac, Georgia license 2511476
Room 214
Two in party
12/19/67

BALTIMORE

Mr. and Mrs. Waldorf Plitcher
10820 Georgia Avenue
Wheaton, Maryland
Car - Chevrolet, Maryland license AE 2099
Room 225
Two in party
12/18/67

BUFFALO

Mr. and Mrs. CUTTEN J. CARLSON
200 Collinworth Drive
Rochester, New York
Room 222
Two in party
12/17/67

Mr. and Mrs. VINTON P. OSTRANCHER
126 Meadow Lane
Buffalo, New York
Car - Cadillac, New York license TP 3035
Room 207
Two in party
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CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. WENDELL H. WAYNE
P. O. Box 975, Evanston, Ill.
Car - Pontiac, Illinois license 85299
Room 215
12/18/67

EMIL F. MEIER
2514 Pioneer Road
Evanston, Ill.
Car - Buick, Illinois license BX 1449
Room 211
Two in party
12/19/67

CINCINNATI

GERSON POLASKY
123 North McNichen
Cincinnati, Ohio
12/18/67

DETROIT

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. PINKER
2261 Rolling Green Road
Saginaw, Michigan
Car - Oldsmobile - Michigan license LP 5907
Room 118
Two in party
12/18/67 - 12/23/67

HOUSTON

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. JONES, JR.
213 Hutcheson, Houston, Texas
License - Texas MYN 249
Room 106
Two in party
12/19/67

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G. L. POSTLETHWAIT
General Delivery, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Car - Dodge, California license VF 451
Room 214
Two in party
12/18/67

MIAMI

W. H. RUNGLER (?)
2899 Columns Avenue, Miami, Fla.
Car - Cadillac, Florida license 1WW11380
12/18/67

MINNEAPOLIS

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. KNUTH
514 Ebony, Duluth, Minn.
Room 112
Two in party
12/17/67

MOBILE

Mrs. HENRY J. SHERRILL
301 Woodland Avenue
Mobile, Alabama
Room 117
Two in party
12/17/67

Lt. Col. WILLIAM P. FISHER
610 A Seventh Street
Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
Car - Pontiac, Alabama license 3-2541
Room 108
Two in party
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NEW YORK

Dr. and Mrs. DAVID L. ROSNER
87 Soundview Drive
Port Jefferson, New York
Car - Oldsmobile - New York license
Room 101
Two in party
12/18/67

OKLAHOMA CITY

Mr. and Mrs. MIKE EPPLES
1231 South Owasso
Tulsa, Oklahoma
License - Oklahoma D8762
Room 231
Two in party
12/18/67

PITTSBURGH

GORDON WELLMAN
132 Forest Court
Irwin, Pennsylvania
Room 110
12/19/67

AUSTIN L. CONWAY
328 Highland Pines Drive
Pittsburgh 37, Pennsylvania
Room 102
One in party
12/19/67

SAN DIEGO

STEVE FULLER
4077 Hamilton Street, San Diego, Calif.
Car - Volkswagen, California license VOD 912
Room 109, two in party, 12/18/67

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SPRINGFIELD

ROBERT A. CONEY, Judge
311 Fayette Street
Peoria, Illinois
Car - Buick, Illinois license 3281
Room 212
Three in party
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NEW ORLEANS

JOE PARISH
Belle Chasse, Louisiana
Room 108
12/18/68

A. A. CASBARIAN
716 Governor Nichols
New Orleans, Louisiana
Car - Jaguar, Louisiana license 29B986
Room 205
Two in party
12/19/67.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM
OO: TAMPA

Re Bureau airtel to Jacksonville and Tampa dated May 2, 1968. Tampa airtel to Bureau dated May 2, 1968. Jacksonville airtel to Bureau and Tampa dated May 3, 1968.

Check of auto registration and drivers license at Orlando, Florida, identified owner of Florida license 7W 15 as DR. JOHN EDWARD CREWS, a physician and surgeon, being a white male, born [redacted]. His office is located at 1230 Hillcrest Avenue and his residence 640 Manor Road, Maitland, Florida. Attempts to interview him on instant vehicle negative.

On May 7, 1968 DUDLEY F. TRASEK, VSPO,

3- Bureau (44-38861) (RM)
1- Birmingham (44-1740) (info) (RM)
1- Memphis (44-1987) (info) (RM)
① Jacksonville (44-769) (info) (RM)
2- Tampa (157-3231)
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Maitland, Florida, stated he is personally acquainted with DOCTOR CREWS and advised that he looks even older than his 54 years of age. TRASEK viewed wanted flier 442A and stated DOCTOR CREWS is definitely not identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY.

No further action being taken concerning DOCTOR CREWS.

SUBJECT IS ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/9/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Buairtel to Philadelphia and Jacksonville dated 5/7/68.

Enclosed for Pittsburgh are a copy of reBuairtel and the enclosure thereto.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN G. DEVINE at Coudersport, Pa.:

On 5/8/68, Mr. HARRY GOLDEN, Post Office, Coudersport, Pa., advised that there was no mail listing for an E. RAYMOND in the Coudersport area.

GOLDEN stated that there was no listing for an E. RAYMOND in the Genese, Pa., directory. He advised that sometimes individuals in the Genese, Pa., area will use a Coudersport RD #2 address.

However, GOLDEN stated that there had been an 80 year-old woman, one ESTHER RAYMOND, who formerly had lived in Genese, Pa., and who used the Coudersport RD #2 address. She was currently living in the Epworth Manor Nursing Home in Tyrone, Pa.

1-Bureau (44-38861) (RM)
1-Jacksonville (Info) (RM)
1-Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
2-Pittsburgh (44-578) (Enc.-1) (RM)
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PH 44-1368

LEADS

PITTSBURGH
AT TYRONE, PA.

1. Will contact ESTHER RAYMOND to obtain any information she might have relating to this case.

2. Will ask RAYMOND if she knows of any other E. RAYMOND who might reside in the Coudersport RD #2 area.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

GILLIS VERRET, 18 Chattanooga Street, San Francisco, California, telephonically contacted the San Francisco Office on 5/7/68 and requested he be contacted by an Agent.

VERRET was contacted on May 8, 1968 and advised that at about 12:30 p.m. on 4/28/68, he was driving west on Army Street in San Francisco and observed a person he believed resembled JAMES EARL RAY also driving west on Army Street. VERRET stated this person was driving a late model Ford two-door hardtop, dark metallic green in color, Florida license plate which he believed to be 37-1735. He stated this individual was alone in the car but there were two or three womens dresses hanging by the left rear window.

Photographs of RAY were exhibited to VERRET who stated he was unable to identify the person he saw in the above-mentioned car, however, he believed the person he saw resembles to some extent JAMES EARL RAY.

LEAD

JACKSONVILLE

AT TALLAHASSEE, FLA. Will at Department of Motor Vehicles, ascertain registered owner of vehicle issued Florida license plate number 37-1735, and conduct appropriate investigation.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
1 - Kansas City (44-760) (RM)
① - Jacksonville (RM)
2 - San Francisco
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-767)

DATE: 5/10/68

FROM : ROBERT W. CLARK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Per his request Inmate CARL ANTHONY SPEED JR. was interviewed at FCI, Tallahassee, Florida re information he reportedly had on death of Dr. King.

Inmate Speed advised that he felt that Dr. King was killed by the Maffia and subject Ray was not involved. Speed had no foundation for his thinking.

Speed is a 17 year old W, M, who is serving time for ITSMV, comes from JK and has FBI # 273047G.

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FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

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