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TO ALL OFFICES CONCERNING THIS MATTER. FILE CONTAINS RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION OF KANSAS CITY AREA. LAST COMMUNICATION KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO BUREAU 10/10/64 SETTING FORTH RESULTS OF INTERVIEW ON 10/9/64 OF FORMER CLERK-STENO ASSIGNED TO WARREN COMMISSION CONCERNING POSSIBLE LEAKS OF NEWS MEDIA FROM COMMISSION STAFF. THIS FILE HAS BEEN STRIPPED AND CONSOLIDATED AND CONSISTS OF 138 SERIALS. REVIEW OF THIS FILE REFLECTS SKIP IN SERIALIZATION FOR SERIALS 54, 55, 56 AND 57. A CHARGE-OUT HAS BEEN PLACED IN THIS FILE SIGNED BY C. WISE (CATHERINE WISE, FORMER ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK, NOW DECEASED), BLOCK STAMPED 4/9/64, INITIALED BY HENRY FITZGIBBONS, FORMER SAC, KANSAS CITY, NOW RETIRED. ALL OTHER PERTINENT SERIALS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR.

5. PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY (WARREN COMMISSION). CAREFUL CHECK OF KANSAS CITY FILES AND INDICES FAILS TO REFLECT FILE OR REFERENCE TO ABOVE CAPTIONED COMMISSION, KANSAS CITY INDICES FAIL TO REFLECT ANY ADDITIONAL REFERENCES PERTAINING TO ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. FILE REVIEW AND INDICES SEARCH IN PRESIDENT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION MATTER CONDUCTED BY

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SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.

REVIEW OF FILES IN MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ASSASSINATION (MURKIN) REVEALED ONLY DESTRUCTION WAS MADE ON 3/14/74 OF TWO BULKY EXHIBITS, (1) A "VIBRO-GRAVER", MODEL B-73, IN USE IN THE INMATE CANTEEN, MISSOURI STATE PRISON, AT THE TIME OF JAMES EARL RAY'S ESCAPE. THIS ENGRAVER WAS USED AT THE PRISON TO ENGRAVE RAY'S PRISON NUMBER ON THE TRANSISTER RADIO CASE HE BOUGHT THE DAY BEFORE HIS ESCAPE AND WAS FOUND IN MEMPHIS AT THE SITE OF THE ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY.

(2) "CHANNEL MASTER" TRANSISTER RADIO CASE BEARING SAMPLE ENGRAVED BY THIS TOOL. ALL OTHER MATERIAL IN THE FILE HAS BEEN RETAINED. REVIEW OF FILES RELATING TO MARTIN LUTHER KING HANDLED BY SA RAYMOND B. HOWE.

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JAMES EARL RAY
UFAP - MURDER
SL 88-10663

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ET AL
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Re Knoxville tel to Bureau, ET AL, 6/14/77.

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TO: SAC, KC (44-760)

8-25-77

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FROM: SA THURMAN T. MAYNARD

TO:

SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓

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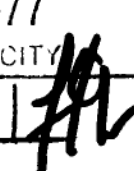
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (44-2104) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY; *see*
"MURKIN"
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 8/25/77

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau, are two Xerox copies of a letter written by GENE R. BARNES which is self-explanatory. One Xerox copy of this letter is being furnished Alexandria, Knoxville, Memphis and St. Louis Offices for their information.

This letter was furnished to the FBI in Trenton, N.J., by Investigator DONALD V. POWELL, Burlington County Prosecutor's Office, Mt. Holly, N.J., who obtained the letter during an interview with BARNES at Stafford County, Virginia.

Copies of BARNES' letter are being furnished to Memphis and Knoxville who were office of origin in the MURKIN and JAMES EARL RAY case, respectively. Information copy also being furnished St. Louis, Missouri, inasmuch as BRADLEY referred to in BARNES' letter claimed he spent time in Missouri State Prison.

Newark files disclose that BARNES was subject of a Newark ITSP investigation in February, 1977, and subsequently arrested by Virginia State Police during a high-speed chase on 2/8/77, and incarcerated in the Stafford County Jail in Stafford, Virginia.

Alexandria see your file 87-3041.

Newark indices failed to contain any identifiable information concerning JAMES BRADLEY mentioned in BARNES' letter.

