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TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS FOUR TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT AND NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES FOUR TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT WHICH CONTAINED RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS WITH RELATIVES OF CHARLES STEIN AND MARIA MARTIN.

RE MARIE LEE, SISTER OF CHARLES STEIN.

MARIE LEE, INTERVIEWED TODAY AND ADVISED CHARLES STEIN TRAVELED FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, DATES UNRECALLED. STEIN LIVED WITH HER AT ONE FOUR TWO NINE BURGUNDY FOR TWO DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS. STEIN'S ORIGINAL PLANS WERE TO SPEND ONE DAY AND ONE NIGHT IN NEW ORLEANS, BUT HIS PLANS WERE ALTERED AND HE SPENT TWO DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS. STEIN CAME TO NEW ORLEANS TO PICK UP RITA STEIN'S TWO CHILDREN.
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STEIN ADVISED LEE HE WAS DRIVEN TO NEW ORLEANS BY ERIC GALT. (RAY). STEIN ADVISED LEE HE DID NOT KNOW GALT AND HAD MET HIM TWO DAYS PREVIOUS TO TRIP. STEIN'S TRIP ARRANGED BY MARIA MARTIN WHO HEARD GALT STATE WAS COMING TO NEW ORLEANS AND MARTIN APPROACHED GALT TO ARRANGE RIDE FOR STEIN.

GALT STAYED AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL ON CHARTRES STREET IN NEW ORLEANS. WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS STEIN BECAME FEARFUL GALT MIGHT LEAVE HIM, SO HE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED GALT AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL AND ASKED HIM TO COME TO LEE'S HOUSE SO GALT WOULD KNOW WHERE TO PICK STEIN UP. LEE STATED GALT CAME TO HER HOME ON SECOND DAY OF STEIN'S VISIT AND WAS INTRODUCED TO HER AS ERIC. SHE STATED GALT WAS EXTREMELY QUIET AND DID NOT SAY MUCH. GALT DID NOT ACKNOWLEDGE STEIN'S INTRODUCTION OF LEE AND MERELY LEANED AGAINST PORCH POST. LEE ADVISED GALT WAS DRIVING WHITE MUSTANG, BUT SHE COULD NOT COMMENT ON LICENSE ON THIS CAR. LEE ADVISED SHE WAS IN GALT'S COMPANY APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES. LEE ADVISED STEIN COMMENTED HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND
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GALT, AS GALT PAID FOR EVERYTHING ON TRIP AND REFUSED TO ALLOW STEIN TO PAY FOR GAS OR FOOD.

LEE ADVISED ON THIRD DAY OF STEIN'S VISIT GALT PULLED UP TO HER RESIDENCE IN MUSTANG, BUT DID NOT LEAVE CAR, MERELY HONKED HORN AND STEIN LEFT HER RESIDENCE.

LEE DESCRIBED GALT AS WHITE MALE, THIRTY TO THIRTYTHREE, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD, LIGHT HAIR, LONG SKINNY NOSE. LEE ADVISED FRONT VIEW OF PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT TAKEN IN SIXTY THAT APPEARS ON IDENTIFICATION ORDERS AND WANTED FLYERS IS EXCELLENT LIKENESS AND PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN SIXTYEIGHT IN BARTENDERS SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES DOES NOT RESEMBLE GALT. LEE ADVISED SHE KNEW OF NO OTHER TRIP MADE TO NEW ORLEANS BY RAY EXCEPT THE ONE IN DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN.

RE INTERVIEW WITH HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, HIS SISTER, THERESA STONE AND DALE RODRIGUEZ, HIS WIFE, ALL RESIDING FOUR ZERO ONE NINE ROYAL STREET.

HERBERT RODRIGUEZ ADVISED RECALLS RECEIVING PHONE CALL SOMETIME IN THE EVEING WITHIN THE LAST TWO MONTHS FROM A MALE
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AND ALL HE COULD RECALL OF THE CONVERSATION WAS THE INDIVIDUAL ASKED RODRIGUEZ FOR HIS ADDRESS AND ADVISED HE WAS BRINGING A BOX. RODRIGUEZ STATED HE HAD JUST COME OFF A LONG ROAD TRIP PRIOR TO THE PHONE CALL AND WAS STILL "PUNCHY" FROM SAME. IT IS NOTED RODRIGUEZ IS AN EX-FIGHTER.(COULD NOT IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF RAY).

DALE RODRIGUEZ IN REINTERVIEW STATED BOTH SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAD GONE TO BED IN EITHER FEBRUARY OR MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, WHEN THEY RECEIVED KNOCK ON DOOR AND SHE ANSWERED THE DOOR, ACCEPTED A BOX, ASKED HOW MIMI WAS, STATES COULD NOT RECALL ANY CONVERSATION FROM THE MAN, DID NOT LET HIM IN HOUSE OR TURN ON LIGHTS. SHE RECALLED IT WAS WINDY AND RAINING THAT NIGHT. FURTHER, SHE BELIEVED INDIVIDUAL WITH BOX TO BE APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES AND COULD NOT IDENTIFY ANY PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY. BOX STAYED AT HOUSE FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS AND WAS PICKED UP BY MRS. LORRAINE CALLOWAY, MOTHER OF HERBERT RODRIGUEZ. HERBERT AND DALE RODRIGUEZ HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

THERESA STONE ADVISED SHE SAW STEIN ON WHAT SHE BELIEVED WAS DECEMBER EIGHTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN IN FRONT OF RESIDENCE OF HER
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COUSIN, MARIE LEE, WHO AT THAT TIME RESIDED IN FOURTEEN HUNDRED BLOCK OF BURGUNDY STREET. SHE STATED SHE HAD GONE THERE TO SEE CHARLIE STEIN. WHEN SHE WAS THERE STEIN RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL AND STEIN ASKED HER HOW BEST ROUTE FOR A PERSON TO GET TO THAT ADDRESS. SHE COULD NOT RECALL WHERE THE PERSON WAS COMING FROM. SHE STATED SHE RECALLED THIS DATE AS DECEMBER EIGHTEEN BECAUSE SHE WAS IN HURRY TO GO TO WORK AND IT WAS BETWEEN NINE AND TEN P.M. FURTHER, SHE DID NOT WORK ON SUNDAY OR TUESDAY NIGHTS. SHE ADVISED AS SHE WAS LEAVING SHE MET WHITE MALE ARRIVING AT HOUSE, INTRODUCED BY STEIN AND DOES NOT RECALL THE NAME AND WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL FROM PHOTOGRAPHS EXHIBITED TO HER OF RAY. FURTHER STATES SHE WAS IN A HURRY AND IT WAS DARK. SHE RECALLED MARIE LEE WAS PRESENT WHEN THIS INDIVIDUAL ARRIVED AND WHEN SHE, THERESA, LEFT. STONE HAD NO PERTINENT KNOWLEDGE OF TRIP OF RAY TO NEW ORLEANS MARCH SIXTYEIGHT.

