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ROSE WILLIAMS ADVISES SHE IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF MARIE LEE.

WILLIAMS STATES SHE SAW GALT ON TWO OCCASIONS WHILE GALT WAS IN NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. THE FIRST TIME SHE SAW GALT WAS AT MARIE LEE'S

APARTMENT ON BURGUNDY STREET. SHE WAS INTRODUCED TO GALT BY CHARLES STEIN. GALT DID ACKNOWLEDGE THE INTRODUCTION. SHE WAS IN GALT'S COMPANY ABOUT FIVE MINUTES . THE SECOND TIME SHE SAW GALT WAS THE DAY GALT AND STEIN DEPARTED NEW ORLEANS. SHE OBSERVED GALT, CHARLES STEIN, RITA STEIN'S TWO CHILDREN AND CHARLES DECARVELHO PACKING GALT'S WHITE MUSTANG. SHE DID NOT TALK WITH GALT ON THIS OCCASION. SHE ADVISED THAT STEIN ASKED HER TO DATE GALT , BUT SHE DECLINE. SHE STATED SHE WAS ADVISED BY CHARLES STEIN THAT GALT WAS COMING TO NEW ORLEANS ON BUSINESS AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BY MARIE MARTIN TO HAVE CHARLES STEIN ACCOMPANY HIM ON TRIP.

SHE ADVISED SHE FEELS CERTAIN THAT CHARLES STEIN DID NOT KNOW GALT PREVIOUS TO THE TRIP AS STEIN INFORMED MARIE LEE OF THIS FACT AND STEIN WOULD NOT LIE TO HIS SISTER. SHE STATED BECAUSE OF THE SHORT PERIOD OF TIME THAT CHARLES STEIN KNEW GALT SHE DID NOT FEEL THAT GALT AND STEIN WERE INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS SALES IN LOS ANGELES. SHE ADVISED THAT STEIN WAS TO STAY IN NEW

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ORLEANS ONLY ONE DAY BUT REMAINED SEVERAL DAYS. SHE RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM MARIE LEE AND WAS ADVISED BY LEE THAT STEIN REMAINED IN NEW ORLEANS AS GALT HAD SOME BUSINESS TO CONDUCT. MAIN PURPOSE OF STEIN'S TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS TO RETURN ITA STEIN'S TWO DAUGHTERS TO CALIFORNIA.

CHARLES STEIN INFORMED HER THAT HE IS A FIRM BELIEVER IN COSMIC PHILOSOPHY AND ALSO INFORMED HER THAT GALT PAID FOR ALL FOOD, GAS AND MOTEL BILLS ON THE TRIP. WILLIAMS DID NOT KNOW WHERE GALT AND STEIN STOPPED ON TRIP. W SHE DID NOT KNOW IF STEIN FIXED GALT UP WITH ANY WOMEN WHILE THEY WERE IN NEW ORLEANS, BUT DOUBTED THIS AS STEIN WAS OUT OF TOUCH IN NEW ORLEANS DUE TO HIS AB SSENCE.

WILLIAMS ADVISED DID NOT COME FORWARD SOONER PER REQUEST OF MARIE LEE AS LEE INFORMED HER SHE DID NOT FEEL SHE WILLIAMS COULD FURNISH FBI ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

LOUIS TRENT, ATTORNEY FOR ROSE WILLIAMS SUBSEQUENTLY, ADVISED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT ROSE WILLIAMS ADMITTED TO HIM THAT MRS. CLOVINA OLONZO WAS PRESENT WHEN GALT AND CHARLES STEIN DEPARTED  
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NEW ORLEANS AND SHE DID NOT ADVISE FBI OF THIS FACT BECAUSE OF  
REQUEST FROM MARIE LEE NOT TO INVOLVE HER MOTHER, MRS.  
CLOVINA OLONZO.

AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA, AND JACKSON.  
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5/3/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)  
RE: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau, San Antonio, Memphis, and Birmingham dated 5/1/68.

Mrs. SAM INGRAM, 121 Omaha (rear), San Antonio, Texas, interviewed by SA THOMAS W. CRAWFORD 5/2/68, and advised that to her knowledge ROBERT P. ANDERSON is not acquainted with RAY in this case.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: SAC, SACRAMENTO  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

About 11:00 a.m., on 5/3/68, DAN CASEY, 115 East 98th Street, Inglewood, California, contacted the Los Angeles Office and provided the following information:

He stated he had just come from Big Joe Joe's Bar at Century Boulevard and Sepulveda in West Los Angeles and while there had had a "couple of beers." He stated while in the bar, he noticed an individual who looked like ERIC STARVO GALT, who was also a patron of the bar and had been there since about 9:30 a.m. This individual was dressed in a blue and white checkered sports shirt and unknown colored slacks. He was drinking "vodka and something." He described this individual as being about 5'9", tall and having a very noticeably protruding left ear. When this individual left the bar, CASEY followed him out and wrote down the license number of the vehicle in which this individual left the area. The license number is MNX 341 which was a late model Chevrolet, white in color.

Department of Motor Vehicles, Los Angeles, advised above licensed vehicle registered to LOUIS PAUL SERPAS, Box 434, Suisun City, California. The vehicle is described as a 1964 Chevrolet Coupe.

Sacramento conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether above individual identical with subject.

- 2 - Sacramento
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA EUGENE I. TUGGEY, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of SA STEVEN E. DUCKER, 4/29/68.

On 5/1/68 1959 Ford, Calif. license ~~PEV 221~~ was observed parked in front of 19642 Kittridge St., Reseda, Calif.

Mr. EDWARD F. ~~NORMAND~~ 19648 Kittridge St was contacted and shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. he advised that his neighbor, RAY SMITH is not identical with the photograph although there is some similarity.

RAY SMITH and his wife ~~SYDNEY~~ SMITH, 19642 Kittridge St., Reseda, Calif. were contacted on 5/1/68. SMITH was determined not to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY. He is described as follows:

~~xxx~~ Male, caucasian, born [ ] Susanville, Calif. 5'9" 155 lbs. medium build, dark brown hair short and brown eyes.

Mr. SMITH is employed by the Pacific Telephone Company Wilshire & La Brea Office and was so employed during April, 1968. He and his wife have been married for 10 years.

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SA GORDON B. PLAYMAN

MURKIN

Reairtel Legat Mexico City to Director 4/23/68.

MRS. DAVID (JOAN) HEINZ, 415 Calle Granada, Santa Barbara, advised that she and her husband flew from Los Angeles via Mexicana Airlines to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on Thursday, 10/26/67, arriving at 6:05 PM. They were booked by their travel service at the Hotel Rio, where they had a room on the second floor at an outside street corner of the hotel. They stayed there only one night and because of the noise of truck traffic outside their window they moved on Friday, 10/27/68 to another hotel, the name of which she recalled as the "Inn of the Jungle", a quarter of a mile away. They stayed there two nights and on Sunday morning, 10/29/68 they flew on to Guadalajara.