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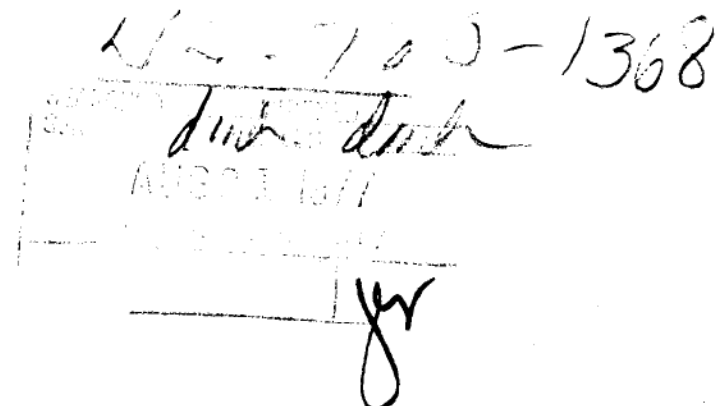
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Newark file regarding "MURKIN" has been destroyed.

Any further investigation in this matter is being left to the discretion of the office of origin in the respective cases.

Newark conducting no further investigation in this matter.

If he is released to Public if possible
L.R. Baines

(1)
To: Whom it may concern,
I am making this statement on my own
free will, to try to clear up a matter that
the public has been kept secret of for nearly
10 yrs.

That is whether or not, James Earl Ray,
who was convicted of killing Dr. Martin
Luther King, had any help in escaping from
Missouri State Prison or not. & And also
if rewards were offered inside the prison
for Kings killing,

I was sent to Mo. State Prison in 1957
for 12 yrs. during which time I became
known as a tough guy, because of my own
escape with James Bradley, in which we
attacked three prison guards, overpowered,
a guard tower, & took the guard in the tower
in hostage, and was later captured in the
Missouri River. We were given 8 additional
years to serve for this.

Also because of several knife fights &
running the prison with dope smuggled in we
both had bad reputations.

Because of our reputations many men knew
us & we them.

Later James Earl Ray came to the
prison. He was a quite guy & didn't
speak much to any one, but it was proved
he could be trusted. He was not a snitch.

At various times Bradley & I would
pay Ray to watch for guards while we
were in our cells. In an early cell.
We would use Ray to pass out dope
& collect money from it for us.

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All the prison knew Bradley & I escaped over the wall, so it was no surprise when Ray asked us the best ways to get out of the prison. We told him of several ways it could be done, by going over the wall or thru it, including the bread truck way.

Ray was a walk man at that time, (working in the cell block). To escape by the bread truck, he ask for & got a job transfer to the bakery. Later he made good his escape.

There was no outside help in the escape. The only help he got was from Bradley & myself in telling him how to escape & this by the master on the loading dock not saying he was in the bread box.

Also the papers keep claiming that Ray told his cellmate he would still bring for \$100,000, this is a lie. as is of any word going around for Kings killing and a reward for it.

(His cell mate told those lies to the F.B.I. because they thought by doing so their own sentence would be cut or they would get a parole. His cell mate did not even know he was going to escape because Ray did not trust them, nor did they know King was killed & Ray wanted for it, till it came out in the papers.

That story got out only because that is what the F.B.I. wanted to make the hear.

So the Ray was still out on escape

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after King was killed, the F.B.I. came
to the prison to talk to me & to
Orndley.

I was in solitary at this time for
breaking into the prison cloth factory & stealing
a bunch of cloths.

The F.B.I. ask me if I knew where
Ray was hiding out at, if I
knew how he escaped, if I could
tell them anything.

At this time I was under a 25 yr. sentence,
& I told them I didn't know nothing about nothing,
cause I could have been tried for aiding in the
escape.

Orndley who was under sentence of 4 life terms,
& two yr sentence and a 4 yr. term, also told
them no.

I did in answer to their question tell them
that I did not believe Ray killed King.

I said he was set up to look like it
cause he was in escape & no one would believe
his story.

I knew Ray well & he could not
kill a stray cat or dog much less take a
human life.

I told the F.B.I. 10 yrs. ago
that & also that I believe Ray did not
lie down, & did put the gun in it, his
prints were on the gun, but he couldn't
pull the trigger, some one else had to
cause knowing Ray, Ray wouldn't have the
nerve or heart to do so. He just did
what he was paid for & that was it.

sent the room + leave the gun in it.

The F.B.I. did not release any of the facts they found out at the prison, just what would make Ray look bad.

Before I could not say anything because I was in Mr. doing time, & could be prosecuted for aiding. The same for Bradley.

