

- LUNG:** Focal areas of intra-alveolar hemorrhage are present throughout. Otherwise the alveoli are well preserved without hyperdistention or collapse. There is a loss of bronchial epithelium free within the lumens of the bronchioles. The pulmonary vessels reveal no significant changes.
- PANCREAS:** The pancreatic parenchyma is well preserved. The islets and acini are well preserved. There is minimal congestion present but no fibrosis or hemorrhage.
- KIDNEY:** The glomeruli and tubules are well preserved. There is no parenchymal fibrosis evident or vascular proliferation present. The tubules are filled with eosinophilic material. There is no collapse of the tubular lumen.
- THYROID:** The follicles are uniform and regular. There is a small quantity of extravasation of mature erythrocytes into peri-follicular locations. Cellular inflammatory reaction is not present. There is no migration of polymorphonuclear leucocytes within the areas of hemorrhage.
- LIVER:** There is diffuse cytoplasmic vacuolation throughout the hepatic cytoplasm being distributed throughout the lobules and in both pericentral and periportal locations. A small number of mononuclear cells are present in portal areas. There is some variation in size, shape of the hepatic nuclei. The vacuoles that are present are irregular in size, being numerous in some cells and being single large vacuoles in others with a disruption of cytoplasmic borders in some.
- ADRENAL:** There is congestion of the inner cortical zones of the adrenal. The cytoplasm is otherwise well maintained. The cortico-medullary ratio is maintained.
- SPLEEN:** The follicles are present but without secondary reactive centers. There is some congestion of the pulp but focal hemorrhage is not present.
- HEART:** The myocardial fibers are well preserved. The nuclei are regular. Fibrosis is not present throughout the myocardium and cellular inflammatory reaction is not present. The atrium reveals no significant changes.
- SKIN:** There is dermal hemorrhage present but no accumulation of polymorphonuclear leucocytes. Blackened debris is present throughout the hemorrhagic area of the dermis having no identifiable form. There is pronounced eosinophilia of the collagen bundles. There is hemorrhage into the dermal layers with an alteration in the tinctorial properties of the epithelium with focal fragmentation of the epithelium adjacent to the area of dermal hemorrhage.

CORONARY:

There is moderate intimal proliferation along with an extra cellular deposition of lipid within the sub-intimal areas along with lipid filled macrophages present in this location. Small foci of perivascular mononuclear cells are present in the regions of most pronounced intimal proliferation.

PROSTATE:

The glandular elements are well preserved without any significant increase in collagenous connective tissue. Inflammatory reaction is not present.

THE CITY OF MEMPHIS HOSPITALS
AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

Autopsy No. A68-252 Service Med. Ex. Hospital No.
Name Martin Luther King, Jr. Age 39 Race Negro Sex Male
Unknown-Approximately
Date of Admission DOA Date and Hour of Death 4-4-68 P.M.
Date and Hour of Autopsy 4-4-68 10:45 P.M.
Pathologist Drs. Sprunt and Francisco Assistant
Checked by Date Completed 4-11-68

FINAL PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSISPRIMARY SERIES:

- I. Distant gunshot wound to body and face
 - A. Fracture of right mandible
 - B. Laceration of vertebral artery, jugular vein and subclavian artery, right
 - C. Fracture of spine (T-1, C-7)
 - D. Laceration of spinal cord (lower cervical, upper thoracic)
 - E. Submucosal hemorrhage, larynx
 - F. Intrapulmonary hematoma, apex right upper lobe

SECONDARY SERIES:

1. Remote scars as described
2. Pleural adhesions
3. Fatty change liver, moderate
4. Arteriosclerosis, moderate
5. Venous cut-downs
6. Tracheostomy

LABORATORY FINDINGS:

Blood Alcohol - 0.01%

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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

CASE NO. A68-252

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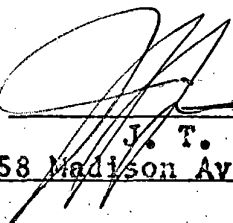
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