RE MRS. LORRAINE CALLOWAY.

UPON REINTERVIEW, CALLOWAY NOW RECALLED SHE PICKED UP
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THERESA STONE'S DAUGHTER, DENISE, AFTER SCHOOL, BROUGHT HER TO STONE-RODRIGUEZ RESIDENCE AND AT THAT TIME PICKED UP THE BOX AND TOOK IT TO HER HOME. MRS. DALE RODRIGUEZ AGREES TO THE MANNER IN WHICH BOX WAS DELIVERED TO CALLOWAY HOUSE UPON RECALL.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE NIGHT INDIVIDUAL WHO DELIVERED BOX AT RODRIGUEZ RESIDENCE IN MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, A CHECK WITH THE U. S. WEATHER BUREAU DETERMINED THAT IT RAINED HEAVILY THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND EVENING OF MARCH TWENTYONE AND EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MARCH TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT, AND THAT THIS WAS ONLY RAINFALL OFFICIALLY RECORDED DURING THE PERIOD MARCH SEVENTEEN-TWENTYFOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

THOROUGH CANVASS OF MOTELS AND LODGING PLACES ALONG CHEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY CONTINUING.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

AND MEMPHIS (44-1987) /ENCODED/

LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

RECEIVED BY CODED TELETYPE

MURKIN.

RE CH CAGO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR APRIL TWENTY FIVE,
NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

RE - DR. THEODORE L. EVANS AND WIFE DOLORES, AKA
DODYE EVANS.

COMMANDER HAROLD MILES, SEVENTH DISTRICT, CHICAGO PD,
WHICH COVERS AREA WHERE YVONNE P. JACKSON RESIDES ADVISED
HE DOES NOT POSSESS ANY INFORMATION RELATIVE TO YVONNE
P. JACKSON AS THIS INDIVIDUAL IS UNKNOWN TO HIM.

COMMANDER MILES IS REGARDED AS A RELIABLE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE
SOURCE ^fACTIVITY IN HIS DISTRICT. NO FURTHER INQUIRY
BEING CONDUCTED.

MEMPHIS ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SECRETARY CLOYDA MANGRUM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 1:30 P.M., 4/26/68, Superintendent WOOD, Wilcox Post Office, Hollywood, telephonically advised that one of their carriers had observed Wanted Flier 442-A on GALT and feels that he has a patron on his route who fits the description of W. C. HERRON, one of the aliases.

Mr. HENRY DANDINI, the carrier, advised that a man who presently resides at 824½ North Hudson fits perfectly the description of GALT on the wanted flier. He said this man has been living for some time on routes covered by the Wilcox Post Office. At one time he was at 830½ North Hudson, then disappeared for some time; then he was at 825 North Sycamore, and then 824½ North Hudson. DANDINI said he had last seen him at the 824½ North Hudson address about three or four months ago, but that he is still there.

DANDINI had particularly noted that this man received many papers and magazines on the subject of guns, one of which was from the U. S. Rifle Association.

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Subject's name and aliases FIDO MURPHY			Address of subject 642-8551			Character of case MURKIN		
Complainant Det. STEWART			Complainant's address and telephone number LAPD Hollywood, DETs			Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 4-26-68 Time 4/08pm		
Subject's Description	Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace		
	Age	☐ Male ☐ Female	Weight	Eyes	Complexion			
	Scars, marks or other data							
	Facts of complaint							
C. stated the subject has information concerning GALT. The subject also knows STEIN who lives on 5666 Franklin. C. stated the subject is an informat for him and has furnished reliable information in the past. C. also stated the subject is a scout for the Chicago Bears, Football team. C. stated MURPHY would like to be contacted by Agents to furnish any information that could be of use to this office.								
Action Recommended 44-1574 Larry E. Mullins _____ (Agent) 44-1574-786 SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED APR 27 1968 FBI - LOS ANGELES <i>[Signature]</i>								

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At approximately 11:00 A.M., 4/26/68, BOB ESTERBROOK, Pacific Telephone Company, called to advise that he had learned that LOUIS LOMAX was supposedly en route to the airport to go South to trace RAY's trip from Los Angeles to New Orleans. He advised that LOMAX had asked a check on telephone tolls of

~~SAM J. RECILE
510 O'Keefe
821-1411~~

ASAC JOSEPH T. SYLVESTER, JR., New Orleans, advised that telephone number 821-1411 is listed to "Times Picayune States Item", and that the company at New Orleans would have problems and to advise Los Angeles that they did not desire to pull the newspaper tolls.

Mr. ESTERBROOK was contacted and advised of the subscriber, and he advised he would call J. SCHMIDT of the Telephone Company in New Orleans and withdraw his request. He was advised that we did not make any such request of him but were merely advising him of the problem encountered at New Orleans. He said he understood.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : JOHN P. ANDREWS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReMemo SA JAMES M. KELLOGG, 4/24/68 re a call from

CURTIS ADDINGTON on 4/24/68 observing a man about 1:00 am resembling wanted suspect who was driving a foreign car bearing Calif. license VDU 452.

Inquiry at DMV, Los Angeles discloses that above registration is listed to: DAVID CHARLES NELSON, 15414 S. Atlantic Blvd., Compton, Calif. covering a 1967 Fiat Sedan.

LA indices and Registrar of Voters records, LA reflect no info re DAVID CHARLES NELSON.

JOHN PERLINGER, Owner-Mgr., Rental Units, 15408-15414 S. Atlantic Blvd., Compton, Calif. advised on this date that DAVID CHARLES NELSON has been a tenant in Apt. 12 at that location for the past 3 years, and has been and is regularly employed as a Maitre de at WELCH's Restaurant, Atlantic Blvd., Long Beach. He is about 32-33, an English subject from Bristol, England; about 5'9", 180-85 lbs.. Brown full hair. In his judgment, he does not resemble wanted suspect, tho others may think otherwise.

DAVID CHARLES NELSON himself appeared on the scene at the close of the above interview, and was also interviewed by the writer. From personal observation, NELSON does in fact bear a slight resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY altho his face is somewhat fuller and his hair heavier and fuller than indicated on available latest photo.

NELSON observed that he had himself commented to others of his resemblance to wanted suspect especially when he wears his dark bow tie and suit which he does frequently.