One more, Bradley is dead, he was killed by St. Louis, Police after he made a parole a few years ago. so he is the only one left that knows besides Ray that he did have help to get out of prison but it was from the prison itself, he got the help, not outside.

What happened out side after the escape I do not know.

John R. Beemer
April 13th 1977

My Mr. Beemer # member no. 72271

Bradley was # 71844 A. B. line.

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO
PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
BURLINGTON COUNTY
MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. 08060

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Post Office Box # 332
Trenton, New Jersey 08603

Attn: Agt. Buffalo

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY

DATE: 8-29-77

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY;
"MURKIN"
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Newark letter to Bureau, 8-25-77.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) RUC

MURKIN

On 8/8/79 Warden IRL E. DAY, USP, Leavenworth, Kansas (USPL), forwarded a letter to the FBI at Leavenworth, Kansas, which he received 8/7/78. The letter is as follows:

"Aug. 1, 1978

"Warden,
Federal Penitentiary
Leavenworth, Ks.

"Sir:

"For what it may be worth - James Earl Raye
escaped from Mo. State Pen at Jefferson City in
1967.

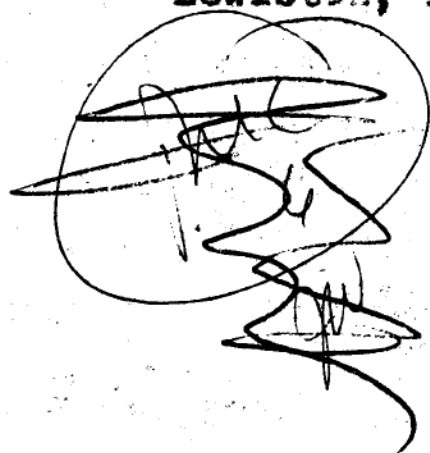
"Informant - J. T. Hull, Sheriff's Office (Morgan
County, Mo.) Versailles, Mo., 1967.

"Witness - Policeman named Sonny.

"Signed
/x/ Roy G. Kulp
Gen. Del.
Lewiston, Idaho 83501

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"J.T. Hull could have been involved in Stringbean -
Hee Haw (1974) - Re Nashville, Tenn. Police Dept."

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AT LEWISTON, IDAHO

UACB, contact ROY J. KULP, General Delivery, re
this letter.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) IMMEDIATE

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ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, ROOM 8988, JEN.

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL TO KANSAS CITY AUG. 21, 1978.

FOR INFO OF KANSAS CITY, ON AUG. 18, 1978, GENE BARKSDALE, SHERIFF, SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., ADVISED THAT ON NIGHT OF AUG. 17, 1978, HE RECEIVED TWO TELEPHONE CALLS FROM BURGESS AUDIE WILSON. WILSON, WHO WAS FORMERLY IN THE TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD UNIT AT MEMPHIS, TENN., WITH BARKSDALE, INFORMED THE SHERIFF HE KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IN 1968 AT MEMPHIS AND HIS DAUGHTER DROVE A WHITE MUSTANG FROM KANSAS CITY, MO., TO MEMPHIS THREE DAYS PRIOR TO KING'S DEATH. HE WANTED TO MEET BARKSDALE AT THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPORT, MISS., ON AUG. 18, 1978, AND SURRENDER. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR WILSON TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE AT THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPORT, WHERE HE WAS CONTACTED BY SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE JACKSON OFFICE; .

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WILSON WAS BORN AUG. 28, 1931, FULTON, MISS. HE RESIDED WITH HIS FAMILY AT GOLDEN, MISS., UNTIL 1936 WHEN THEY MOVED TO ELDRIDGE, ALA. HE RESIDED AT ELDRIDGE UNTIL MAY 2, 1947, WHEN HE ENTERED THE U. S. AIR FORCE. HE WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE AIR FORCE IN FEB., 1950. HE AND HIS WIFE BETTY LOU MOVED TO MEMPHIS IN 1950. HE LEFT MEMPHIS, YEAR NOT FURNISHED, AND MOVED TO GRANDVIEW, MO., WHERE HE BECAME A CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE IN THE AIR FORCE RESERVE AND OPERATED A JEWELRY STORE. HE STAYED IN THE AIR FORCE UNTIL 1970. HE OPERATED A JEWELRY STORE IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA FROM 1966 UNTIL 1970. WHEN INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS AUG. 19, 1978, WILSON FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