COUNTY Shelby858 Madison Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

AUTOPSY REPORT

NAME OF DECEDENT Martin Luther King, Jr. RACE N SEX M AGE 39HOME ADDRESS Atlanta, Georgia
NUMBER OR STREET CITY OR TOWN STATECOUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER J. T. Francisco, M.D.ADDRESS Memphis, TennesseeDISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL Phil A. CanaleADDRESS Memphis, TennesseeANATOMICAL DIAGNOSIS Gunshot wound to body and face with:
Fracture of mandible
Laceration vertebral artery, jugular vein and sub-
clavian artery, right,
Laceration of spinal cord (lower cervical, upper
thoracic),
Intrapulmonary hematoma, apex, right upper lobeCAUSE OF DEATH Gunshot wound to spinal column, lower cervical, upper
thoracicNARRATIVE OF FINDINGS Death was the result of a gunshot wound to the
chin and neck with a total transection of the lower cervical and
upper thoracic spinal cord and other structures in the neck. The
direction of the wounding was from front to back, above downward and
from right to left. The severing of the spinal cord at this level
and to this extent was a wound that was fatal very shortly after its
occurrence.

The purpose of this report is to provide a certified opinion to the County Medical Examiner and the District Attorney General. The facts and findings to support these conclusions are filed with the office of the State Medical Examiner.

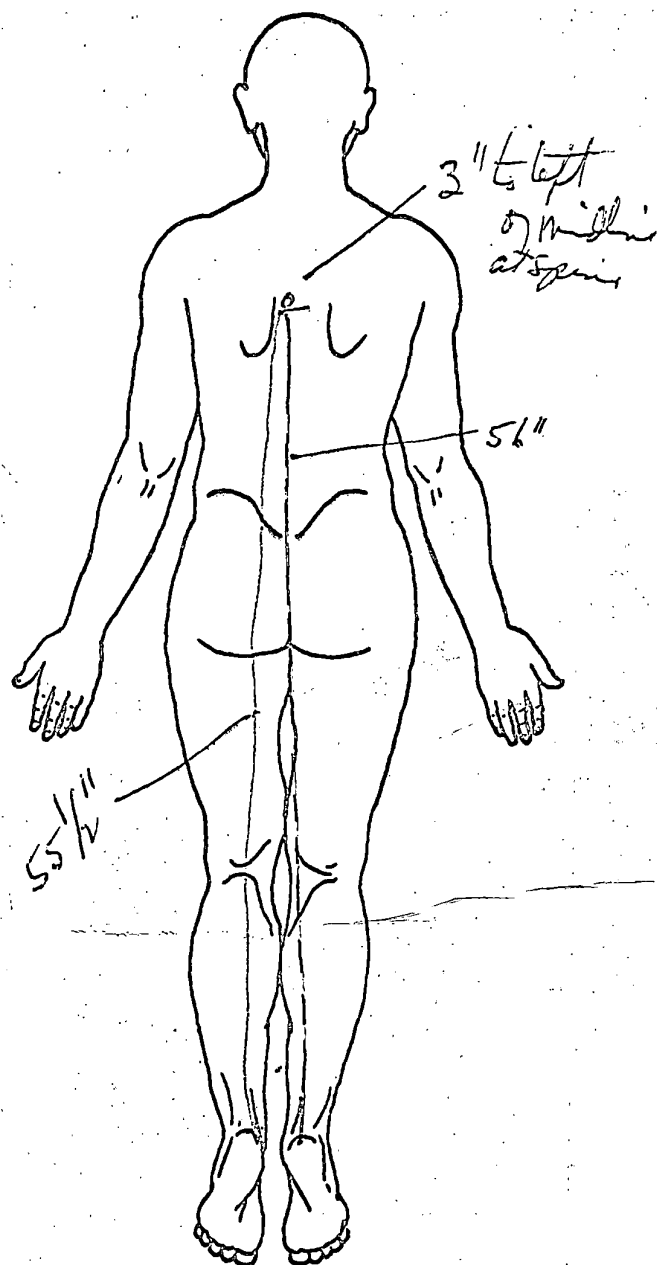
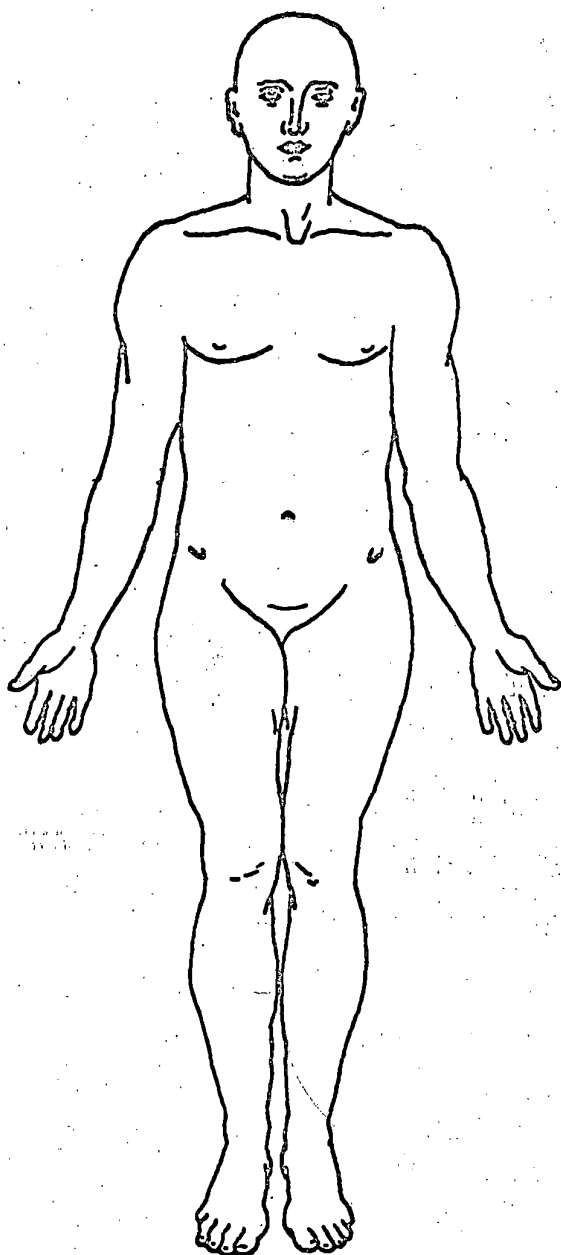
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M.D.