NELSON stated that he is a native of England; has resided at current residence for about 3 years; is employed as Dining Room Manager of WELCH's Restaurant at 4401 Atlantic Blvd., Long Beach. He was born on [redacted] in England; 5'8 1/2" 184 lbs.; Brown full hair; blue eyes.

In view above, this matter is closed.

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Subject's name and aliases <i>MERKIN</i>			Address of subject			Character of case		
Complainant <i>Charles E. Franke</i>			Complainant's address and telephone number <i>4315 Santa Rosalia Dr. L.A. can be reached thru his sister's phone 296-6237</i>			Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date <i>4/26</i> Time <i>1:30 PM</i>		
Subject's Description	Race <i>W</i>	Sex ☒ Male ☐ Female	Height <i>5'11"-6'</i>	Hair <i>light brown</i>	Build	Birth date and Birthplace		
	Age <i>35</i>		Weight	Eyes <i>blue (light)</i>	Complexion <i>pale (clear skin no blemishes)</i>			
	Scars, marks or other data <i>small face long nose dress: neat dark slacks, white dress shirt, black sweater</i>							
	Facts of complaint <i>C. was walking back from the Atlas Grocery store on Santa Rosalia when he saw an individual who he felt resembled Ray standing at the bus stop at Santa Rosalia Drive and Hillcrest Dr., La.. He claims he got a good look at the unsub and felt he resembled Ray. This occurred this date at approx 1:00 PM.</i>							
Action Recommended <i>Louisa A. Wilton</i> (Agent)						44-1514-722 SEARCHED _____ INDEXED _____ SERIALIZED _____ FILED _____ APR 26 1968 FBI — LOS ANGELES		

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases			Address of subject			Character of case MURKIN			
Complainant JOE MCCARTHY, Assistant Manager, Huntington Hotel			Complainant's address and telephone number 752 S. Main Los Angeles MA 73186			Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 4-26-68 Time 12:51pm			
Subject's Description	Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace			
	Age	☐ Male ☐ Female	Weight	Eyes	Complexion				
	Scars, marks or other data								
	Facts of complaint								
C stated he kicked a man out of the above hotel this date for not paying his rent. The man was using the name of R. RAY GUTHRIE, and he was similar to the pictures he has seen of RAY. C stated GUTHRIE left a bag behind which contained various items including a picture of himself. C stated he has the bag and picture if this office would like to send someone out to look at it. 44-1574-790									
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IC RICHARD T. VOYLES (Agent)									

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA RICHARD B. SADLER III

SUBJECT: MURKIN

~~BARRY SILVERMAN~~, Assistant Manager, Small World Restaurant, 1625 North Cahuenga, Hollywood, California, advised that a patron of his restaurant felt that he had spotted an individual in the restaurant who looked like JAMES EARL RAY. He further advised that this individual was in the restaurant at the moment.

WILLIAM BAXTER, Detective, Los Angeles Police Department, Hollywood Division, was contacted and he stated he would have two of his detectives check the restaurant.

WILLIAM BAXTER recontacted the FBI and advised that the individual was no longer in the restaurant when his detectives arrived, but that they were able to ascertain he was blond headed with a very thin face and a receding hairline. He further advised that the individual had departed from the Small World Restaurant in a late model yellow Comero, California License Number VAE 962.

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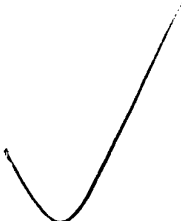
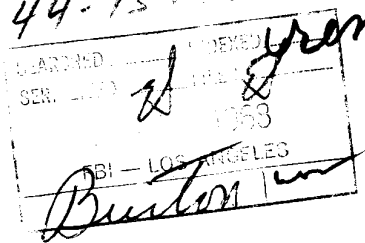
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Subject's name and aliases				Address of subject		Character of case MURKIN	
Complainant CATHELINE HUNT				Complainant's address and telephone number 2426½ West Blvd. Los Angeles 274-6703 (work)		Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 4-26-68 Time 11:03am	
Subject's Description	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace	
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion		
	Scars, marks or other data						
	Facts of complaint C stated she was was at the A-1 Car Rentals, 6671 Sunset, Hollywood, Calif., and spoke with a <u>CONNIE BRENNER</u> regarding a car. C stated this was between 6:30pm and and 7:00pm. C stated that BRENNER said she knew GALT and a friend of his named WILLIAM LNU. C said BRENNER didn't say anything else about it, but thought this office might like to speak with her. <i>42-D-4</i> 						
Action Recommended 44-1574 IC RICHARD T. VOYLES _____ (Agent)				<i>44-1574-792</i> 			

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MILWAUKEE, MEMPHIS 44-1987

LOS ANGELES 44-1574, AND BIRMINGHAM 44-1740
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

FOR INFOR MILWAUKEE, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX MUSTANG ABANDONED
BY RAY IN ATLANTA, APR. FIVE, LAST, HAS SEARS & ROEBUCK REPLACE-
MENT BATTERY. LOCATED ON TOP OF NEGATIVE POST IS NUMBER F FOUR
ONE B E EIGHT. THE INSCRIPTION "SQUARE" FOUR EIGHT IS ON TOP OF
A LEAD SHIELD WASHER AT THE NEGATIVE POST AND "C EIGHT" ON THE
BOTTOM OF SAME WASHER.

MILWAUKEE REQUESTED TO CONTACT LARRY AMATEIS, FIELD SER-
VICE MANAGER, GLOBE UNION, INC., AND FROM THE ABOVE INFO ASCER-
TAIN SPECIFIC GLOBE UNION PLANT WHICH MANUFACTURED THIS BATTERY
AND TO WHICH STATE, IF POSSIBLE, BATTERY WAS SHIPPED FOR SALE.
SET OUT LEADS IF APPROPRIATE AND ADVISE ATLANTA, MEMPHIS,
BIRMINGHAM AND LOS ANGELES OF RESULTS. P

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STATES-ITEM

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Editor:
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STARVO GALT, JAMES
EARL RAY
Character: RM

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Hollywood Blonde Located

By LOUIS LOMAX

BEVERLY HILLS

(NANA) — In a startling new development, the hunt for the person or persons responsible for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. now focuses on a mysterious Hollywood blonde and a New Orleans industrialist.

The FBI let it be known Monday that they were in search of the Hollywood blonde but could not locate her. The report was that she has "disappeared."

This reporter located the blonde in question late yesterday afternoon. She is in her mid twenties as reported and,

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(Louis Lomax is a regular reporter on Negro affairs for North American Newspaper Alliance. The news syndicate says he has established contact with the underworld and has been able to elicit facts in the King assassination case not known to others.)

as suspected, was a close confidante of James Earl Ray, then known as Eric Starvo Galt and the suspected killer of Dr. King.