IN THE COURSE OF HIS JEWELRY STORE BUSINESS, HE MET A WHITE MALE ITALIAN IN LATE 1960'S WHO OPERATED A JEWELRY TRADE SHOP ON WALNUT STREET IN KANSAS CITY. THIS MALE LATER INTRODUCED HIM TO ANOTHER ITALIAN BY THE NAME OF MITCH (LNU) WHO WAS APPROXIMATELY 5'10" TALL, 190 LBS., BLACK WAVY HAIR,

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AND HAD SOME BUSINESS CONNECTION WITH A BONDING COMPANY. MITCH DELIVERED JEWELRY TO HIM FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING STONES REMOVED FROM THE FITTINGS. DUE TO THE VOLUME OF JEWELRY MITCH WAS BRINGING TO HIM, HE ASKED MITCH ABOUT IT AND MITCH TOLD HIM IT WAS STOLEN JEWELRY. MITCH INFORMED HIM THAT HE, WILSON, WAS AS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE HANDLING OF THE STOLEN JEWELRY AS HE, MITCH, WAS AND THIS RELATIONSHIP CONTINUED WITH MITCH UNTIL 1970. MITCH BROUGHT UP THE IDEA OF KILLING MARTIN LUTHER KING, INFORMING WILSON THERE WAS A \$50,000 CONTRACT FOR KING AND THAT HE COULD GET THE MONEY FOR WILSON IF HE KILLED KING. MITCH WAS WELL AWARE OF WILSON'S THOUGHTS REGARDING KING AND THE BLACK CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. APPROXIMATELY FIVE OR SIX MONTHS BEFORE KING'S DEATH, WILSON COMMENCED GATHERING INFO RE HIS MOVEMENTS UTILIZING A RED AND WHITE BONANZA AIRPLANE, REGISTRY NO. 34L, AND A CESSNA 310, TWIN ENGINE, BLUE AND WHITE AIRCRAFT.

MITCH FURNISHED WILSON A JAPANESE SNIPER RIFLE WHICH WILSON GAVE TO HIS OLDER SON, STEVEN WAYNE WILSON, IN 1975.

DURING THE TIME A GARBAGE STRIKE WAS IN PROGRESS IN MEMPHIS, TENN., MITCH CALLED WILSON AT HIS STORE IN GRANDVIEW, MO., AND INFORMED HIM KING WAS COMING TO MEMPHIS FOR A RALLY AND

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INSTRUCTED WILSON TO GO TO MEMPHIS WHERE HE WAS TO MEET TWO MEN AT THE WONDER BAR AT THE CORNER OF SUMMER AVENUE AND WHITE STATION ROAD. WILSON FLEW TO MEMPHIS IN THE BONANZA AIRCRAFT AND LANDED AT AN AIRPORT JUST NORTH OF RALEIGH, TENN. HIS DAUGHTER, DEBRA, PICKED HIM UP AT THE AIRPORT IN HER 1965 WHITE MUSTANG WHICH WILSON HAD PREVIOUSLY BOUGHT FOR HER AND WHICH WAS REGISTERED IN HIS NAME IN MO. DEBRA WILSON AND HER MOTHER, BETTY LOU, WERE AT THE RESIDENCE OF WILSON'S FATHER-IN-LAW, 3095 RUSKIN ROAD, MEMPHIS, DUE TO A HEART ATTACK SUFFERED BY WILSON'S FATHER-IN-LAW.

WILSON WENT TO THE WONDER BAR WHERE HE WAS APPROACHED BY TWO WHITE MEN, ONE HAVING AN ACCENT SIMILAR TO PUERTO RICAN. THE TWO MEN FURNISHED HIM WITH FBI CREDENTIAL WHICH HAD A BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO OF WILSON ON IT AND TOOK HIM TO WHERE KING WAS TO HOLD A RALLY. THEY TOLD HIM HE WAS TO BE IN THE CROWD AT THE RALLY AND A DECOY SHOT WAS TO BE FIRED AND THEN HE WAS TO SHOOT. THEY TOLD HIM KING HAD A HABIT OF RAISING HIS ARMS OVER HIS HEAD WHEN HE WAS MAKING A SPEECH AND THE SECOND TIME HE DID SO THE SHOTS WERE TO BE FIRED.

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ON THE DAY KING WAS KILLED, WILSON WAS IN THE CROWD STANDING NEAR A WOOD FENCE APPROXIMATELY SIXTY FEET FROM WHERE KING WAS STANDING. WHEN KING RAISED HIS ARMS THE SECOND TIME HE SHOT HIM.