ADDRESS J. T. Francisco
858 Madison Avenue-Memphis, Tennessee

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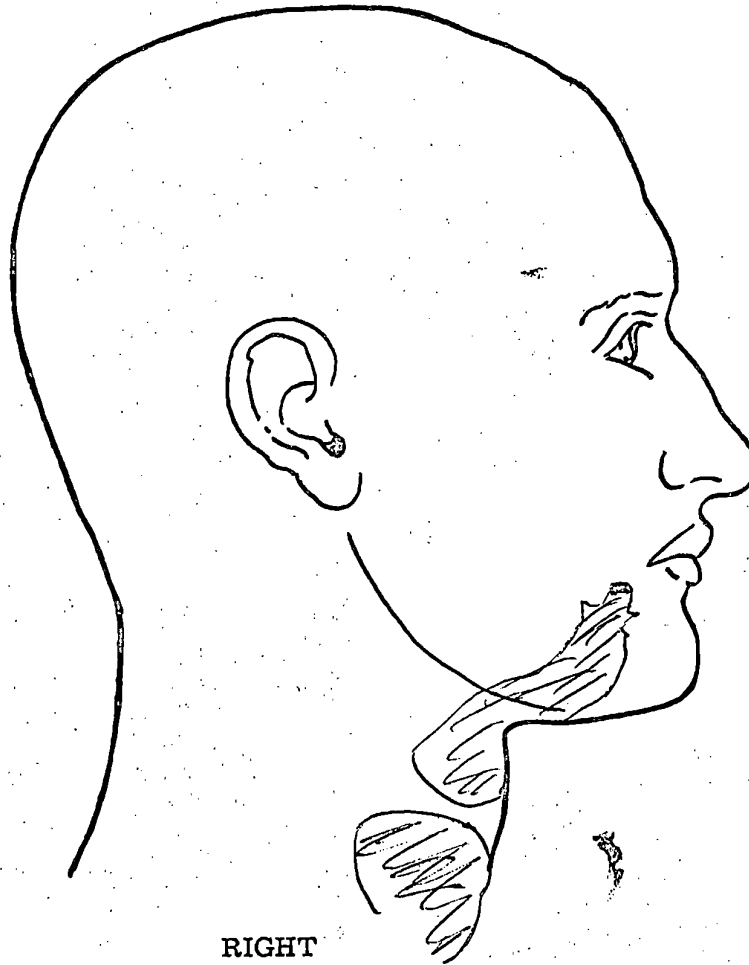


