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The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES E. HOFFER:

AT WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA

On May 14, 1968, Mrs. LAWRENCE P. GUIATTE, 1322 North Easebury, Covina, California, advised that she formerly worked in their restaurant which was located on Citrus Avenue, in Covina, California. Mrs. GUIATTE stated that she could recall no one who resembled JAMES EARL RAY having come into their restaurant during November 1967.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. LAWRENCE P. GUIATTE 1322 East Easebury, Covina, California, advised that he is presently employed as an Engineer at Leach Corporation in Los Angeles, California. Mr. GUIATTE stated that he formerly had a restaurant on North Citrus Avenue in Covina, California, and had employed JIM JOSEPH as a cook at that restaurant.

Mr. GUIATTE stated that at no time during November 1967, could he recall an individual coming into their restaurant who resembled JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that such an individual could have come into the restaurant but he does not recall seeing such an individual nor does he recall ever having talked to such a person.

Mr. GUIATTE further advised that as far as he is concerned JIM JOSEPH is at to fabricate almost anything for his own glorification and he does not see how JOSEPH could recall an individual who only came into the restaurant two or three times back in November 1967, as resembling RAY although it is entirely possible. He stated, however, knowing JOSEPH that it is improbable in his opinion that JOSEPH ever saw anyone in the restaurant who resembled RAY inasmuch as he or his wife were always in the restaurant when JOSEPH was there.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL _____
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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) (P)

MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtel to the Bureau, 5/1/68.

Referenced airtel set out lead for the Los Angeles Division, at Chino, California, to review records of the California State Penitentiary in an effort to determine the present whereabouts of KENNETH LEE WADE so that he could be interviewed concerning subject.

The St. Louis Office was also requested to attempt to locate WADE through his mother, Mrs. MILDRED WADE, 2150 East Cottage, St. Louis, Missouri.

Investigation at St. Louis, Missouri, has determined there is no such address as 2150 East Cottage and investigation has not located Mrs. MILDRED WADE. No recent information developed concerning location of KENNETH LEE WADE.

The Los Angeles Division, at Chino, California, will immediately advise the St. Louis Division if KENNETH LEE WADE is currently in custody at California State Penitentiary.

No further investigation is being conducted at St. Louis, Missouri, in an effort to locate WADE at this time until it is definitely determined whether or not WADE is incarcerated in California.

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- 2 - Los Angeles
- 2 - Memphis (44-1937)
- 1 - St. Louis

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtels to Bureau 5/7/68 and 5/8/68 as well as San Francisco airtel to Bureau 5/8/68 and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 5/10/68.

For the information of St. Louis, referenced Kansas City airtel of 5/8/68 named seven former inmates of Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) who should be contacted to ascertain if they can furnish any information concerning the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/10/68, a review of the Los Angeles Police Department file 304218-D on DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT reflected that FONTENNOT is a transient drunk with arrests for drunk as recent as 12/15/67. Records fail to reflect any employment or residences in California, and FONTENNOT has been arrested for sleeping on park benches as recent as 8/1/67.

The following background and descriptive information was obtained from the Los Angeles Police Department file 304218-D:

Name	DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
DOB	<input type="text"/>

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 - 2 - Kansas City (AM)
 - 2 - St. Louis (AM)
 - 1 - Memphis (Info.) (AM)
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Height	5'4"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Address (1966)	605 Kemp Street Midland, Texas
Relatives	CLIFTON FONTENOTE New Orleans (1967)
FBI Number	860 489 B
Occupation	Transient
Characteristics	Common Drunk

Referenced airtel from San Francisco to Bureau 5/8/68 reflects that (FNU) WADE has been located and interviewed by San Francisco and no further efforts are being made in an attempt to identify FONTENNOT as WADE who was in the Missouri State Prison with JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/14/68, Mrs. LEORA RICO, 1278 East 126th Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that CHERRI PICO, sister of CHARLES AMOS STEWART, used to live in common-law with her son at their residence but she has not been in Los Angeles since November, 1967, when she left for places unknown in Missouri. Mrs. PICO advised that CHARLES STEWART has not been in Los Angeles to the best of her knowledge. Mrs. PICO advised she has no idea as to the whereabouts of her son who was living with CHERRI and she has no idea as to the present whereabouts of CHERRI or her brother CHARLES STEWART.

On 5/14/68, Mrs. MARY RUSSELL, Trailer No. 60, 8111 Stanford Drive, Garden Grove, California, advised that JUDITH LEA MC FARLIN, wife of DAVID DON MC FARLIN, had spent some time as a house guest of hers in 1966. Mrs. RUSSELL advised that she has no idea where DAVID DON MC FARLIN might be but she stated that the last she heard was that JUDITH

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MC FARLIN was residing with her parents at 4331 A Lafayette, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone PR 1-3288. Mrs. RUSSELL stated that JUDITH is her Grand Neice by marriage, but she knows nothing about JUDITH's husband.