She recalled that they had observed no one coming in or out of any rooms at the Hotel Rio and she observed no one who resembled any of the photographs of subject RAY. She recalled no suspicious persons in Puerto Vallarta during the period they spent there and stated that although they observed several North Americans in various bars and dining places and struck up a conversation with one or two, they did not know the names of any other North Americans in town.

She stated that her husband is presently employed by Autonetics, a division of North American Aviation at Anaheim, and that she has sold their Santa Barbara home and will join him in a few weeks.

Her husband's business address is 3370 Miraloma Avenue, Anaheim, telephone 632-5379 or 5370. He lives in apartment H, 131 Fahrion Place, no telephone.

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At Anaheim, California: Will contact DAVID HEINZ and interview him in accordance with reairtel.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669) P  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles tel to Baltimore and Memphis,  
4/26/68.

Mrs. STANLEY WHITNEY OLSON (MARGARET STELLA OLSON),  
age 60, residing in a trailer home behind the Star-Lite Inn,  
Pocomoke City, Maryland with mailing address of P.O. Box 245,  
Pocomoke City, and having home telephone number (Area 301)-  
957-2337, provided the following information:

She advised that she is the mother of KATHERINE  
PATRICIA OLSON WILLIAR, a white female born \_\_\_\_\_ at  
Quantico, Virginia, 5'3" tall, 110-115 lbs., gray-green eyes,  
brunette hair, attractive facial features. She is known  
generally as PAT OLSON. Her husband, ROBERT WILLIAR, died  
in Baltimore, Maryland about 6-7 years ago of a brain tumor.  
Her child, DENISE DAWN WILLIAR, born \_\_\_\_\_, resides with  
Mrs. STANLEY OLSON at Pocomoke City, Maryland.

About two years ago her daughter, hereafter referred  
to as PAT, left Maryland and traveled to Coral Gables, Florida  
in the company of an unknown man, leaving her daughter behind.  
Her address or employment there unknown. She stayed for a  
period in Florida, and then went to New Orleans whereshe re-  
sided for a short period of time. Her address or employment  
there also unknown to Mrs. STANLEY OLSON. She apparently

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*Tel Booths*  
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*Re Pat Olsson*

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was taking some type of drugs during this period, and was seldom in contact with her parents. She has no particular occupation, and has become a "drifter", according to Mrs. S. OLSON. She went to Mexico, location not known, after leaving New Orleans and after a short stay there, went to California, where she is currently believed to be residing.

Mrs. S. OLSON provided some letters from PAT from which the following addresses were obtained:

12/20/67 - PAT OLSON, 5842 Carlton Way, Hollywood, California. Letter with this return address was postmarked Los Angeles, California (36) on indicated date.

11/29/67 - PAT OLSON, 5842 Carlton Way, Los Angeles, California, Apt. 3.

11/25/67 - PAT OLSON, St. Francis Hotel, Room 527, Hollywood and Western Blvd., Los Angeles, California.

4/27/67 - PAT OLSON, 1746 North Gramercy Place, Apt. 16, Hollywood, California.

3/31/67 - K. WILLIAR, in care of TERRY CALLIGAN, 1746 South Gramercy Place, Hollywood, California.

Mrs. S. OLSON advised that on a date she recalls to be 3/18/68, PAT telephoned her from somewhere in California. The conversation was general, and PAT mentioned that she was babysitting for some woman in California, city not named. Nothing was said concerning anything relating to MURKIN. On about 4/3-4/68 PAT called again from California and the conversation again was general. PAT spoke most of the time with her daughter DENISE. Several days after receiving that last call on 4/3-4/68 Mrs. S. OLSON received an inquiry from the telephone operator concerning that call. The operator advised her that a PAT OLSON was using a telephone credit card of another person. No inquiries from the telephone company were received after the call of 3/18/68.

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Mrs. S. OLSON advised that she does not know any of PAT's friends in California. She has never heard the name of CHARLES or RITA STEIN, MARIE MARTIN or MARIN. The name, aliases and photograph of JAMES EARL RAY are unknown to her. Mrs. S. OLSON advised that her husband, age 50, is employed with the Contee Construction Co., Baltimore, Maryland, Telephone 636-3758, and is not home during the week. She is certain that he would not be familiar with the names of STEIN or MARTIN or RAY.

Los Angeles, determine if PAT OLSON is known to STEIN's and interview OLSON for knowledge of subject.

5/2/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**

**FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) (P)**

**SUBJECT: MURKIN  
TELEPHONE BOOKS, ST FRANCIS HOTEL,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**Re: Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/29/68.**

The following telephone numbers were determined to have been called from telephone booths located in the St. Francis Hotel:

February 20, 1968, Norwalk, Conn., at 5:11 p.m., telephone number 847-8882, listed to HARRY A. EDYK, West Rock Road, Norwalk.

February 26, 1968, Bridgeport, Conn., at 11:28 p.m. telephone number 336-4947, listed to ERIC PIERSON, 6 Bloomfield Drive, Fairfield.

Indices of the New Haven Office negative re EDYK and PIERSON.

**RE: Telephone Number 336-4947**

On 5/1/68, ERIC PIERSON, above address and telephone number advised his phone number was called by brother-in-law, FRANK SATHARY, JR., who flew to Los Angeles, Cal., for a couple of days on 2/26/68. SATHARY called PIERSON to ascertain telephone number of a friend in Los Angeles. PIERSON stated SATHARY is unstable mentally.

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*Frank Sathary*

RE: 157-818

FRANK SATMAY, JR., 25 Adelaide Street, Fairfield, Conn., advised on 5/2/68, he flew to Los Angeles, 2/26/68, to check on possibility of starting an orchestra there with former members of his band which he previously had in Bridgeport, Conn. SATMAY stayed at the St. Francis Hotel in Los Angeles on 2/26/68, leaving the next morning (Tuesday).

SATMAY could furnish no information regarding JAMES EARL RAY with alias. SATMAY did not approximate description of RAY.

RE: Telephone Number 847-9088

On 5/1/68, ANTHONY ANGELO SALERNO, of 29 Ferris Avenue, Apartment 22, Norwalk, Conn., advised he visited in California from late January, 1968, until 4/10/68, during which time he lived at the El Berado, Western Avenue, Los Angeles, except for the last week spent at the apartment of TOMMY SATINI (phonetic), Flores Avenue, Los Angeles, a student at L.A. Community College.

SALERNO went to California to get away from his wife from whom he is separated. He advised he is living with his girlfriend, KATHERINE EDYK and noted that EDYK's parents think they are married.