INVESTIGATION by this reporter revealed that the young woman was a habitue of the Sultan Room and the Rabbit's Foot, bars along a sleazy section of Hollywood Blvd. She used several names but was known as "Jerri."

She spent several nights, perhaps weeks, with Ray (Galt) and on the day Ray left Los Angeles on the trip that led him to Memphis he purchased "Jerri" an airplane ticket to a Midwestern city where she is now visiting with her parents. There is some evidence that Ray arranged to visit with the girl and her parents in the Midwestern city "after I take care of some business in the South." This was the way Ray explained his mission to the girl in question. The FBI's search for the girl still continues and there is no indication that the agency is aware of the girl's whereabouts.

"JERRI" IS important to the investigation because of her close relationship to Ray while he was in Los Angeles.

Ray (Galt) kept this quiet and, on the whole, remained to himself. However, "Jerri" was in his apartment on several protracted occasions and the conviction is that she may well have information about the various contacts Ray was known to have made in the South, particularly in New Orleans.

As important as "Jerri" is to the stalled investigation, she is overshadowed by additional information uncovered by this reporter about Ray's New Orleans contacts. These are the facts that can now be published:

—On Dec. 16, 1967, Ray was in telephone contact with a major New Orleans industrialist, a man who is considered the economic and political "killer" of the community.

—On Dec. 17, 1967, Ray met in person with this New Orleans industrialist. On the day of the meeting, Ray was registered in a motel in New Orleans. The contact between Ray and the industrialist was made from this motel and the meeting with held in "downtown" New Orleans.

Investigators are attempting to zero in on the "industrialist" in the light of a disclosure from an inmate out of Missouri Prison, where Ray once served time and where Ray expressed interest in an offer of \$100,000 put up by "Southern businessmen" for anyone who would kill Dr. King. This reporter has also been able to establish a timetable for Ray that leads up to a few days to Dr. King's assassination:

—On Valentine's Day, Ray, who was then living in Room 408 of the St. Francis Hotel along Hollywood Blvd., visited another girl friend — not the blonde — and offered his console TV set for her portable. The girl accepted the swap. Ray loaded her portable

set in his car and told the girl he was ~~leaving~~ town.

Although they are tight-lipped about it, the FBI has found the portable TV set, probably in a Birmingham, Ala., roominghouse.

—Ray was seen on this same day in the parking lot of the Los Angeles Sears, Roebuck store on Pico Blvd.

—Three days later, Ray called upon a New Orleans family and delivered to them a package sent by their daughter in Los Angeles. The already published record shows that Ray then drove into Alabama, finally, into Memphis.

The FBI is having major difficulty tracing both the elusive blonde and the New Orleans industrialist because the trail leads through denizens of the underworld and semi-underworld who flatly refused to cooperate with law enforcement officials. The name of the New Orleans industrialist is not known.

However, this reporter is aware of how the telephone contact between the industrialist and Ray was established. A search is now on to locate records which will reveal both the industrialist's name and telephone number.

Other information developed by this reporter indicated that "Jerri" spoke with a foreign accent and is probably from ~~one~~ of the Scandinavian countries.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TELCALLS TO THE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES INSTANT DATE AND ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM "RED COMET" EDITION, INSTANT DATE UNDER BYLINE OF LOUIS LOMAX WITH DATE LINE BEVERLY HILLS (NANA).

THIS ARTICLE STATED THAT THE HUNT FOR THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING NOW FOCUSES ON A "MYSTERIOUS HOLLYWOOD BLONDE AND A NEW ORLEANS INDUSTRIALIST." THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE FBI LET IT BE KNOWN ON MONDAY "THAT THEY WERE IN SEARCH OF THE HOLLYWOOD BLONDE BUT COULD NOT LOCATE HER. THE REPORT WAS THAT SHE HAS DISAPPEARED."

THE ARTICLE STATES THAT LOMAX ~~ENCOUNTERED~~ THE BLONDE IN QUESTION LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND THAT SHE IS IN HER MID-TWENTIES AND AS SUSPECTED WAS A CLOSE CONFIDANT OF RAY.

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FURTHER THAT THE BLONDE WAS A HABITUE OF THE SULTAN ROOM IN THE RABBIT'S FOOT BARS ALONG A SLEAZY SECTION OF HOLLYWOOD BLVD. THIS BLONDE USES SEVERAL NAMES ACCORDING TO LOMAX, BUT WAS KNOWN AS "JERRI."

THE ARTICLE ALLEGES THAT JERRY SPENT SEVERAL NIGHTS, PERHAPS WEEKS, WITH RAY AND THAT ON THE DAY RAY LEFT LOS ANGELES ON THE TRIP THAT LED HIM TO MEMPHIS, HE PURCHASED JERRI AN AIRPLANE TICKET TO A MID-WESTERN CITY WHERE SHE IS NOW VISITING WITH HER PARENTS.

LOMAX FURTHER ALLEGES IN THE ARTICLE THAT ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, LAST, RAY WAS IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH A MAJOR NEW ORLEANS INDUSTRIALIST, A MAN WHO IS CONSIDERED THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL "KILLER" OF THE COMMUNITY. FURTHER, THAT ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, LAST, RAY MET IN PERSON WITH THIS INDUSTRIALIST AND ON THE DAY OF THIS MEETING RAY WAS REGISTERED IN A MOTEL IN NEW ORLEANS. THE MEETING IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN "DOWNTOWN" NEW ORLEANS.

LATER, THE ARTICLE ALLEGES THAT THE FBI IS HAVING

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MAJOR DIFFICULTY TRACING THE BLONDE AND THE INDUSTRIALIST BECAUSE THE TRAIL LEADS THROUGH DENIZENS OF THE UNDERWORLD AND SEMI-UNDERWORLD WHO REFUSED TO COOPERATE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS; THAT THE NAME OF THE NEW ORLEANS INDUSTRIALIST IS NOT KNOWN.

LOMAX CLAIMS THAT HE IS AWARE OF HOW THE TELEPHONE CONTACT BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIST AND RAY WAS ESTABLISHED AND THAT A SEARCH IS NOW ON TO LOCATE RECORDS WHICH WILL REVEAL BOTH THE INDUSTRIALIST'S NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER.

LOMAX DESCRIBED JERRI AS SPEAKING WITH A FOREIGN *Accent* ACCENT AND IS PROBABLY FROM ONE OF THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES.

IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION APPEARING IN THIS ARTICLE, PRIOR INVESTIGATION BY NEW ORLEANS AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, ESTABLISHED THAT JAMES EARL RAY REGISTERED AS ERIC S. GALT IN PROVINCIAL *Motel* ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN AND CHECKED OUT ON DECEMBER NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. INVESTIGATION FURTHER ESTABLISHED NO PERTINENT

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**LONG DISTANCE CALLS MADE FROM PAY TELEPHONE LOCATED NEAR
MOTEL SWIMMING POOL AND NO RECORDS OF ANY LONG DISTANCE CALLS
MADE BY GALT. RECORDS OF LOCAL CALLS WERE KEPT BY MOTEL,
BUT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED FOR DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN.**

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CONTACT WITH ~~ENGINEERING~~ AND CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS,
CHALMETTE, LA., AREA WERE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AS TO
KNOWLEDGE OF RAY, THEN KNOWN AS GALT, AS A RESULT OF RAY'S
MENTION TO CHARLES STEIN WHILE EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW
ORLEANS THAT HE WOULD ~~CONTACT~~ A COUPLE OF INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED
WITH ENGINEERING OR ~~CONSTRUCTION~~ *Contracting in Chalmette area*, WHILE VISITING NEW ORLEANS.

INTERVIEW WITH MRS. GIOVINA A. OLONZO, MOTHER OF RITA
STEIN, DETERMINED THAT ~~SHE~~ DID NOT SEE GALT WHILE HE WAS IN
NEW ORLEANS.

IDENTITY OF THE ALLEGED NEW ORLEANS INDUSTRIALIST REFERRED
TO IN RE NEWS ARTICLE NOT KNOWN TO NEW ORLEANS OFFICE.

THE "RED FLASH" EDITION OF THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM
INSTANT DATE CARRIES A REHASH OF REFERENCED ARTICLE AND, IN
ADDITION, INCLUDES STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
ATTORNEY, JIM GARRISON, WHICH IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:

"WE'RE VERY INTERESTED IN THE CASE."

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HOWEVER, THE DA SAID, "WE HAVE NO DATA AT PRESENT. THE FEDERAL PEOPLE HAVE NOT GIVEN US THE INFORMATION."

HE ADDED THAT FEDERAL AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT REFUSED THE INFORMATION - THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN ASKED FOR IT. "NOW THAT IT'S GETTING THIS SPECIFIC, WE'LL BE VERY MUCH INTERESTED."

GARRISON STRESSED THAT HE MEANS NO CRITICISM OF FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS IN THIS INSTANCE. "THEY HAVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS," HE SAID.

REFERENCED NEWS ARTICLE BEING FORWARDED BUREAU, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS AMSD INSTANT DATE.

FILES OF NEW ORLEANS DIVISION REVEAL THAT IN SUMMER OF SIXTYFIVE DURING RACIAL TURMOIL IN BOGALUSA, LA., AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS LOUIS LOMAX AND DESCRIBED AS A WRITER AND TELEVISION PERSONALITY FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIF., WAS PRESENT IN BOGALUSA ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. DURING THESE OCCASIONS LOMAX MADE SPEECHES AND PARTICIPATED IN MARCHES CONDUCTED BY THE BOGALUSA VOTERS LEAGUE (BVL), A LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION.

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ON ONE OCCASION LOMAX IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS CHAIRMAN OF A GROUP KNOWN AS "CONCERNED CALIFORNIANS FOR BOGALUSA COMMITTEE." FILES REVEAL THAT ALLEGEDLY LOMAX HAD RAISED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CALIFORNIA DURING SIXTYFIVE TO FURNISH TO THE BVL TO CONTINUE ITS OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE THAT OF THE ALLEGED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS RAISED BY LOMAX, ONLY APPROXIMATELY SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS HAD ACTUALLY BEEN FURNISHED BY LOMAX TO THE BVL.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS.

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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-
RE: MURKIN
CR

Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

- 1 - Each Continental Office
2 - Memphis

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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AT 44-2386

For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU DATED APRIL TWENTY THREE
LAST AND SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD, ILL., OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OF HARVEY
EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A,
FROM RECORDS OF MENARD PRISON AND FORWARD SAME TO ATLANTA,
TO BE DISPLAYED TO CURTIS AT DALTON, GA.

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS,
LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS AND SAN DIEGO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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END.

1 - Atlanta (AM)
1 - Birmingham (AM)
1 - Chicago (AM)
1 - Kansas City (AM)
1 - St. Louis (AM)
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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) ST. LOUIS
FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) (P)
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MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TELS APRIL TWENTYONE, TWENTYTWO AND
TWENTYFOUR, LAST, RE DAVID L. WILSON.

WILSON'S RELATIVES, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, ADVISED TODAY
CALLER ON TAPED ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL TO COCONINO COUNTY SO,
FLAGSTAFF, SOUNDS LIKE DAVID WILSON HIMSELF. WILSON'S WIFE
NOW STATES WHEN SHE FIRST HEARD TAPE SHE THOUGHT IT SOUNDED
LIKE HER HUSBAND BUT WAS AFRAID TO SAY SO. ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE
LAST, WILSON SENT WIFE TO PARENTS AT FLAGSTAFF AND TOOK OFF.
WILSON'S SISTER DOROTHY MEYER OR DOROTHY BURNHAM, EMPLOYED
NYCRR, SALINE, MICHIGAN, TELEPHONE FOUR TWO NINE NINE THREE
EIGHT ZERO, RESIDING IN TRAILER ON ANN ARBOR STREET, ADVISED
VIA LONG DISTANCE THAT DAVID WILSON IS KOREAN VETERAN

1 - Detroit(AM) (Enc 3)
1 - Dallas (AM)
1 - Jacksonville (AM)
1 - Phoenix
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1 - Kansas City (AM)
1 - Little Rock (AM)
① - Los Angeles (AM)

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WHO WAS WOUNDED IN KOREA BY GRENADE AND SHELLSHOCKED AND SPENT TIME IN VA HOSPITALS IN PENNSYLVANIA AND KENTUCKY, CITIES UNKNOWN. SHE STATED DAVID IS PSYCHOTIC AND GIVEN TO TELLING TALL TALES. THIS CONDITION LED TO DAVID'S DIVORCE FROM FIRST WIFE MARY HAMMONDS, CLINTON, TENN., DAUGHTER OF DEPUTY SHERIFF BILL HAMMONDS, AND MARY CAN FURNISH DETAILS AND IDENTITY OF HOSPITALS. MEYERS STATES DAVID ENLISTED FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, AND DISCHARGED SEVERAL MONTHS LATER AT FT. CAMPBELL OR FT. KNOX.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION CHECK FOR MILITARY FINGERPRINTS OF WILSON, NOTING SAME NOT ON HIS RECORD UNDER FBI SEVEN NINE TWO TWO FOUR TWO C.