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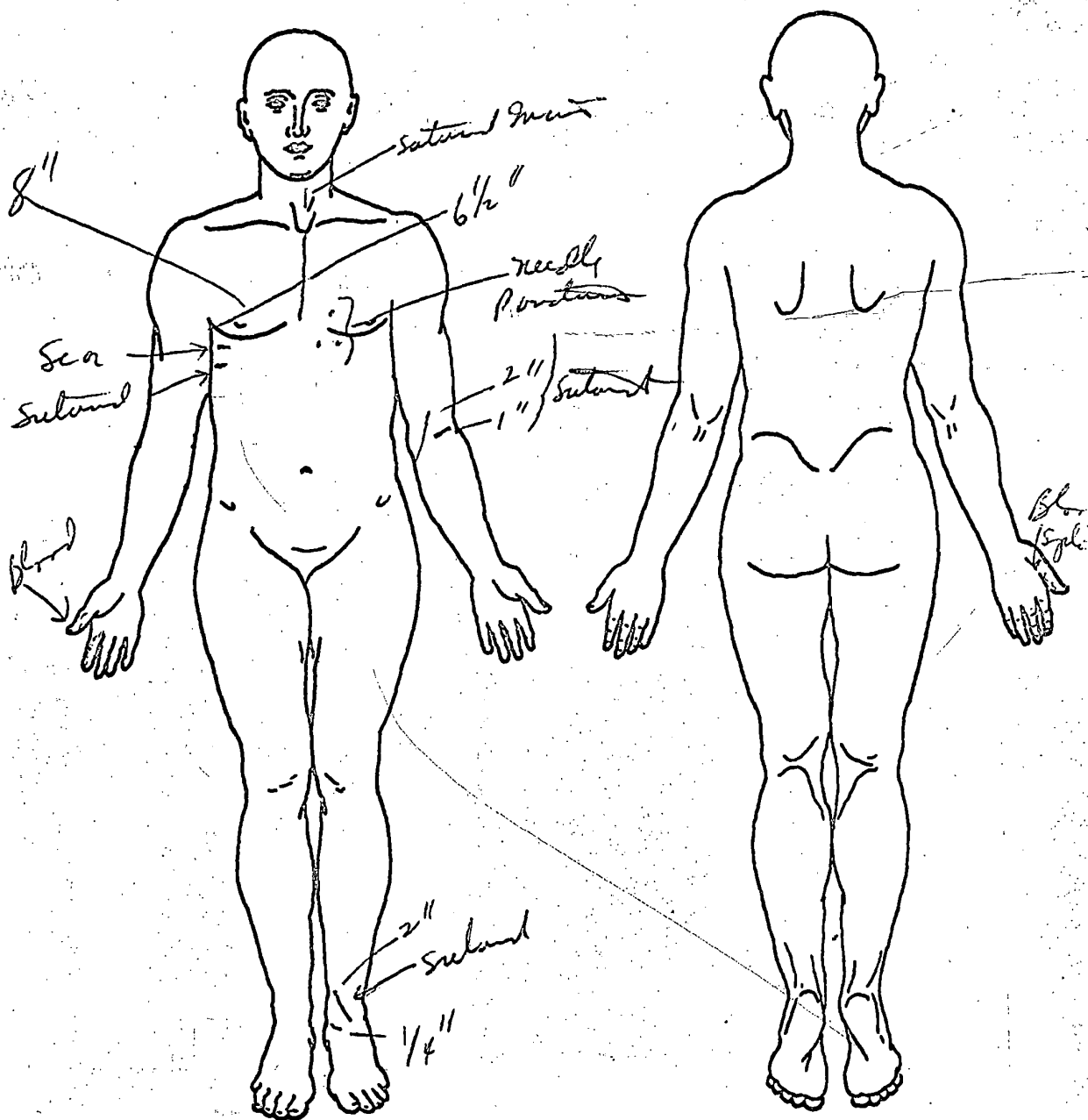
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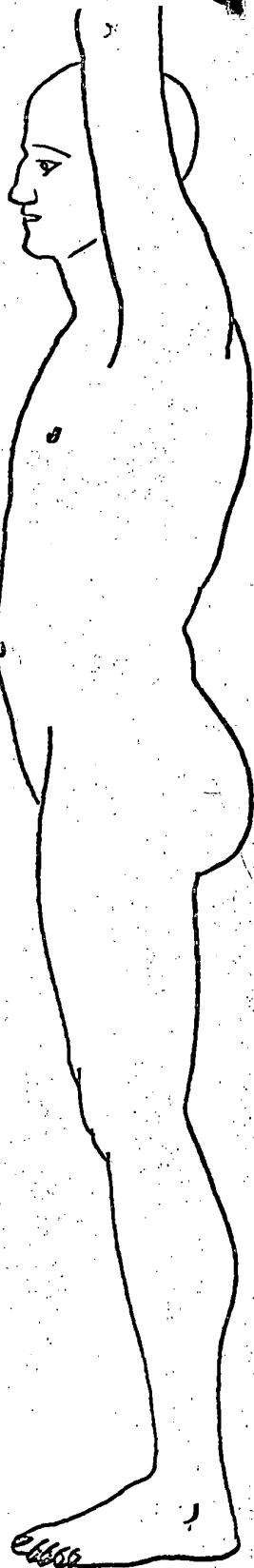