SALERNO while in California made a number of telephone calls to his girlfriend, KATHY EDYK, Norwalk, to the home of her parents, telephone 847-9088, in addition to calling his mother, Mrs. EDILMA CASTELLUCCI, 86 Oak Street, Bridgeport, Conn., telephone number 334-6597. SALERNO advised these were the only collect calls he made from California which he noted were from a pay phone at the corner of Hollywood and Western Avenue, Los Angeles, near the St. Francis Hotel, as well as the El Berado motel.

SALERNO stated he was not familiar with JAMES EARL RAY whom he stated he has never seen.

SALERNO, based upon description, does not approximate that of JAMES EARL RAY.

HACB and Los Angeles, no further investigation being conducted New Haven.



5/3/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) P  
MURKIN

Re Los Angeles tel to Bureau, 4/29/68.

Re Telephone Calls Made From St. Francis Hotel

On 5/1/68, Mrs. RUNELLE (BOY J.) MONTAMBAULT, 6112 S.E. 6th, Midwest City, Oklahoma, advised SAs DAVID J. LANG and MICHAEL F. HUTTER, that she and her husband had been subscribers to telephone #PBRshing 7-5876, since approximately June of 1967. She stated that on numerous occasions they had called or been called by Mrs. MONTAMBAULT's sister, JULIA WANDREY FORBES from Los Angeles, California. She stated that JULIA FORBES is in the process of obtaining a divorce from her husband, RON FORBES and is currently residing at 23114 Avenue San Luis, Apt. 4, Woodland Hills, Calif. She further stated that she is living with her brother, MELVIN, and her first husband robert WANDREY at that address. Mrs. MONTAMBAULT stated that at one time JULIA FORBES was living at the Hollywood Colonial Motel or Hotel, tel. 467-5141. Mrs. MONTAMBAULT stated that she does not recall receiving a phone call from Los Angeles on 2/18/68. She added that the call in question was probably made by her sister in response to a call from Mrs. MONTAMBAULT since Mrs. MONTAMBAULT's March, 1968 telephone bill reflects a phone call made to Los Angeles, California, 2/16/68, to telephone number (213) 402-7426. She stated she knows no one in Los Angeles she would have called other than her sister. Added

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Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mrs. MONTAMBAULT and she stated that she did not know this person.

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Date: 5/3/68

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

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Francisco teletype to the Director, 5/2/68.

SUSPECT HAROLD EDWARD NICHOLS, aka Hal Nichols.

For information of offices not previously having information concerning NICHOLS, he is considered possible suspect and co-conspirator because of an alleged offer to an informant to furnish airline tickets and untraceable weapon if the informant would travel to unspecified place to kill certain designated Negro leaders including MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The reliability and credibility of the informant is unknown but is considered subject to doubt because of discrepancies of his stories, and because of information received from other sources.

NICHOLS has been extremely active in affairs of the American Independent Party in California, prompting GEORGE WALLACE for president.

AGENTS IN INTERVIEWS SHOULD EXERCISE DISCRETION AND CAUTION TO PREVENT ANY FALSE ALLEGATIONS THAT THE FBI IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF THE AIP.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (Info.) (AM)(RM)
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- 2 - Knoxville (AM)(RM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)(RM)
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- 2 - Sacramento (AM)(RM)
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HAROLD EDWARD NICHOLS, commonly known as HAL NICHOLS, was interviewed at his apartment, #33 Los Palmas Apartments, 15375 Tropic Court, San Leandro, California. After proper identification, he was advised that investigation was being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning a violation of Federal Law in connection with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Further, that an allegation had been received that Mr. NICHOLS might have information pertinent to this matter on the basis of remarks NICHOLS is reported to have made concerning such matters in the presence of others.

Mr. NICHOLS advised that he has no information concerning the murder, and except for his personal opinion as to who might be responsible, has no specific information concerning the murder. He said he had absolutely no objection to discussion of the matter.

Mr. NICHOLS advised that he is extremely active in the political field at the present time and in the recent past. He is a member of an eight man board in charge of promoting candidates for the American Independent Party (AIP) in California, and particularly in behalf of the candidacy of former Governor GEORGE WALLACE of Alabama for President. He stated that most persons not familiar with the AIP program and objectives, seem to assume that those favoring AIP are what is sometimes termed "negro-baiters." He denied that this is true, and said that from the view point of promoting the AIP, the murder of Dr. KING under such circumstances was a set back to the AIP who might have favored their principles.

He said that no one knowledgeable in affairs of the AIP would have caused or participated in a situation or action such as this in that it would be certain to make a "Martyr" of Dr. KING, which would hurt the AIP.

However, since persons generally seem to associate AIP members with "negro-baiters," he is frequently "kidded" along such lines by certain persons with whom he regularly comes into contact.

SF 173-65

WH:ay

He said that in recent months he has regularly frequented the Blue Dolphin, a San Leandro restaurant, and in fact assisted in arranging a couple of luncheons there in honor of WALLACE. Therefore, he has become acquainted with the owner of the Blue Dolphin, BILL PELUSO, and with many of the employees, including the bartenders.

When he goes to the cafe, he frequently goes to the bar and the bartenders frequently "kid" him concerning some current event involving Negroes or the AIP. This has been going on for several months, and everything said has been in jest.

However, he speculated that some person hearing such conversation might misinterpret the conversation, and draw a conclusion which would not be warranted.

In connection with Dr. KING's murder, he recalls such a conversation in the bar of the Blue Dolphin either the same night Dr. KING was killed, or possibly the evening after that.

As he recalled he had been driving on the Nimitz Freeway in Oakland, about 5:00 pm the night of the murder, April 4, 1968, when he first heard the announcement on the car radio.

When next visiting the Blue Dolphin, he recalled one of the employees greeting him with the comment "Well, I see you got him," or some similar comment. He believed he replied that "It wasn't me."

The next comment dealt with "How did you get back from Memphis so soon?"

As he recalled, he made some facetious remark such as "There's planes leaving every hour."

He again stated that the above conversation was strictly in the nature of "kidding," and except for the actual specific subject matter, was very similar to other comments made at the same place on numerous occasions.

He believed that these comments could have been misconstrued by someone who heard them, if the listener did not understand the circumstances or attached some literal interpretation to the remarks.

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WH:ay

Mr. NICHOLS said that he had no objection to furnishing his whereabouts on March 29,30, 1968 and April 4, 1968, and to furnishing independent substantiation if he could.

Relative to the date April 4, 1968, Mr. NICHOLS said that he could definitely establish his whereabouts on that date. He stated that he left the Bay Area in his own car sometime between 7:00 and 9:00 am, drove to Berkeley, California, where he picked up a real estate dealer named CYRIL STEVENSON, Jr., telephone 524-2392. They then proceeded to Oroville, California, to look at some real estate which they were considering for investment purposes.