ST. LOUIS CHECK FOR RECORD OF ARMY SERVICE FOR DAVID LINDSEY WILSON, DOB NOVEMBER TWENTYEIGHT, THIRTYONE, AT WESTBURN, TENNESSEE.

DETROIT INTERVIEW MEYER AT SALINE, MICHIGAN, AND ARRANGE TO GET ANY INFO SHE RECEIVES AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF WILSON. ENCLOSED FOR DETROIT IS XEROX COPY EACH OF RETELS.

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MEMPHIS AT CLINTON INTERVIEW MARY HAMMONDS FOR INFO
✓
VERIFYING WILSON'S MILITARY SERVICE AND MENTAL CONDITION, AND
POSSIBLE CONTACT HE MIGHT MAKE WITH HER.

DETROIT, DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE, KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK
AND LOS ANGELES ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : JOHN P. ANDREWS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

ReMemo SA LOWELL S. LAWRENCE, 4/20/68 re an anonymous call made to this office about 3:05 am on 4/20 to the effect a man resembling suspect's photo was observed about 2 am entering an apartment house at corner of Sunset and Echo Park Blvd., LA, said building having a liquor store, a cleaning establishment, and Henry's Clothing store included.

Above building has been identified as a commercial, 3-story building at the corner of Sunset Blvd. and Echo Park Blvd. The Echo Park side of this building has a stairway leading upstairs to a 3rd-rate flophouse, the WHITESTONE HOTEL.

Mr. EKDA, Manager, WHITESTONE Hotel, advised on 4/25/68, after viewing suspect RAY's photo, that he has no tenant now or in the recent past resembling RAY's photo, and has had no one checking out who resembled him in any way. Neither does he recall any inquiries by anyone resembling same.

It is observed above call was made about 3:00 am by a caller who refused to identify himself. The area concerned is a commercial, transient area with numerous bars nearby. Under these circumstances, it does not appear that further investigation is warranted in this matter at this time.

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Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases				Address of subject		Character of case MURKIN	
Complainant SGT. DANNY GALINDO, LAPD HOMICIDE				Complainant's address and telephone number MA 45211		Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 4-26-68 Time 12:25pm	
Subject's Description	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace	
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion		
	Scars, marks or other data						
Facts of complaint							
C stated he just received a telephone call from a <u>CARMEN RUBIO</u>, New Orleans, La., telephone number 522-1212. She told him that she was the grandmother of the four children that RITA ROSA had with her, and that she was awarded custody of them, and is trying to get them back. C stated he thought this office might be interested in interviewing her regarding the KING case, and that she may be able to furnish background information. C got KNOW no further information. FROM Rubio. <i>tel sent New Orleans Rubio summary tel ltr done</i>							
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Action Recommended 44-1574 IC RICHARD T. VOYLES _____ (Agent)							

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SUPERVISOR JOHN S. TEMPLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

RE: JOHN W. WILLARD, JR.

On 4/24/68, Mrs. CROSS, Bookkeeper, Goodyear Service Store, 14020 South Pioneer Boulevard, Norwalk, telephonically advised JOHN W. WILLARD, HR., 1874 Chateau, Anaheim, charged a brake job on 10/12/67. All of the bill was paid with the exception of \$3.25 which he still owes. WILLARD drove a 1964 Ford, California plates PBR 993. His phone number was given as 714-376-1654.

It should be noted that this JOHN W. WILLARD appears to be identical with the WILLARD interviewed by SA LEON J. MEYER. He has been eliminated as a suspect in this case.

Foregoing for information. No further action deemed necessary.

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750PM URGENT 4/26/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS. THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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921 PM URGENT 4/26/68 DLN
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES (44-1574),
AND NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM PHOENIX (44-371)

MURKIN.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST, AT THREE SEVEN-
TEEN PM, AND PX TEL TO NEW ORLEANS INSTANT DATE.

INSTANT DATE, MR. JACK GRAHM, SECURITY, MOUNTAIN STATES
TELEPHONE, ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF ALL PAY PHONE CALLS FROM
YUMA, ARIZONA ON DECEMBER FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN, NINE-
TEEN SIXTYSEVEN, INDICATES ONLY ONE PAID CALL FROM UNIDENTIFIED
CALLER TO SHREVEPORT NUMBER THREE ONE EIGHT, SEVEN FOUR SIX,
FOUR TWO ZERO ZERO MADE AT TEN PM, DECEMBER FIFTEEN.

GRAHM FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE IS CHECKING THE COLLECT CALLS
MADE TO LOUISIANA ON DATES ABOVE BUT THAT SUCH CHECK WILL TAKE TIME
BECAUSE OF THE NATION WIDE TELEPHONE STRIKE WHICH REQUIRED TEL-
EPHONE SUPERVISORY TO COMPUTERIZE SUCH CHECK.

PX DIVISION WILL REPORT RESULTS OF SUCH COLLECT CALL CHECK
AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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on trip 12/67*

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FBI LOUISVLE

1140 PM URGENT 4-26-68 JBR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987),
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), AND LOS ANGELES (44- 1574)
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO DIRECTOR, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM,
AND ATLANTA FOUR TWENTYSIX INSTANT.

RE SEARS ROEBUCK BATTERY FOR NINETEEN SIXTYSIX MUSTANG.

JOHN GAYHART, GLOBE UNION INC., LOUISVILLE, KY., ADVISES
CODING INFORMATION CONTAINED ON INSTANT BATTERY INDICATES THIS
BATTERY SHIPPED FROM LOUISVILLE PLANT TO SEARS ROEBUCK RETAIL
OUTLETS IN SOUTHERN ILL., MOST OF INDIANA, SOUTHERN MICHIGAN, ALL
OF OHIO, ALL OF WEST VA., AND ALL OF KY. HE ESTIMATES APPROXIMATELY
TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED SUCH BATTERIES USED IN FIVE DIFFERENT TYPE
AUTOMOBILES SHIPPED TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SEARS RETAIL STORES.
GAYHART ADVISES NO SERIAL NUMBER OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING
NUMBER CONTAINED ON EACH BATTERY MANUFACTURED AND DISTRIBUTED AND
VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE THE BATTERY AS AN INDIVIDUAL UNIT.
HE STATES CAN SUPPLY INFORMATION FROM SUMMARY SALES SHEETS AS TO
NUMBER OF SUCH BATTERIES SHIPPED DURING MARCH AND IDENTITY OF SEARS
RETAIL STORES RECEIVING SAME.