On 5/14/68, Mrs. PAULINE COMBS, 4676 West 133rd Street, Hawthorne, California, telephone 675-1047, advised that Mrs. ROSELEE GRIDER, wife of LAWRENCE ALBERT GRIDER, has not been living in California for many months. She advised that she has never met Mr. GRIDER and she has no information regarding his whereabouts. Mrs. COMBS stated that ROSELEE GRIDER was last known to reside at 1510 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Lyon Street, Springfield, Missouri.

On 5/15/68, a review of the records of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office failed to reflect any record for "SAM MASSY" as being arrested in Los Angeles City or County for armed robbery in 1965 or 1966. The records were further checked under the spelling MASSIE, MASSEY and MASSI with negative results.

LEADS

KANSAS CITY

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. Will locate and interview Mrs. ROSELEE GRIDER, 1510 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Lyons Street, in an effort to locate LAWRENCE ALBERT GRIDER, her husband, who was in the Missouri State Penitentiary during the same period as JAMES EARL RAY, in order that he may be interviewed regarding any information he may have pertaining to RAY.

ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. Will locate and interview Mrs. JUDITH LEA MC FARLIN, 4331 A Lafayette Street, in an effort to locate DAVID DON MC FARLIN, her husband, who was in the Missouri State Penitentiary during the same period as JAMES EARL RAY, in order that he may be interviewed regarding any information he may have pertaining to RAY.

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RADIOGRAM

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TO: DIRECTOR AND PHOENIX
FROM: CINCINNATI (157-1893)2P

MURKIN

RE ST. FRANCES HOTEL.

RE PHOENIX TEL FIVE THIRTEEN, LAST.

MRS. BETTY MORGAN, AUDITOR, CHITTENDEN HOTEL,
COLUMBUS, OHIO, ADVISED TODAY HOTEL REGISTRATION CARD SHOWS
ROBERT THERIEN, ONE TWO THREE OR SEVEN TWO THREE SOUTH
BROADWAY, PHONEY (APPARENTLY MEANT PHOENIX, ARIZONA,
CHECKED INTO ROOM ONE TWO TWO CHITTENDEN HOTEL TWELVE ZERO
NINE A.M., FIVE TEN, LAST. THERIEN WAS ALONE AND PAID FOR ONE
DAY. THERIEN CHECKED OUT FIVE TWELVE LAST LEAVING NO
FORWARDING ADDRESS AND PAID ADDITIONAL EIGHT DOLLARS AND
THIRTY TWO CENTS. MRS. MORGAN HAD NO RECORD OF LONG DISTANCE

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1-Memphis (Info) (AM)
1-Los Angeles (Info) (AM)
1-Cincinnati

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TELEPHONE CALLS OR AUTO FOR THERIEN.

NO RECORD HARRY LUNSFORD AT CHITTENDEN HOTEL.

WALTER HEARN, BELL CAPTAIN, CHITTENDEN HOTEL,
RECALLED THERIEN PICKED UP TWO SUITCASES AFTERNOON FIVE
TWELVE, LAST, BUT DID NOT DISCLOSE DESTINATION OR MEANS OF
TRAVEL. THERIEN WAS ALONE. MEANS OF DEPARTURE CHITTENDEN
HOTEL NOT NOTED. HEARN DESCRIBED THERIEN AS IN FORTIES,
ABOUT FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, THIN BUILD, WEARING HAT.
HEARN UNABLE TO RECALL CLOTHES WORN BY THERIEN.

FORT HAYES HOTEL, COLUMBUS, OHIO, LOCATED NEAR
CHITTENDEN HOTEL, NEGATIVE RE ROBERT THERIEN, BOB THORN, *THORN*,
AND HARRY LUNSFORD.

AM COPIES TO SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, AND
MEMPHIS. *for info of Memphis*
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Date: **May 9, 1968**

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Via **Airtel** _____

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To: **All SACS**
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

From: **Director, FBI (44-38861)**

MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

In order to cover the possibility that subject may have died since commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted and they advised that no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested that each state may maintain such a record in their Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency.

There is no known Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information; and it is possible that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would only be maintained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities, or the like.

Each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if such records are maintained, and if so, should check records for the period from 4-5-68, to date, for any information which might possibly identify subject Ray with unidentified deceased person over that period.

If there is no central record repository maintained in the various states or nationally in the case of Mexico and Canada, you should, in connection with your contacts with law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, make appropriate inquiries relative to

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unidentified dead for the period beginning 4-5-68; and if fingerprints on such dead are maintained, they should be compared with those on the Identification Order on Ray in order to effect identification or nonidentification. This should be handled in the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines.