He recalled that they visited a savings and loan association in Oroville, but does not recall the name of it, although Mr. STEVENSON would probably know. To the best of his recollection, they returned to the Bay Area about 5:00 pm. He dropped Mr. STEVENSON off at his car in Berkeley, and proceeded out the Nimitz Freeway toward San Leandro. It was at this time that he first heard of the killing of Dr. KING on his car radio.

In further support of his whereabouts, Mr. NICHOLS said that when in San Leandro he frequently charges his gasoline at a Douglas Service Station on Marina Blvd. When traveling, he pays cash. He does not use a credit card. Whether charged to his account, or when paying cash, he usually obtains a purchase ticket. He throws these tickets in the glove compartment of his Cadillac where they are available if needed for his business records.

He located in his glove compartment the following charge tickets which he said recorded purchases at Douglas Service Station, Marina Blvd., San Leandro, both dated April 4, 1968:

Ticket #B 036026 dated 4/4/68 recording purchase of \$5.00 of gasoline.

Ticket #B 36186 recording purchase of \$4.55 of gasoline.

Mr. NICHOLS said that undoubtedly he had put gas in the car in the morning when leaving for Oroville, and had put in gas upon his return that evening.

SF 173-65

WH:ay

A search of the available tickets failed to record any purchase of gasoline in the Oroville area, although Mr. NICHOLS believed they must have purchased gasoline. He does not recall, but thought that perhaps Mr. STEVENSON had paid for some gasoline in the area.

Relative to his whereabouts on March 29,30, 1968, Mr. NICHOLD said that he does not recall specifically where he was. He stated that he tries to go to his home in Southern California every other weekend to visit his wife and 2 1/2 year old son. By consulting a calendar, he determined that this would have been the weekend when he normally visited his wife.

When he makes this trip, he normally leaves on Saturday morning, which in this instance would have been March 30, 1968. He sometimes drives and sometimes flies via Air California from Oakland, California Airport to Orange County Airport.

He searched his available gasoline tickets and could locate no record of purchases on March 29 or 30, 1968. This indicated to him that if he had visited his home in Southern California that weekend he had probably gone by air.

Mr. NICHOLS was asked if he could establish his whereabouts on March 29 & 30, 1968 through other records. He said that his business records probably would not show such information, with the exception of his appointment book, which might give him a clue as to where he had been. He contacted his secretary and ascertained there were no notations in his appointment book for those dates.

He said that he has discontinued the use of a checking account due to several civil suits having been filed against him, so he could not establish his whereabouts by cancelled checks.

He does not use credit cards, whether for gasoline or airline travel. He examined numerous airline ticket folders which he found in his apartment. He said he makes no particular effort to save these. He found some undated and none for the pertinent dates. There were no copies of tickets.

SF 173-65

WH:ay

Mr. NICHOLS advised that he makes numerous long distance telephone calls, business, personal and political in nature. He makes them from his business phone, 483-3151, and from the phone in his apartment, 483-1270.

He said his telephone bill for the period contains record of numerous long distance telephone calls which could definitely establish that he was in San Leandro on March 29, 1968 and probably on March 30, 1968. He furnished the following concerning these records:

March 29, 1968

- 10:13 am Telephone call to 714 774 2969, Anaheim, California where he talked to an ex-business associate RUSSELL TOWNSEND.
- 4:34 pm Telephone call to 714 871 2950, Fullerton, California, where he talked to JIM TOWNSEND, brother of above RUSSELL TOWNSEND.
- 3:49 pm Telephone call to 805 831 5379, where he talked to Mr. MAYALL, State Chairman of the Committee directing AIP campaign in California. He believes this telephone number is no longer in use, but Mr. MAYALL can be reached through 871 6283 in Bakersfield, which Mr. NICHOLS believes is the home telephone of Mr. MAYALL.

Collect telephone call, person to person, received by him from AL STANLEY, who was calling from telephone 553 4530 in Oroville, California. Mr. STANLEY does not have a telephone, so location of above phone is unknown to him. STANLEY can be located through the M&K Hancock Service Station in Oroville.

March 30, 1968

His telephone records reflect that at 12:11 pm, a call was placed from his office to 916 725 2908, Roseville, California. He noted that this is the telephone number of his employee, CHUCK SULLIVAN, who works in San Leandro but returns to his home in Roseville on Friday evening for the weekend.



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WH:ay

Mr. NICHOLS does not specifically recall making this call, and in reality it could have been made by any company employee. However, he sometimes handles Saturday business at the office so SULLIVAN can go home on Friday, and it is most likely that he is the one who made the call.

Since this is the last recorded call on Saturday, March 30, 1968, and since he is quite certain he visited his wife in Southern California on that weekend, he feels that shortly after this call he went to the Oakland Airport and got a flight to Orange County Airport.

He said he would have flown Air California Air Lines and since they make their reservations by name, this line should have a record of his having made such a trip.

He also volunteered information on a trip he had made back East. He said his mother-in-law, JEANNETTE CRITTENDEN, 502 Lee Circle, Johnson City, Tennessee, died about two to three weeks prior to March 1, 1968. His wife had naturally gone back for the funeral. His wife remained there for two or three weeks after the funeral to clear up details of the death and the estate.

Mr. NICHOLS said that he desired to visit his wife's relatives and to bring his wife back to California. He decided to drive his car back to Johnson City, and because of his interest in activities of the AIP, he decided to stop and confer with leaders of that party in Montgomery, Alabama.

He said that en route to Johnson City, he stopped in Montgomery on the night of February 27, 1968, at which time he stayed at the Holiday Inn, Midtown. Next day he drove to Johnson City, where he stayed a few days at 502 Lee Circle.

On March 3, 1968, accompanied by his wife and small son, he was again in Montgomery en route to California. At this time, he stayed at the Town House Motel.

He next has record of a cash receipt from Cotton's Truck Stop, Las Cruces, New Mexico on March 5, 1968, which he said was for the purchase of gasoline on his return trip to California.

SF 173-65  
WH:ay

Mr. NICHOLS advised that he was born [redacted] Aberdeen, Washington. He has been in California most of the time since 1945. He attended high school at Golden Gate Academy, which was at that time in Berkeley, California, but which moved to some hill area near Oakland. He is not sure it is still in operation. He graduated in 1947.

During the school year 1950-51 he attended La Sierra College in Riverside, California.

From 1951 to 1953 he was in the U.S. Marine Corps under MSN 1206458. Since 1953, he has worked as a salesman, principally in California, but actually traveling in numerous states.

He is married and his wife lives in Southern California. He said he is reluctant to furnish her specific address because he feels that reprisals against his wife and child are very possible because of his political activities in behalf of AIP should her address become generally known.

He said that he established a business in Sacramento, California in July, 1967, known as Certified Wire Service. This business is still in operation but he intends to dissolve it as it is losing money.

He came to San Leandro in December, 1967, and established his present business known as Diamond Fence Co., 14494 Wickes Blvd., San Leandro.