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GARRY KIETLEY, ASSISTANT MANAGER LOCAL SEARS AUTO DEPT., STATES ALL SUCH BATTERIES CONTAIN IN ADDITION TO CODE INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED, ALSO STOCK NUMBER IMPRINTED IN PLASTIC ON RIGHT HAND CORNER OF BOTH ENDS OF BATTERY CONSISTING USUALLY OF TWO DIGITS. BATTERY ALSO CONTAINED WHITE ROUND STICKER, ABOUT SIZE OF A NICKLE. STICKER IS PLACED ON SIDE OF BATTERY CONTAINING A SMALL NUMBER, IN THIS INSTANCE, BETWEEN THE "C" AND FIGURE EIGHT AT THE BOTTOM A NUMBER INDICATING THE WEEK DURING MARCH IN WHICH THE BATTERY WAS MANUFACTURED. THIS WOULD PIN POINT EXACT WEEK IN MARCH AND NARROW PERIOD BETWEEN DATE OF MANUFACTURE AND APRIL FOUR. KIETLEY ALSO STATES THAT GENERALLY WHEN A BATTERY IS PURCHASED, DATE OF SALE, NAME AND ADDRESS OF PURCHASER IS OBTAINED ON SALES TICKET AS WELL AS MAKE OF CAR.

ATLANTA REQUESTED FURTHER EXAMINE INSTANT BATTERY DETERMINING IF WHITE STICKER IS PRESENT ON SAME INDICATING NUMBER
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RUCH AS TWO THREE FOUR ETC., REFLECTING WEEK IN MARCH BATTERY
MANUFACTURED.

MEMPHIS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF INFORMATION AS TO NUMBER OF
BATTERIES SUPPLIED DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND IDENTITY OF SEARS
RETAIL OUTLETS OBTAINING SAME IS DESIRED FOR CONTACT ON
INDIVIDUAL BASIS DISPLAYING PHOTO OF RAY AS POSSIBLE PURCHASER.

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Birmingham airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/18/68 and enclosed letter signed by WILLIAM JAY MILLER and indicating that MARVIN GRAY, 3321 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, could furnish information concerning the assassination of KING.

Los Angeles Indices negative for WILLIAM JAY MILLER. On 4/23/68 physical observation revealed that 3321 South La Cienega Boulevard is the address of KABC Radio Studios, Los Angeles. A receptionist at KABC Studios advised that MARVIN GRAY is a radio announcer for KABC.

Because of GRAY's position as a radio announcer, he will not be interviewed.

- 2 - Birmingham (AIR MAIL-REGISTERED)
2 - Memphis (AIR MAIL-REGISTERED)
① - Los Angeles

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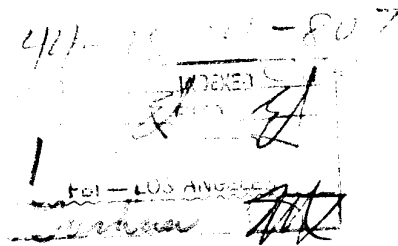
1025 PM URGENT 4-26-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, SPRINGFIELD
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 3P

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT:

ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST, U. S. POSTAL INSPECTOR,
ATLANTA, ADVISED AN ENVELOPE TYPE PACKAGE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT
POST OFFICE GENERAL DELIVERY SECTION ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT,
FIVE FIVE THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.
PACKAGE SENT FROM INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT COMPANY, EIGHT
ZERO SIX SOUTH ROBERTSON BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, AND CONTAINED
ONE PAIR OF JAPANESE CHROME HANDCUFFS WITH TWO KEYS. ALSO
ENCLOSED A "CONFIDENTIAL CATALOG", "POLICE AND INVESTIGATION
EQUIPMENT." STAMPED ON FRONT OF THE PACKAGE IS MARKED THAT
FOLLOWING ITEMS WHICH WERE LISTED BY CATALOG NUMBER WERE
PROHIBITED FOR SALE EXCEPT TO ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT
AGENCIES BY OFFICIAL PURCHASE ORDERS. LOS ANGELES TELEPHONI-
CALLY ADVISED OF ABOVE, APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST. LOS ANGELES
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AT 44-2386

ADVISED THAT OWNER OF INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT COMPANY, ONE ZERO ZERO FOUR ALFRED, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED BASED ON INFORMATION THEN AVAILABLE, HAS ONLY STOCKED JAPANESE HANDCUFFS NINETY OR ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS. DOES NOT ADVERTISE HANDCUFFS IN REGULAR MAGAZINE ADS WHICH APPEAR IN "TRASH" TYPE DETECTIVE MAGAZINES. THEREFORE BELIEVES INSTANT ORDER MUST HAVE BEEN "REORDERED." OWNER WILL BE ABLE TO FURNISH ORIGINAL ORDER FOR HANDCUFFS SHIPPED TO GALT THIS DATE.]

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER REINTERVIEWED WITH NO POSITIVE RESULTS.

CONCERNING BILLY JOE FAULKNER, INVESTIGATION ELIMINATES HIS BEING IN ATLANTA DURING THE PERIOD RAY RESIDED ON FOURTEENTH STREET; HOWEVER, A BILLY FAULKNER WAS REGISTERED AS BEING AT ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH STREET, APRIL TWO THROUGH NINE LAST. ALSO, A WILLIAM EARNEST HARPER RESIDED THERE AT THE SAME TIME AND IN THE SAME ROOM. HARPER DESCRIBED AS ABOUT FIFTY YEARS OF AGE AND BILLY FAULKNER AS ABOUT TWENTY YEARS OLD. IDENTITY OF BILLY FAULKNER WHO ROOMED THERE APRIL TWO THROUGH NINE LAST NOT KNOWN
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AND EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE HARPER WHO RESIDES COLUMBUS, GEORGIA. FAULKNER IS ON CAMPING TRIP AND WILL RETURN COLUMBUS APRIL TWENTYEIGHT OR TWENTYNINE NEXT.

SEVERAL TELEPHONE LOOK-ALIKE COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN ATLANTA AND HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED.

CONTACT OF INDIVIDUALS ADVERTISING AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE THROUGH NEWSPAPERS CONTINUING AND NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CONTACTS WITH PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS ON FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA, APRIL FIVE LAST CONTINUING AND NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY THAT RAY MAY HAVE OBTAINED NARCOTICS IN THE ATLANTA AREA WITH NO POSITIVE RESULTS SO FAR.

RACIAL INFORMANTS CONTINUE TO BE RECONTACTED CONCERNING RAY AND ANY INFORMATION THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A BOUNTY PLACED ON THE LIFE OF KING.