The Identification Division has placed an appropriate stop on unidentified deceased inquiries it may receive. If feasible, appropriate offices and Legats, Mexico City and Ottawa should place similar stops with appropriate state, local or national agencies in your territories.

Armed and Dangerous.

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Date: **May 10, 1968**

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Via **Airtel** _____
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To: **All SACS**
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

File
From: **Director, FBI**

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968, and prior to his departing Los Angeles, in March of 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

This should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/14/68

FROM : SA CARL V. PORTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re FD-71 dated 5/10/68.

The current telephone directory, Western Section, reflects one Mrs JAMES RAY, 2557 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles telephone 475-5907.

LAIRD WALLINE, Special Agent, General Telephone Co, Santa Monica, Calif. advised 5/13/68 the service for 475-5907 was installed 10/66 under the name D.E. WIHNYK and transferred to Mrs JAMES RAY 7/24/67. His files contained no background concerning RAY.

The following investigation was conducted on 5/13/68 by SA's ~~SA~~ JAMES E. GIBLER and CARL V. PORTER:

By physical observation ~~on~~ it was determined that the house at 2557 Westwood Blvd. LA is vacant.

Administrative:

JOSEPH P. HERRERA, Asst. Superintendent, US Post Office, 10587 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles advised 5/13/68 that JAMES and DOROTHY RAY left a forwarding address from 2557 Westwood Blvd. on 4/9/68 to Apt. 6, 3620 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles.

On 5/13/68 Mrs DOROTHY WIHNYK RAY, Apt. 6, 3620 Westwood Blvd, Los Angeles furnished the following: She married JAMES EDWARD RAY a US Navy Reserve Officer approximately one year ago. He was in the Navy Reserve until 2/1/68 when he returned to active duty status. He remained in the Los ~~XXXXXX~~ Angeles area except for brief trips to Corpus Christi, Texas until 5/9/68 when he left for the Naval Air Base, Corpus Christi and enroute to Vietnam in about one month.

She exhibited two photos of her husband from her billfold in Navy uniform which did not resemble the photos of JAMES EARL RAY.

She described her husband as white, male, born [redacted] Texas, (city unknown) 5'10" 210-220 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, tatoo of US Navy emblem on rt. outer forearm, USN ser. # [redacted].

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM PHOENIX (44-371) (1P)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY TENTH, LAST;
PHOENIX TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY THIRTEENTH, LAST; CINCINNATI
RADIOGRAM, MAY FOURTEENTH LAST; RE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

MAY SIXTEEN INSTANT MRS. JOHN NEEDLES, THREE SEVEN
ZERO NINE, YALE, PHOENIX, ARIZ., RECONTACTED. ADVISED HER
BROTHER HARRY LUNSFORD, WHEN LEAVING RESIDENCE MAY SIXTH,
LAST, INDICATED HE WAS RETURNING TO ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS
ANGELES RATHER THAN SAN FRANCISCO AS SET FORTH IN RE PHOENIX
TELETYPE.

LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HARRY LUNSFORD, ST. FRANCIS
HOTEL, LOS ANGELES TO DETERMINE IF HE OR FRIEND BOB THERIN,
MADE TELEPHONE CALL TO LOS ANGELES FROM PHOENIX MENTIONED IN
RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE.

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MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON -----

FROM SAN JUAN 1P

RECEIVED BY CODED TELETYPE

SERVICE MESSAGE.

MURKIN.

RE SAN JUAN TELETYPE DATED MAY FIFTEEN LAEQ.

CAPTION SOULD READ MURKIN REPEAT MURKIN. INSERT AT END OF
MESSAGE THE FOLLOWING SENTIENCE - ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Los Angeles, dated 5/13/68.

On 5/17/68, ~~WESLEY WELLMAN~~ advised a 1968 Pontiac, bearing Tennessee license IP-6143, was loaned to him on 5/6/68, by one ~~DARBELL W. BAKER~~. On this date WELLMAN stated he drove BAKER to Los Angeles International Airport wherein BAKER departed Los Angeles en route to Nashville, Tennessee.

During BAKER's absence from Los Angeles, WELLMAN advised he frequently used BAKER's 1968 Pontiac for transportation to and from classes at University of California at Los Angeles and also on social outings with his fiance, Miss CHRISTY PORKS. CHRISTY PORKS is a nineteen-year-old and is employed by Northrup Aviation. WELLMAN advised at no time did Miss PORKS or any other female drive the 1968 Pontiac owned by BAKER.

WELLMAN advised he knows nothing about JAMES EARL RAY or anything relating to the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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On 5/16/68, WELLMAN returned the 1968 Pontiac to BAKER. On this same date BAKER was re-interviewed and vehicle was examined. There was no evidence indicating removal and replacement of Tennessee license plates LP-6143.

Based on this information, no further investigation relating to a 1968 Chevy, bearing Tennessee license LP-6143 is being conducted by Los Angeles.