He is active in experimenting with gold dredging combined with skin diving, and spends some weekends in the Sierra stream areas searching for gold, or conducting experiments along those lines.

He also had interest in speculative investment in businesses in the Oroville area, which are in a depressed state due to departure of the workmen engaged in building the now completed Oroville Dam. He believed such property could be purchased cheaply and held until business picks up, insuring an excellent profit. He has abandoned this idea, at least temporarily.

SF 173-65

WH:ay

He said that he has no photo of himself at the present time due to theft of his billfold, with the exception of the photo on his driver's license, California #B 295 330.

He said he has been arrested, but not since he was in the US Marine Corps.

He is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Aberdeen, Washington
Height	5' 8"
Weight	220
Hair	reddish blond
Eyes	Grey-green
Build	Obese
Complexion	Light
Teeth	even & smoke stained

Mr. NICHOLS volunteered that should further information or clarification be desired, he would be pleased to attempt to furnish such information.

SF 173-65

WH: cmg

LEADS:

KNOXVILLE

AT JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE: Verify death of JEANNETTE CRITTENDEN about February, 1968, and conduct investigation to establish presence of NICHOLS in that city from about February 28, 1968 to March 3, 1968.

LOS ANGELES

AT ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA: Locate RUSSELL TOWNSEND through telephone number 714 774 2969, a business associate of NICHOLS to verify telephone call he received from NICHOLS 3/29/68. *office* 535 S. Wad. Anaheim //

AT FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA: Locate JIM TOWNSEND, brother of RUSSELL TOWNSEND, to verify telephone call he received from NICHOLS 3/29/68. //

MOBILE

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA: 1) Will check registration of Holiday Motel, Midtown, to verify presence of NICHOLS in that city 2/27/68. (He drives 1967 Cadillac convertible, white canvas over light blue, California license UPD 482).

2) Will verify that NICHOLS and his wife stayed at Town House Motel night of 3/3/68.

SACRAMENTO

AT OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA: Will locate AL STANLEY through M&K Hancock Service Station to verify that STANLEY placed collect person to person call to NICHOLS in San Leandro on 3/29/68, and talked to him.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA: Will interview realtor CYRIL STEVENSON, Jr., telephone number 524-2392, to verify he took a trip with NICHOLS to Oroville on 3/29/68.

SF 173-65  
WH: cmg

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: At Oakland Airport, ascertain if NICHOLS made trip to Orange County Airport on 3/30/68.

AT SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA: Verify gas charges of NICHOLS at Douglas Station, Marina Boulevard, on 4/4/68, and any record of charges on 3/29,30/68.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

Re Los Angeles and Dallas teletypes to Director dated 4/29 and 4/30/68, respectively.

RE TELEPHONE BOOTHS,  
St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles,  
and telephone calls enroute from  
Los Angeles to New Orleans

1. Re calls on 12/18 and 20/67 to Sacramento telephone number 925-8403.

This telephone listed to ALEX KLEMIN, 2773 Oakmont Street, North Sacramento. On April 30, 1968, Mrs. KLEMIN, an elderly woman, advised that her husband was totally disabled and that no calls were made to her from Los Angeles and that

3 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Dallas (44-2649)(RM)  
2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(RM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Sacramento  
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no one was visiting her just prior to Christmas, 1967, who received any calls from Los Angeles. She said she could not understand why any records would indicate that calls had been made to her home at that time.

2. Re call from coin telephone at Marfa, Texas, December 12, 1967, to Turlock, California, telephone number 632-5350.

Above telephone listed to LEE ROY GONZALES, 1530 South First Street, Turlock, since March, 1967. GONZALES is employed as a maintenance man, Pacific Growers, Incorporated, Turlock, California. GONZALES advised on May 1, 1968, that any telephone calls made from Marfa, Texas, would have been from his mother, TOMASA GONZALES, Box 524, Marfa, Texas, who only recently obtained a telephone and previously used pay telephone in area to call LEE ROY. GONZALES produced several telephone bills showing calls to and collect calls from Marfa, Texas; however, no call on December 12, 1967, was located in any of these billings.

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Date: 5/3/68

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Via AIRTEL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

*Carl Ray*

RE: ~~CARL RAY~~, ALLEGEDLY OF PECOS, TEXAS

On May 3, 1968, Supervisor BILL NOLAN, Los Angeles Office, telephonically advised as follows by FTS:

On this date, an individual who generally resembled subject RAY tried to turn in two Frontier Airlines tickets at the United Airlines Counter, Los Angeles, California, for a ticket to Hawaii. When the ticket agent took his credit card and the tickets to look them over, the individual walked away.

The items left with the ticket agent were a Frontier Airlines Air Travel Credit Card # [redacted], issued April 26, 1968, to CARL RAY of the Ray Land and Cattle Company, Route 4, Box 868, Pecos, Texas, and two Frontier Airlines tickets purchased May 1, 1968 at Denver, Colorado, one to C. RAY and one to Mrs. C. RAY, for passage between Las Vegas, Nevada, and St. Louis, Missouri.

On May 3, 1968, SA RICHARD H. PICKEN telephonically advised Supervisor BILL NOLAN of the Los Angeles Office the following information by FTS:

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info.)
- 2 - Denver
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - El Paso

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Investigation at Pecos, Texas, disclosed no such post office box as 868 and disclosed that there are no rural routes out of Pecos. Investigation also disclosed that the U.S. Post Office at Pecos, Texas, has no recollection of receiving any mail bearing the names C. RAY or CARL RAY or Mrs. C. RAY or Mrs. CARL RAY. Credit and criminal checks at Pecos, Texas, were negative concerning CARL RAY or the Ray Land and Cattle Company. Local Sheriff's Office, Pecos, Texas, checked telephone book and city directory for Pecos and small towns surrounding Pecos without locating any record for a CARL RAY, C. RAY, or Ray Land and Cattle Company.

Supervisor NOLAN advised SA PICKEN by FTS that he would contact the Denver Office and furnish information developed at Pecos, Texas, to the Denver Office.

No further investigation is being conducted in this matter by the El Paso Office.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)

FROM : SA FRANK L. MELLOTT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5-6-68

THOMAS JUDKINS, 855 Victor Ave., Inglewood, Cal. (no phone), who is employed by the Kovacs Paper Co., telephone 775-3595, telephonically contacted the LA Office at 3:40 am, 5-4-68, to report that a girl he had met on the beach that day had related to him during the course of the evening that she had an uncle names JAMES EARL RAY who was supposed to have served time in Nebraska and Missouri State penitentiaries and died in prison about 13 years ago. This girl, known to him only as "JAN", seemed to have knowledge of, and an interest in, the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. However, JUDKINS pointed out, "JAN" had been drinking and he did not know how much of her conversation resulted from that, and he was not able to tell how much of what she said was fact, how much fancy. He said he would return to the apartment where "JAN" and the others in the party were drinking, and attempt to obtain more specific information from "JAN", including her identity, and would call back as soon as he had obtained more specific info.