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ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, ROOM 8988, JEH.

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL TO KANSAS CITY AUG. 21, 1978.

FOR INFO OF KANSAS CITY, ON AUG. 18, 1978, GENE BARKSDALE, SHERIFF, SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., ADVISED THAT ON NIGHT OF AUG. 17, 1978, HE RECEIVED TWO TELEPHONE CALLS FROM BURGESS AUDIE WILSON. WILSON, WHO WAS FORMERLY IN THE TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD UNIT AT MEMPHIS, TENN., WITH BARKSDALE, INFORMED THE SHERIFF HE KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IN 1968 AT MEMPHIS AND HIS DAUGHTER DROVE A WHITE MUSTANG FROM KANSAS CITY, MO., TO MEMPHIS THREE DAYS PRIOR TO KING'S DEATH. HE WANTED TO MEET BARKSDALE AT THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPORT, MISS., ON AUG. 18, 1978, AND SURRENDER. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR WILSON TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE AT THE HOLIDAY INN, GULFPORT, WHERE HE WAS CONTACTED BY SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE JACKSON OFFICE; .

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WILSON WAS BORN AUG. 28, 1931, FULTON, MISS. HE RESIDED WITH HIS FAMILY AT GOLDEN, MISS., UNTIL 1936 WHEN THEY MOVED TO ELDRIDGE, ALA. HE RESIDED AT ELDRIDGE UNTIL MAY 2, 1947, WHEN HE ENTERED THE U. S. AIR FORCE. HE WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE AIR FORCE IN FEB., 1950. HE AND HIS WIFE BETTY LOU MOVED TO MEMPHIS IN 1950. HE LEFT MEMPHIS, YEAR NOT FURNISHED, AND MOVED TO GRANDVIEW, MO., WHERE HE BECAME A CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE IN THE AIR FORCE RESERVE AND OPERATED A JEWELRY STORE. HE STAYED IN THE AIR FORCE UNTIL 1970. HE OPERATED A JEWELRY STORE IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA FROM 1966 UNTIL 1970. WHEN INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS AUG. 19, 1978, WILSON FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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IN THE COURSE OF HIS JEWELRY STORE BUSINESS, HE MET A WHITE MALE ITALIAN IN LATE 1960'S WHO OPERATED A JEWELRY TRADE SHOP ON WALNUT STREET IN KANSAS CITY. THIS MALE LATER INTRODUCED HIM TO ANOTHER ITALIAN BY THE NAME OF MITCH (LNU) WHO WAS APPROXIMATELY 5'10" TALL, 190 LBS., BLACK WAVY HAIR,

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AND HAD SOME BUSINESS CONNECTION WITH A BONDING COMPANY. MITCH DELIVERED JEWELRY TO HIM FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING STONES REMOVED FROM THE FITTINGS. DUE TO THE VOLUME OF JEWELRY MITCH WAS BRINGING TO HIM, HE ASKED MITCH ABOUT IT AND MITCH TOLD HIM IT WAS STOLEN JEWELRY. MITCH INFORMED HIM THAT HE, WILSON, WAS AS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE HANDLING OF THE STOLEN JEWELRY AS HE, MITCH, WAS AND THIS RELATIONSHIP CONTINUED WITH MITCH UNTIL 1972. MITCH BROUGHT UP THE IDEA OF KILLING MARTIN LUTHER KING, INFORMING WILSON THERE WAS A \$50,000 CONTRACT FOR KING AND THAT HE COULD GET THE MONEY FOR WILSON IF HE KILLED KING. MITCH WAS WELL AWARE OF WILSON'S THOUGHTS REGARDING KING AND THE BLACK CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. APPROXIMATELY FIVE OR SIX MONTHS BEFORE KING'S DEATH, WILSON COMMENCED GATHERING INFO RE HIS MOVEMENTS UTILIZING A RED AND WHITE BONANZA AIRPLANE, REGISTRY NO. 34L, AND A CESSNA 310, TWIN ENGINE, BLUE AND WHITE AIRCRAFT.