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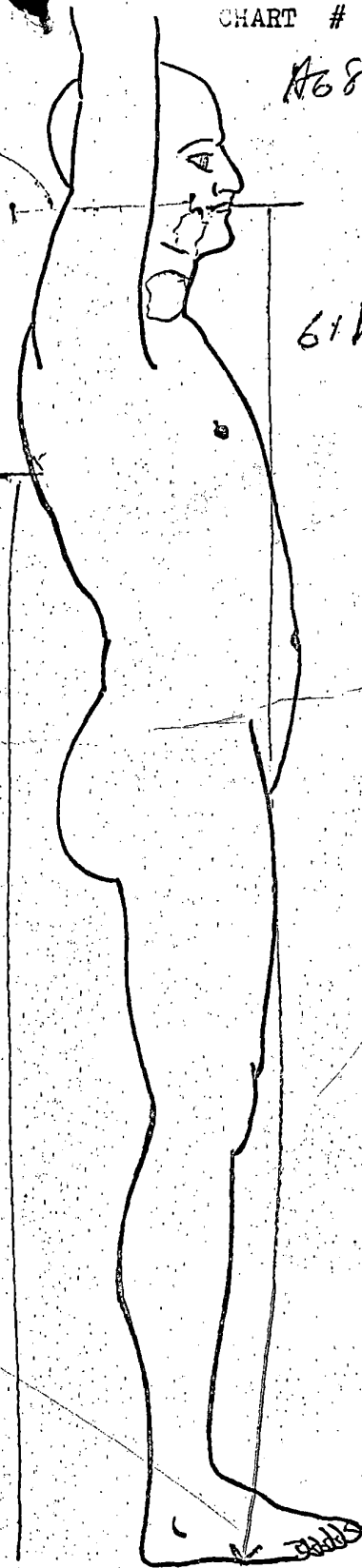
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The following investigation was conducted by SA RAY HOMESLEY:

Sergeant R. N. STANSBURY, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, advised an inmate by the name of GLEN BUCKLEY indicated he served time with RAY at Missouri State Prison and can help locate RAY.

GLEN JEFFERSON BUCKLEY, inmate, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, advised on May 3, 1968, that he served in the Missouri State Prison from the first part of 1965 until October, 1967, on a bad check charge from Liberty, Missouri, but he believes he is to be released on a bench parole by Judge BRADY. BUCKLEY said if the FBI could get him released early he believes he could locate JIMMY RAY.

BUCKLEY said LARRY RAY was the "tender" of C Hall at MSP where both he (BUCKLEY) and JIMMY RAY were assigned for a while. BUCKLEY said he got to know LARRY and JIMMY pretty well and traded radios, watches and miscellaneous items with LARRY. He said he believes LARRY was serving time on a burglary or larceny charge at Springfield, Missouri, and had a detainer filed against him at Topeka, Kansas. He said LARRY RAY was released from MSP about August, 1967, and he believes is in Topeka, Kansas. BUCKLEY said both LARRY and JIMMY RAY hated Negroes and spoke of the KKK as being a good organization. He said JIMMY RAY also talked about Jackson, Mississippi, and he believes RAY had spent some time in Jackson, Mississippi.

BUCKLEY stated JIMMY RAY was in the hospital at the time he escaped. He said RAY went out on a trash barrel on the back of a truck. He said this was a Sunday as that is the day the back gates are not locked to allow the trash truck to get out. BUCKLEY said he learned this information from (FNU) OAR or ORR (phonetic) who was on the trash detail. BUCKLEY also named inmates HOWARD NUNN (phonetic) and EDWARD MC CLELLAN (phonetic) as being assigned to C Hall at the same time as was LARRY and JIMMY RAY.

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BUCKLEY said he believes, if he was out, he could go to Topeka, Kansas and through another individual find LARRY RAY, whom he believes would know JIMMY RAY's whereabouts.

BUCKLEY is described as follows:

Name	GLEN JEFFERSON BUCKLEY
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Oklahoma
Height	5' 10 1/2"
Weight	177 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Wife	BOBBIE N. BUCKLEY, 725 South Cottage, Independence, Missouri

BUCKLEY stated he did not want his name given out to anyone as the person furnishing this information.

Sergeant STANBURY advised on May 5, 1968, that BUCKLEY was being released on Monday, May 6, 1968. He said BUCKLEY left a note at the jail indicating he was very sure RAY is in Mississippi. Also, BUCKLEY said he knows just about the place and is sure he can find RAY. STANBURY said BUCKLEY's telephone number after he gets out will be CL 2-3079.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-760)

FROM : SA RAY HOMESLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/6/68

Attached is an insert regarding former inmate of
MSP, GLEN JEFFERSON BUCKLEY.

LEAD:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

Review MSP records in attempt to identify and inter-
view inmates (FNU) OAR or ORR (phonetic), assigned to trash
detail, HOWARD NUNN (phonetic) and EDWARD MC CLELLAN (phonetic).

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The following investigation was conducted by
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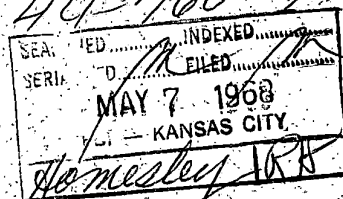
AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

LEE CHAPMAN, Clerk, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, furnished the arrest record of DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, #98630, which reveals he was arrested on October 14, 1961, for safekeeping and released. On October 30, 1961, FONTENNOT was arrested for burglary and stealing a box of tools. On February 23, 1962, he was sentenced to two years in Missouri State Prison, (MSP). Records show he was released from MSP on May 2, 1963, and on May 3, 1963, was arrested for being drunk in Kansas City, Missouri. He was fined \$10.00 on May 4, 1963, and released.

FONTENNOT is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'4 1/2" - 5'6"
Weight	140-145 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	New Orleans, Louisiana
FBI Number	860489B
Occupation	Laborer, (unemployed)
Residence	Helping Hand, 523 Grand, Kansas City, Missouri, (October, 1961)(floater)
Relatives	None listed.

CARMELA ABATO, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Kansas City, Missouri, advised on May 2, 1968, that no record could be located concerning DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT, alias JAMES DENNIS WADE.



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The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS J. CONNOLLY on May 3, 1968:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

Mr. RAY E. ENWRIGHT, Chief of Security, Bendix Corporation, 2200 Bannister Road, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that his files indicate that LARRY C. SIMPSON, 14505 East 37th, Independence, Missouri, was hired by Bendix on March 13, 1963, and has lived at the above address since January 9, 1964. The records further indicate that SIMPSON received his ACQ clearance May 31, 1963, and is presently employed as an apprentice tool-room machinist. ENWRIGHT stated that the payroll records for Bendix indicate that SIMPSON worked all day each day for the week April 1 through April 5, 1968, from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM. ENWRIGHT advised that due to the security precautions at Bendix, Simpson would have to clock himself in and out.

ENWRIGHT displayed a photograph of LARRY C. SIMPSON taken for the security badges at Bendix and he bore no resemblance to the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

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