On 5-6-68 JUDKINS was contacted at his place of employment, at which time he said that by the time he had returned to the group drinking at 216- 36th Place, Manhattan Beach, "JAN" had apparently left. However, he did obtain her name, JAN MANN, and the information that she lived on 9th Place in Manhattan Beach with another girl, LAUREL (LNU), believed to be employed at TRW's Semi-Conductor Div. JUDKINS said he had friends employed at this division and felt he would be able to obtain LAUREL's phone number through his friends. JUDKINS later called to say that LAUREL's and JAN's phone number is 376-3954.

It is suggested that JAN MANN be contacted to determine if, in fact, she has an uncle named JAMES EARL RAY and if he could be identical to the JAMES EARL RAY of captioned case. In this connection, it is suggested that every effort be made not to disclose the identity of the source, who said he is engaged to be married this month and is fearful that if his fiance were to learn of his activities during the evening and night of 5/3-4/68, his engagement might be jeopardized.

*Denise A. Kerlund  
125 - 9th St. Apt B  
Manhattan Beach  
Installed 5/20/68*

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*KALSA* *WJL*

Jockie Wray;  
called old sisten  
in Ogden Utah -  
uncle or thurside  
Barva hansen



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610 PM URGENT 5-6-68 LMT  
TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 LOS ANGELES  
FROM EL PASO 157-186 -P-  
MURKIN

RE EL PASO AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, COPIES TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL  
THIRTY LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUB RAY ENROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO  
NEW ORLEANS.

DALLAS TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY ONE, LAST, SET OUT INFO FROM RECORDS,  
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO., LUBBOCK, TEXAS, THAT TELEPHONE  
CALL WAS MADE FROM ALPINE, TEXAS, DECEMBER SIXTEEN, LAST, SEVEN  
ZERO SIX PM, TO FIVE THREE THREE DASH FIVE FOUR ONE ONE, EL PASO.

THIS NUMBER BELONGS TO CONTINENTAL AIRLINES. CONTINENTAL  
AIRLINES REPRESENTATIVE, EL PASO, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT ABOVE  
TELEPHONE NUMBER ONLY ANSWERED BY CONTINENTAL HOME OFFICE, LOS  
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES CHECK OUT ABOVE CAR PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS SET  
OUT IN RE AIRTEL.

AM COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS AND DALLAS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947) 1P.

MURKIN

*Wrote her Cook*

RE LOUISVILLE AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY ONE LAST RE TELEPHONE BOOTH,  
ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU, LOS  
ANGELES AND LOUISVILLE THIS DATE.

AT TIME OF ORIGINAL INTERVIEW WITH MRS. COOK AND SON EFFORTS  
MADE TO DEVELOP INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT ALONZO F. COOK, JR.,  
COULD BE LOCATED IF NECESSARY. BOTH ADVISED THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION  
OF ANY KIND CONCERNING HIS' WHEREABOUTS OR EMPLOYMENT.

LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO LOCATE COOK, JR., THROUGH CREDIT,  
CRIMINAL, AND DRIVER'S LICENSE CHECKS NOTING THAT HE HAS RESIDED  
IN GRANADA HILLS, CALIF., AND AT THANKSGIVING TELEPHONED HIS'  
MOTHER FROM COVINA, CALIF.

LOUISVILLE RECONTACTING MRS. COOK.

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URGENT 5-6-68 LRC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (PLAINTEXT)  
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD (44-703) 2P

MURKIN.

HARRY ANDERSON, FIVE ZERO SIX HOLLYWOOD PLACE, LOS ANGELES, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, ALLEGEDLY LONG DISTANCE FROM AREA CODE SIX ZERO TWO (AREA CODE FOR ARIZONA), TELEPHONE, SEVEN SEVEN TWO - FIVE ONE SIX ZERO, A PHONE BOOTH IN AN UNNAMED RESTAURANT AT ONE SEVEN ONE THREE SUNSET STRIP, LOS ANGELES, AND ADVISED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WAS AT THAT RESTAURANT ABOUT SIX HOURS EARLIER AND AT THE TIME OF HIS CALL (ONE FORTY-FIVE P.M. EDT), WHO FIT THE DISCRIPTION AND APPEARANCE OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND WEARING DARK SUIT, YELLOW TIE, WHITE SHIRT, YELLOW GOLD RING WITH DIAMOND AND BLACK SETTING, AND CARRYING A GUN IN A SHOULDER HOLSTER. ANDERSON STATED HIS GRANDFATHER, THOMAS JOHNSON HAS TELEPHONE SEVEN TWO ONE - EIGHT SIX TWO ZERO AND RESIDES NEXT DOOR TO HIM.

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*Ever check our analysis reaction*

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WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE TIME AT THE PLACE WHERE HE WAS CALLING FROM, ANDERSON WAS EVASIVE AND SAID IT WAS ABOUT SIX HOURS EARLIER THAN IN WASHINGTON. HE WAS EVASIVE ABOUT THE NAME OF THE ABOVE RESTAURANT AND ABOUT GIVING THE IMPROPER AREA VODE. HE STATED HE HAD CALLED THE FBI IN LOS ANGELES AND RECEIVED NO ANSWER. HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO AGAIN CALL THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

IN VIEW OF ANDERSON'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THIS REPORT BEING A POSSIBLE HOAX.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS AND PHOENIX.

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Date: 5/6/68

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) *Memphis Birmingham*

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE ~~TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES~~  
*Dyrell Dennis*  
EDGAR JOHN PENDLETON INTERVIEWED MAY SIX INSTANT.

STATED HE RESIDED IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL FROM MARCH EIGHT LAST TO APRIL SIXTEEN LAST WHEN HE ENTERED ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES FOR SURGERY. PENDLETON IN RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM DYRELL DENNIS, RETURN ADDRESS FOUR THREE FIVE WEST MICHIGAN ST., APT. TWO ZERO EIGHT, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, POSTMARKED MILWAUKEE APRIL NINETEEN LAST, LETTER IN PART STATES "HAVE YOU SEEN RAY? I HOPE HE IS OKAY."

PENDLETON ADVISED LOUIS LOMAX HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HIM ON TWO OCCASIONS, THE SECOND TIME AFTER ABOVE LETTER RECEIVED. HE GAVE LOMAX DENNIS' ADDRESS AND TOLD LOMAX DENNIS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO PENDLETON AS RAY

SELMA (PH). PENDLETON STATED LOMAX TOLD HIM MARIE (LNU), *(refer to memo MARTIN)* COCKTAIL WAITRESS AT SULTAN ROOM, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, HAD ADVISED LOMAX THAT HE, PENDLETON, KNEW DYRELL DENNIS AND RAY

SELMA. PENDLETON ADVISED RAY SELMA IS MEXICAN-AMERICAN, INDEXED

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THIRTY SEVEN TO FORTY YEARS OF AGE, DARK COMPLEXION, WINO,  
LAST SEEN AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL ON APRIL THIRTEE OR FOURTEEN LAST.  
PENDLETON ADVISED DENNIS WAS NARCOTIC USER AND HE PRESUMED  
RAY SELMA ALSO A USER. (Dennis has been interviewed at Milwaukee)

PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY SHOWN PENDLETON  
WHO STATED HE COULD NOT RECOGNIZE THEM AS IDENTICAL TO RAY  
SELMA.