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WILSON WENT TO THE WONDER BAR WHERE HE WAS APPROACHED BY TWO WHITE MEN, ONE HAVING AN ACCENT SIMILAR TO PUERTO RICAN. THE TWO MEN FURNISHED HIM WITH FBI CREDENTIAL WHICH HAD A BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO OF WILSON ON IT AND TOOK HIM TO WHERE KING WAS TO HOLD A RALLY. THEY TOLD HIM HE WAS TO BE IN THE CROWD AT THE RALLY AND A DECOY SHOT WAS TO BE FIRED AND THEN HE WAS TO SHOOT. THEY TOLD HIM KING HAD A HABIT OF RAISING HIS ARMS OVER HIS HEAD WHEN HE WAS MAKING A SPEECH AND THE SECOND TIME HE DID SO THE SHOTS WERE TO BE FIRED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

DATE: 8/21/78

FROM : SC GUY E. JOHNSTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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FM JACKSON (62-544) (P)

TO DIRECTOR (44-33861) PRIORITY
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ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES UNIT

MURKIN; OO: MEMPHIS.

CARL D. FORTNA, ROUTE 6, BOX 387, OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, STATED THAT HE MET BILL WILSON IN BELTON, MISSOURI, IN 1966 OR 1967. FORTNA WAS IN THE AIR FORCE AT THIS TIME STATIONED AT RICHARDS-GEBAUER AIR FORCE BASE IN BELTON, MISSOURI. FORTNA STATED THAT WILSON AND WILSON'S WIFE OWNED A JEWELRY STORE IN BELTON, MISSOURI, AND THAT WILSON WAS A MEMBER OF THE 442ND AIR FORCE RESERVE UNIT STATIONED AT RICHARDS-GEBAUER AIR FORCE BASE. FORTNA STATED HE KNEW WILSON THROUGH THEIR ASSOCIATION IN THE VFW IN BELTON, MISSOURI. FORTNA STATED THAT HE, FORTNA, RETIRED FROM THE AIR FORCE IN 1969.

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AND DID NOT SEE WILSON AGAIN EXCEPT FOR ONE BRIEF MOMENT IN 1972 UNTIL APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AGO. WILSON CAME TO OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, FROM LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA, ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO AND LIVED IN THE TWIN PINES MOTEL ON HIGHWAY 90, OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI. ON JULY 23, 1978, WILSON MOVED INTO A HOUSE OWNED BY FORTNA LOCATED NEXT DOOR TO FORTNA'S PRESENT RESIDENCE.

AT APPROXIMATELY 4:15 PM ON AUGUST 18, 1978, WILSON ASKED FORTNA TO COME INTO WILSON'S HOUSE, THAT HE HAD SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO TELL HIM. WILSON TOLD FORTNA, "I KILLED THAT BLACK SON-OF-A-BITCH." FORTNA ASKED WILSON WHO HE WAS TALKING ABOUT, AND WILSON REPLIED MARTIN LUTHER KING. FORTNA STATED THAT HE TOLD WILSON HE DID NOT BELIEVE HIM, AND WILSON SAID, "I AM TELLING YOU THE TRUTH. I ACTUALLY KILLED HIM. I'VE BEEN LIVING WITH IT FOR TEN YEARS, AND I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE." WILSON TOLD FORTNA THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR WILSON'S FATHER'S DEATH. WILSON DID NOT ELABORATE FURTHER ON THIS. WILSON TOLD FORTNA THAT THIS KILLING WAS "ENGINEERED" BY LOU CRUZ (PHONETIC). FORTNA STATED THAT HE KNOWS LOU CRUZ AND THAT LOU CRUZ OWNED OR STILL OWNS LOU CRUZ JEWELRY, 1505 MAIN STREET, GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI. WILSON TOLD FORTNA THAT HE DROVE TO THE STATE LINE AIRPORT IN KANSAS CITY,

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MISSOURI, DRIVING A NEW FORD THUNDERBIRD. WILSON TOLD FORTNA THAT CRUZ ALSO OWNED AN IDENTICAL FORD THUNDERBIRD. WILSON LEFT HIS THUNDERBIRD AT THE AIRPORT AND FLEW TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. CRUZ CAME TO THE AIRPORT AND PICKED UP WILSON'S THUNDERBIRD AND TOOK IT FROM THE AIRPORT SO IT WOULD NOT BE NOTICED. WHEN WILSON ARRIVED IN MEMPHIS, HE BORROWED A WHITE FORD MUSTANG THAT HE HAD PURCHASED FOR HIS DAUGHTER, DEBORAH. DEBORAH HAD DRIVEN FROM KANSAS CITY TO MEMPHIS IN THE MUSTANG. WILSON TOLD FORTNA THAT HE WENT TO THE MOTEL WHERE MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS STAYING AND THAT HE USED A JAPANESE SNIPER RIFLE AND SHOT KING HOLDING THE RIFLE ON HIS HIP. HE STATED THAT THIS RIFLE IS NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF WILSON'S SON, STEVE. WILSON TOLD FORTNA THAT HE WAS DRIVING AWAY FROM THE SCENE IN THE MUSTANG, AND HE WAS STOPPED BY THE MEMPHIS POLICE, BUT HE TALKED HIMSELF OUT OF A TICKET, AND THE CAR WAS NOT SEARCHED. HE STATED THAT THE RIFLE WAS IN THE TRUNK OF THE CAR AT THIS TIME. WILSON TOLD FORTNA THAT HE THEN FLEW HIS AIRPLANE BACK TO KANSAS CITY, AND CRUZ PICKED HIM UP AT THE AIRPORT AND TOOK HIM HOME.