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THE FOLLOWING THREATS WERE NOTED IN THE KING FILE:

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FIVE SEVEN TWO TWO NINE AND ARTICLE DATED TWO TWENTYSIX
SIXTYFIVE FROM THE "HERALD EXAMINER" WHICH REFERS TO HEAVY
SECURITY PRECAUTIONS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AS SA RESULT OF
ALLEGED THREATS ON KING'S LIFE. THE ARTICLE REFERS TO
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137-
4491
62-
5940
KEITH D. GILBERT, TWENTYSEVEN, FOUR ONE NINE WESTERN AVENUE,
GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA, AND STATES GILBERT IS KNOWN AS A RACIST
AND INVOLVED IN THEFT OF DYNAMITE WHICH WAS FOUND IN HIS
APARTMENT ALONG WITH MINUTEMAN LITERATURE. AN LHM DATED
3 2 65
THREE TWO SIXTYFIVE, AT LOS ANGELES, REFERS TO ONE KEITH
DWAYNE GILBERT, RELATING TO INCIDENT WHERE GILBERT SHOT AT
NEGROES IN A CAR AND WAS ARRESTED BY LOS ANGELES POLICE
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DEPARTMENT NINE EIGHTEEN SIXTYFOUR. THE LHM ALSO REFERS TO ONE GEORGE WILLARD REPORTEDLY UNDER PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

BY AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR THREE FIVE SIXTYFIVE ENTITLED "RICHARD COTTON, RM, MINUTEMEN, INFORMATION CONCERNING - IS" (MM ONE FIVE SEVEN - ONE TWO SIX EIGHT) REFERS TO ONE GILBERT, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, WHO REPORTEDLY HAD DYNAMITE TO BE USED ON KING. ONE EARL LINDER, TWO FIVE TWO ONE NORTHWEST TWENTYTHIRD STREET, MIAMI, ON THREE FIVE SIXTYFIVE, REPORTEDLY TOLD MIAMI SIX ZERO SEVEN-R THAT "THEY" WOULD NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AGAIN AND NEXT TIME SUGGEST USE OF A HIGH-POWERED RIFLE ON KING.

ON THREE TWENTYSIX SIXTYFIVE, LOS ANGELES OFFICE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT ONE WILLIAM HOWARD JAMISON, ONE ZERO ONE THREE THREE SAN ANTONIO STREET, SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA, A FORMER JOHN BIRCHER, ALLEGEDLY SAID "I AM GOING TO GET MARTIN LUTHER KING, HE IS MINE." JAMISON REPORTEDLY HAD ADMITTED BOMBING THE PROGRESSIVE BOOKSHOP IN LOS ANGELES.

ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THE ABOVE MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

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THOMAS CURRY, COMPLAINANT, ADVISED HE OBSERVED LOOK-
ALIKE OF JAMES EARL RAY IN LOS ANGELES DRIVING SIXTY SEVEN
MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE BEARING ARIZONA LICENSE NAA THREE ZERO
FIVE. PHOENIX REQUESTED TO DETERMINE REGISTRATION AND
IDENTITY ALSO LOCATION OF INDIVIDUAL DRIVING VEHICLE IN
LOS ANGELES.

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A REVIEW OF THE MAIN FILE ON KING NOTED THE FOLLOWING
THREAT:

BY AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ATLANTA OFFICE ADVISED ON
NOVEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTYSEVEN THAT HAROLD J. THOME, POSSIBLY
MENTAL, HAD BEEN ATTEMPTING TO HAVE AN AUDIENCE WITH KING
IN ATLANTA. HE HAD REPORTEDLY THREATENED NEIGHBORS IN THE
PAST WITH A SHOTGUN. YOU ADVISED BY AIRTEL NOVEMBER TWENTY,
SIXTYSEVEN THAT THOME RESIDES ON ZERO FIVE TWO ZERO HILL
HAVEN STREET, TUNJUNGA, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS A MACHINIST AT
PHOTOSONICS COMPANY, EIGHT TWO ZERO MARIPOSA, BURBANK,
CALIFORNIA.

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YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF THOME MIGHT
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BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), ATLANTA (44-2386), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388) 2P

RE JAMES EARL RAY

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MILWAUKEE, MEMPHIS,
LOS ANGELES, AND BIRMINGHAM INSTANT DATE.

FOR INFO LOUISVILLE, RE TELETYPE ADVISED NINETEEN SIXTY SIX
MUSTANG ABANDONED BY RAY IN ATLANTA, APRIL FIVE, LAST, HAS SEARS
AND ROEBUCK REPLACEMENT BATTERY. LOCATED ON TOP OF NEGATIVE POST
IS NUMBER F FOUR ONE B E EIGHT. THE INSCRIPTION "SQUARE" FOUR
EIGHT IS ON TOP OF A LEAD SHIELD WASHER AT THE NEGATIVE POST
AND "C EIGHT" ON THE BOTTOM OF SAME WASHER.

MILWAUKEE REQUESTED TO CONTACT LARRY AMATEIS, FIELD SERVICE
MANAGER, GLOBE UNION, INC., AND FROM THE ABOVE INFO ASCERTAIN
SPECIFIC GLOBE UNION PLANT WHICH MANUFACTURED THIS BATTERY AND
TOWHICH STATE, IF POSSIBLE, BATTERY WAS SHIPPED FOR SALE. SET
OUT LEADS IF APPROPRIATE AND ADVISE ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM
AND LOS ANGELES OF RESULTS.

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LARRY AMATEIS, FIELD SERVICE MANAGER, GLOBE UNION, INC., MILWAUKEE, ADVISED F-FOUR ONE INDICATES BATTERY MANUFACTURED AT LOUISVILLE PLANT, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY AND THE "C EIGHT" INDICATES THAT THIS BATTERY WAS SHIPPED FROM THE LOUISVILLE PLANT TO A SEARS STORE IN MARCH OF SIXTY EIGHT.

HE ADVISED THAT LOUISVILLE SHIPS BATTERIES TO ALL OF KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN, OHIO, MISSOURI, N.E. PORTION OF INDIANA, SOUTHERN HALF OF W. VIRGINIA, NORTHERN PORTION OF TENNESSEE AND SOUTHERN HALF OF ILLINOIS.

HE ADVISED THE PERSONS TO CONTACT AT THE LOUISVILLE PLANT ARE MR. JOHN GAYHART OR MR. DARNELL, PHONE NO. FIVE ZERO TWO - NINE SIX FOUR - SIX FOUR THREE ONE.

HE STATED IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT SEARS STORE THIS BATTERY WAS SHIPPED TO. HE DOUBTS IF THE LOUISVILLE PLANT WOULD BE ABLE TO FURNISH THIS INFO UNLESS THERE WAS A WARRANTY CARD ISSUED WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE BATTERY.

LOUISVILLE AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, CONTACT MR. JOHN GAYHART FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFO RE INSTANT BATTERY.

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