PRIOR INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES INDICATES  
RAY SELMA REFERRED TO BY PENDLETON MAY BE IDENTICAL TO  
RAY FERNANDEL. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES TO  
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RAY FERNANDEL.

RE PUERTO VALLARTA

INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES CONTINUES TO LOCATE  
AND INTERVIEW HOTEL GUESTS AT THIS RESORT AT SAME TIME AS  
SUBJECT. THOSE INTERVIEWED, NEGATIVE TO DATE.

RE QUOTE THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE.

RECEIPIENTS OF "LOCAL SWINGER" INTERVIEWED WITH  
NEGATIVE RESULTS RE WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT OR ANY CONTACT  
WITH HIM.

*Investigation Continues.*  
*Air mail copies to Milwaukee and Atlanta.*  
*Telephone Subscribers in various leads on long distance*  
*calls 11/15-17/68 obtained*  
*and all being interviewed.*

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Via ~~ONLINE, TELETYPE, OR AIR MAIL~~ ~~THIRTY SEVEN TO FORTY SEVEN~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
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LAST SEEN AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL ON APRIL THIRTY OR THIRTY-NINE LAST.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM JOHN SLICKS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re LA memo of SA NORBERT R. LINKER, 4/21/68, (Re Mr. George Bitner)

On 5/6/68, ~~GEORGE BITNER~~, 5158½ Elizabeth St., Cudahy, California, advised that he and his wife were in the Ramada Inn at 3825 East Van Buren, Phoenix, Arizona, on 4/14 - 15/68. He advised that he noticed a white male, accompanied by a woman and two children at this same motel. He stated that when he returned to Los Angeles on the evening of 4/15/68, he saw a photograph on television that was announced to be the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING. BITNER advised that he thought the photograph bore a strong resemblance to the man he observed at the motel in Phoenix.

BITNER described the man he saw as white, male, 5' 10", 185 pounds, blue eyes, 45 years of age, light brown hair cut short, receding hairline. He advised that he did not hear this man speak, does not know the room where he stayed, and did not observe the man drive any car.

BITNER was shown two recent photos of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that the man in the photos is not identical to the individual he observed at the Phoenix motel. He stated that the man he observed is too old, too heavy, and does not have the same color or style of hair.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA PHILIP P. HANLON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/18/68, ~~DELWOOD GRUSHON, Manager of Apartments,~~ 6951H Omer, Apartment 15, Westminister, California, advised that on 4/18/68, a man tried to rent an apartment from him which man looked very similar to the picture of suspect GALT in the newspapers. He stated this man came about 9:00 am, on 4/18/68, and he does not remember the name he gave, since he did not take an apartment. He indicated that this individual was driving a black Pontiac, Florida license 237852.

On 4/22/68, Mr. GRUSHON was contacted by the Agent and advised that he could not be certain the individual he described above is identical to the suspect in this case, but described him as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	About 35 years
Height	5'10"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Black, possibly dyed
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair

He was shown a photograph of suspect, ERIC STARVO GALT, stated he had seen the picture in the paper and could not actually be certain it is the man who attempted to rent an apartment. He advised this man tried to get a one bedroom room furnished apartment, which he did not have, so he left. He added that he could not be certain of the license of the car, since he only caught a fleeting glimpse and thought it might be correct.

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The above individual was recontacted and the Wanted Flyer and IO on JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to him, at which time he stated he now feels it is not the same individual who he described above. He added that he tried to find the paper on which he had written the Florida license number of the above car, but feels also that this possibly is incorrect.

In view of the above, no further investigation will be requested regarding this particular lead.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: May 3, 1968

FROM : SA JAMES MC CAULEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: VERNON WILSON KISOR-Look Alike

On 4/25/68 SGT. J.B. CLOSE, LAPD Van Nuys Detectives advised that one HERBERT FAIRBATE, Apt. 8, 4541 Murieta Ave., Sherman Oaks, Calif. had contacted them, advising that he thought a new tenant in Apt. 2 at his apartment house was identical with subject RAY. He said that the name on the mailbox for the suspect was VERNON KISOR.

On 4/26/68 MRS. JAMES BAKER, Apt. 4, manager of apartment house at 4541 Murieta Ave. advised that MR. and MRS. VERNON KISOR and their two children had moved in on 4/20/68. She said that in her opinion the L.O. photographs of RAY were definitely not identical, although there is a vague resemblance. She said that MRS. KISOR also works periodically, and they keep varying hours.

Attempts to contact KISOR at ~~various~~ various morning, afternoon, and night hours on 4/26, 29, 30/68 was negative. On the night of 5/1/68 SA ALAN W. MURDOCH attempted contact with negative results.

On 5/2/68 MRS. KISOR was located at her apartment and furnished employment location of her husband.

VERNON WILSON KISOR was interviewed where he is employed as a detail man at Auto Trends, 5425 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, Calif. He was eliminated as being identical with subject on basis of appearance variations, and specifically on basis of wide variations in fingerprint patterns. Following is description of KISOR as obtained through interview and observation:

Race-white  
Born-3/13/42, Dayton, Ohio  
Hgt.-5'10"  
Wgt.-165#  
Hair-brown  
Eyes-brown

Arrests admitted.-1967-LAPD- ADW- Released. 44-1574-1125

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM JOHN SLICKS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re LA memo of SA H. LA MARR GUNN, 4/20/68, (Re Francis Johnson).

Miss FRANCIS JOHNSON, 1319 S. Hoover, Apartment 305, Los Angeles, California, advised on 5/6/68 that she originally contacted the FBI Office in Los Angeles after observing a white male in the immediate vicinity of her employment, 3200 Lowry Road, Los Angeles. She advised that this man resembled a pencil sketch of JAMES EARL RAY that appeared in a Los Angeles newspaper.

Miss JOHNSON stated that she has since ascertained that the man she saw is the son of the owner of 3200 Lowry Road. She stated that the owner is MAX ASHKENAS, 3292 Lowry Road, Apartment 5, Los Angeles, California. Miss JOHNSON was shown two recent photos of RAY, and she advised that the man she saw is not identical to the photos shown. She advised that the son of Mr. ASHKENAS has light hair, does not have any cleft in his chin, and is younger than RAY.