FORTNA STATED THAT WHEN WILSON TOLD HIM THE ABOVE INFORMATION, HE, FORTNA, BELIEVED THAT WILSON THOUGHT HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH AND THAT HE SWORE ON HIS MOTHER'S GRAVE IN FRONT OF A PRIEST THAT IT

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WAS THE TRUTH. FORTNA STATED THAT WILSON HAD NEVER MENTIONED THIS SUBJECT PRIOR TO THIS INSTANCE. FORTNA STATED THAT WILSON HAS BEEN DRINKING HEAVILY FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS AND HAS LIED TO HIM SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS. WILSON, ON OCCASION, WOULD TELL FORTNA THAT HE HAD BEEN MARRIED THREE OR FOUR TIMES SINCE DIVORCING HIS FIRST WIFE AND THEN COME BACK AT A LATER DATE AND SAY THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN MARRIED AFTER DIVORCING HIS FIRST WIFE.

FORTNA STATED THAT WILSON IS AN EXCELLENT PILOT, THAT HE, FORTNA, HAS FLOWN WITH WILSON THROUGH BAD WEATHER, AND WILSON HAD NO PROBLEMS FLYING THE AIRCRAFT.

BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., AKA BILL, WAS BORN [REDACTED] AT FULTON, MISSISSIPPI, 5 FEET 11 INCHES, 170 POUNDS, BROWN EYES, GRAY HAIR, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED] MILITARY SERVICE U. S. AIR FORCE 1947-1960.

KANSAS CITY AT GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI. WILL LOCATE LOU CRUZ (PHONETIC), 1505 MAIN STREET, RE KNOWLEDGE OF WILSON AND FACT HE "ENGINEERED" ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING.

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AND CHECK FLIGHT PLANS IF POSSIBLE AT STATE LINE AIRPORT IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF WILSON FLEW FROM THIS AIRPORT TO MEMPHIS,

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TENNESSEE, ON OR ABOUT APRIL 4, 1968.

FOR INFORMATION OF KANSAS CITY, IN A PRIOR INTERVIEW OF WILSON, HE STATED HE HAD A RED AND WHITE BONANZA AIRPLANE, REGISTER NUMBER 34L, AND A CESSNA 310 TWIN-ENGINE BLUE AND WHITE AIRCRAFT.
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FM ST. LOUIS (44-775) (RUC)

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) IMMEDIATE

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UNCLAS E F T O

ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, ROOM 8988, JEH BLDG.

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU, AUGUST 21, 1978.

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DESCRIPTION: DATE OF BIRTH AUGUST 28, 1931, FULTON, MISS.

HEIGHT: 5 FT. 11 IN., WEIGHT: 165 LBS., HAIR: BROWN, EYES: BROWN.

EDUCATION: FULTON HIGH SCHOOL, FULTON, MISS., 1942-46;

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, 1952; UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, 1959.

ADDRESSES: 1605 BOXWOOD ST., MEMPHIS, TENN. (1947-60); 4086
REENIG AVE., MEMPHIS, TENN. (1960-62); 2612 ELMORE PARK RD., MEMPHIS,
TENN. (1962-64); 3612 COVINGTON PIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN. (1964-66); 3173
COURT ST., BARTLETT, TENN. (APRIL, 1966); 13707 12TH ST., GRANDVIEW,
MO. (MAY, 1966 - MARCH, 1967).

EMPLOYMENTS: APRIL, 1960, TO SEPTEMBER, 1962, PRUDENTIAL
INSURANCE CO., MEMPHIS, TENN.; SEPTEMBER, 1962, TO DECEMBER, 1963,
SELF EMPLOYED (WILSON CLEANERS), RALEIGH, TENN.; JANUARY, 1964, TO
MAY, 1964, ROCKETDYNE, CONOGA PARK, CALIF.; JUNE, 1964, TO MAY, 1966,
WILBUR ADVERTISING ENTERPRISES, INC., BARTLETT, TENN.

RELATIVES: BETTY LOU HOOTEN WILSON, WIFE, BORN [REDACTED]
WALNUT LOG, TENN., MARRIED FEBRUARY 28, 1955, GRENADA, MISS. CHILDREN:
DEBORAH A. WILSON, BORN [REDACTED] STEPHEN W. WILSON, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MARK A. WILSON, BORN [REDACTED]

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MILITARY SERVICE: U.S. AIR FORCE, MAY, 1947, TO MARCH, 1948;
NOVEMBER, 1948, TO JUNE, 1950; FEBRUARY, 1951, TO NOVEMBER, 1954;
FEBRUARY, 1955, TO FEBRUARY, 1960, SERIAL NO. 14 225 795.

PASSPORT NO. V425185.

BLOOD GROUP: O POSITIVE.

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.: 422-34-1275.

REFERENCES: DR. IRA C. COLE, BROADMOOR BAPTIST CHURCH, RALEIGH,
TENN. (1966); WALTER K/ WADE, 4126 FORBES AVE., FT. WORTH, TEXAS
(1966); BEN J. MANGINA, 442 MILITARY AIRLIFT WING, RICHARDS-GERARD
AFB, MO. (1966).

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PERSONNEL RECORDS ON FILE AT NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL RECORDS (NPRC-C), ST. LOUIS, MO., DISCLOSED BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., SSAN [REDACTED] EMPLOYED AUGUST 3, 1966, BY DEPARTMENT OF AIR FORCE, 442ND MILITARY AIRLIFT WING, RICHARD S-GEBAUR AFB, MO., AS FLIGHT ENGINEER (WITH DUAL STATUS AS AIR RESERVE TECHNICIAN). RESIGNED MARCH 10, 1968, TO GO INTO BUSINESS FOR SELF. RECORDS FAILED TO SHOW WILSON EMPLOYED BY GOVERNMENT ON APRIL 4, 1968.

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FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONTAINED IN RECORDS:

NAME: BURGESS AUDIE WILSON, JR., AKA. BILL.

DESCRIPTION: DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] FULTON, MISS.

HEIGHT: 5 FT. 11 IN., WEIGHT: 165 LBS., HAIR: BROWN, EYES: BROWN.

EDUCATION: FULTON HIGH SCHOOL, FULTON, MISS., 1942-46;

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, 1952; UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, 1959.

ADDRESSES: 1605 BOXWOOD ST., MEMPHIS, TENN. (1947-60); 4986 REENIG AVE., MEMPHIS, TENN. (1960-62); 2612 ELMORE PARK RD., MEMPHIS, TENN. (1962-64); 3612 COVINGTON PIKE, MEMPHIS, TENN. (1964-66); 3173 COURT ST., BARTLETT, TENN. (APRIL, 1966); 13707 12TH ST., GRANDVIEW, MO. (MAY, 1966 - MARCH, 1967).

EMPLOYMENTS: APRIL, 1960, TO SEPTEMBER, 1962, PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE CO., MEMPHIS, TENN.; SEPTEMBER, 1962, TO DECEMBER, 1963, SELF EMPLOYED (WILSON CLEANERS), RALEIGH, TENN.; JANUARY, 1964, TO MAY, 1964, ROCKETDYNE, CONOGA PARK, CALIF.; JUNE, 1964, TO MAY, 1966, WILBUR ADVERTISING ENTERPRISES, INC., BARTLETT, TENN.

RELATIVES: BETTY LOU HOOTEN WILSON, WIFE, BORN [REDACTED] WALNUT LOG, TENN., MARRIED FEBRUARY 28, 1955, GRENADA, MISS. CHILDREN: DEBORAH A. WILSON, BORN [REDACTED] STEPHEN W. WILSON, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] MARK A. WILSON, BORN [REDACTED]

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MILITARY SERVICE: U.S. AIR FORCE, MAY, 1947, TO MARCH, 1948;
NOVEMBER, 1948, TO JUNE, 1950; FEBRUARY, 1951, TO NOVEMBER, 1954;
FEBRUARY, 1955, TO FEBRUARY, 1960, SERIAL NO. [REDACTED]

PASSPORT NO. [REDACTED]

BLOOD GROUP: O POSITIVE.

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