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Orally \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ By Telephone 4/26/68 date \_\_\_\_\_ Written Communication \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Information concerning:

*Robert Ernest Embleton*

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

Information furnished was obtained:

- during course of Bureau investigation
- from informants
- from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to:

*Charles Jones, Alvin Fay - U.S. Treasury  
LA Calif.*

Remarks:

*Embleton lives at #23 16214 Eucalyptus, Bellflower.  
He is gun collector & has machine guns (magazines),  
Simon Rocket Launcher, mortars etc.*

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*A. J. Durbin*  
Special Agent

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Information concerning:

*Robert Ernest Embleton*

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

Information furnished was obtained:

- during course of Bureau investigation
- from informants
- from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to:

*Det Savore - Lakewood S/O*

Remarks:

*Embleton lives at #23, 16219 Eucalyptus, Bellflower, Calif & is in possession of numerous guns, including machine guns, rifle, tank guns, German Rocket Launcher mortar etc. He is not in violation of the law however Savore said they took some guns away from him since they were potentially operative.*

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*J. A. ...*  
Special Agent

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC LOS ANGELES 137-888

DATE: 5-6-68

FROM : SA JAMES A. NORTON

CI     SI     R (Prob)  
 PCI     PSI     R

SUBJECT: LA 4311-C

Dates of Contact <b>4-17,29</b>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <b>88-14755</b> <i>Billy Ray Austin</i> <b>44-1574</b> <i>Minsky</i>		
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NEGATIVE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>On 4-17-68 CI advised that he had inquired of his friends in S.B. regarding BILLY HARRIS but no one seemed to know him. He stated he has the information furnished regarding HARRIS and he will be alert for him or any information.</p> <p>On 4-29-68 CI was contacted and furnished pertinent information and exhibited photograph of SUBJECT RAY, 44-1574. CI advised that he would be alert for RAY or any information regarding him or his whereabouts.</p> <p>CI was contacted regarding furnishing information in Racial Matters and the local situation in S.B. CI stated that he is not at all sympathetic with rioters, looters etc and did not desire that any of this take place in S. B. He stated that most of the Community knows his feelings and the only way he would hear anything would be by rumor. He stated he would be alert for any information indicating trouble.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>Very Good</b>	Coverage <b>Negro matters, Fugitives</b> <b>44-1574-1129</b>

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC **LOS ANGELES 137-6366**

DATE: **5-6-68**

FROM : SA **JAMES A. NORTON**

CI  SI  R (Prob)

SUBJECT: **ABE SAFINA**  
**PCI**

PCI  PSI  R

Dates of Contact <b>4-9, 26, 30-68</b>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <b>44-1574 MURKING</b> <b>42-LARRY TIM GOLDEN 42-35246</b> <b>88-14752 BILLY RAY AUSTIN</b>		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NEGATIVE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC <b>PCI was unable to furnish any information regarding any of above. Stated he has been on the lookout for BILLY RAY AUSTIN, BUT Has not seen him nor any Buick from Texas which subject is allegedly driving.</b>  <b>PCI stated he has not to the best of his knowledge seen GOLDEN, but if he is in town he will probably be around looking for a job.</b>  <b>PCI was furnished information regarding subject RAY in MURKING case he stated he would be alert for him.</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>Good</b>	Coverage <b>Autos Fugitives</b>

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**88-14752**  
**44-1574**  
**42-35246**  
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*[Signature]*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM : SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/7/68

Re Butel to EP, HO and SA dated 4/25/68 captioned MURKIN.  
Re EP Airtel to Bureau dated 4/30/68.

Rebutel reads as follows:

During automobile trip of subject RAY and CHARLES STEIN departing Los Angeles on 12/15/67 and arriving New Orleans on 12/17/67, subject RAY made about six telephone calls from various pay stations in Texas.

They traveled via automobile on Interstate 10 through El Paso to Van Horn, Texas, and went south on Route 90 to San Antonio, then Route 90 or Interstate 10 to Houston, Texas, and to New Orleans.

Each office should check with telephone company and determine the long distance calls placed at each public telephone on the above mentioned routes during period of 12/15, 16, and 17, 1967, and have each call checked out.

Re EP Airtel reads as follows:

On 4/30/68, Mrs. HELEN ORNELAS, Service Representative, West Texas Telephone Company, Pecos, Texas, made available duplicate bills on pay stations from Van Horn, Valentine, and Sierra Blanca, Texas.

Noted that these bills reflect the telephone numbers of the individuals receiving the telephone calls from the pay stations in the above mentioned communities. As noted above, the pertinent dates are 12/15, 16, and 17/67. The teletype codes of the respective offices have been added to these duplicate bills, indicating the telephone numbers to be checked out by the various offices receiving this airtel.

*assign - L.A. lead to  
Carrillo*

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The following excerpt from the duplicate bill on pay stations furnished in EP airtel, 4/30/68 concern calls made to phone numbers in the Los Angeles Division. On 5/6/68 LA 4143-S furnished the subscriber information for these numbers. You are instructed to contact subscriber to determine if subscriber received telephone call from JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, etc during the period 12/15 - 17/67 and any information they may have ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ relative to this investigation. In responding to lead set out, refer to EP airtel 4/30/68, serial 44-1574-1105. The Bureau has directed that leads set out in this case be handled within 24 hours.

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Phone number: 213-587-4471 (non-published number) ✓  
Date 12/17/67  
Subscriber EARICE WILSON  
1528 E. 88th Street  
Los Angeles

Phone number: ~~REGINALD MARTIN~~ 213-868-5278  
Date 12/17/67  
Subscriber REGINALD MARTIN (MARIE M. BUTCHER)  
10424 East Everest  
Norwalk

Phone number: 714-531-5933  
Date 12/15/67  
Subscriber ROBERT T. HOLLIS  
9562 Madison Avenue  
Apt. 3  
Westminister

LOS ANGELES --1-- 1240PM EXR  
URGENT 5-7-68 HWL  
TO LOS ANGELES 44-1574 PLAINTEXT  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

RECEIVED BY CODED TELETYPE

MURKIN.

RELAIRTEL MAY THREE LAST SUBMITTING AIR TRAVEL  
CREDIT CARD AND TWO AIRLINE TICKETS. DIFFERENCES WERE NOTED  
BETWEEN THE HAND PRINTING AND CARL RAY SIGNATURES ON CREDIT  
CARD WHEN COMPARED WITH KNOWN HANDWRITING OF SUBJECT  
JAMES EARL RAY. LIMITED NATURE OF QUESTIONED MATERIAL  
PRECLUDED DEFINITE OPINION.

RESULTS OF LATENT EXAMINATION OF CREDIT CARD AND  
OTHER ITEMS SUBMITTED WILL BE FURNISHED SEPARATELY. AIRMAIL  
COPIES SENT TO MEMPHIS, DENVER AND EL PASO.

END

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