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938 PM URGENT 5/18/68 WEB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, LOS ANGELES 44-1574 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM ALBANY 44-493

MURKIN

RE LA TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY EIGHTEEN, INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION ALBANY DIVISION RESULTED IN LOCATION OF
RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG, WM, DOB [REDACTED], MASSENA, N.Y.,
SIX FT., ONE SEVEN ZERO LBS., BROWN EYES AND HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD
AND COMPLEXION, FORMERLY IN USMC, ALCOHOLIC, AT YMCA, SYRACUSE,
N.Y. YOUNG NOT IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY. WAS IN MASSENA,
N.Y. ON APRIL FOUR, LAST.

YOUNG REGISTERED AT CLARK HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, APRIL
SEVENTEEN, LAST AND STAYED FOR ONE DAY ONLY. WAS IN BAR,
NAME NOT RECALLED, IN VICINITY OF CLARK HOTEL WHERE HE MET AN
INDIVIDUAL WHO'S NAME HE DOES NOT RECALL, DESCRIBED AS WM,
THIRTYTHREE - THIRTYFOUR YRS., FIVE FT. ELEVEN, ONE SEVEN FIVE
TO ONE EIGHT ZERO LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, HANDSOME, WHO STATED
HE LIVED OFF GIRLS AND WAS THEN GOING WITH A GIRL WHO'S FATHER
OWNED A DRUGSTORE IN LOS ANGELES. HE STATED THIS MAN ASKED
HIM WHETHER HE WAS IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY WHO SHOT
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MARTIN LUTHER KING.

YOUNG STATED HE COULD RECALL MEETING NO ONE ELSE WHILE STAYING AT CLARK HOTEL AND DID NOT RECALL MENTIONING TO ANYONE ELSE HE STAYED AT CLARK HOTEL, ALTHOUGH WHILE DRINKING HE MAY HAVE MENTIONED BEING ASKED IF HE WERE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

YOUNG STATED HE IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED DOCKTORS PET CENTER, FAIRMOUNT FAIR SHOPPING CENTER, SYRACUSE, N.Y. WHERE HE ANTICIPATES REMAINING FOR THREE MONTHS. HE WILL ATTEMPT TO RECALL NAME OF INDIVIDUAL AT ABOVE BAR.

YOUNG STATED HE DID NOT KNOW BOB BRICKLEY, FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY OR LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE. STATED INDIVIDUAL IN BAR MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH BOB BRICKLEY.

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FBI DETROIT

617 PM EDST URGENT 5-18-68 VMC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574) AND
MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM DETROIT (44-989) .2P

MURKIN

RE DETROIT PHONE CALL TO BUREAU, INSTANT; DETROIT TEL
TO DIRECTOR, MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT; LA TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY
SEVENTEEN, LAST; LA TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

LT. FERGUSON, RECORDS OFFICER, FCI, MILAN, MICH., RECONTACTED
THIS DATE RE SAM LEWIS, AND ADVISED LEWIS RELEASED IN NINETEEN
THIRTYEIGHT, AND WAS ASSIGNED INSTITUTION NUMBER FIVE FOUR FIVE
ONE. FERGUSON ALSO STATED A THOROUGH CHECK OF AVAILABLE RECORDS
INDICATE ONE SAMUEL LEWIS RELEASED IN NINETEEN FORTY SIX WAS ASSIGNED
INSTITUTION NUMBER ONE ONE FOUR SEVEN FOUR M. RECORDS ALSO NOTED
A CHARLES SAMUEL LEWIS RELEASED IN SIXTYTWO, AT WHICH TIME HE
WAS AGE TWENTYTHREE. CHARLES SAMUEL LEWIS WAS ASSIGNED INSTITUTION
NUMBER Y TWO TWO SIX NINE TWO MM. HE WAS INCARCERATED ON DYER ACT
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CHARGE. LEWIS' HOME WAS LISTED AS TOLEDO, OHIO. FOREGOING
BEING FURNISHED FOR ADDITIONAL INFO RE LEWIS.

CONTINUING EFFORTS BEING MADE TO RESOLVE INFO RECEIVED FROM
"BOB," AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

AM COPIES FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY.

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KANSAS CITY

PM URGENT 5/18/68 KSW

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER GENE BLAKE ADVISED THIS DATE HE BELIEVES GRAY HOUSE, REFERRED TO BY QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE IS IN ~~THE~~ AREA OF CITY THAN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. AGENTS CHECKED NUMEROUS POSSIBILITIES BUT UNABLE TO LOCATE HOUSE WHERE RAY ALLEGED TO HAVE STAYED OVERNIGHT IN KANSAS CITY. CHECK OF ALL PRIVATE AIRPORTS IN METROPOLITAN KANSAS CITY NEGATIVE RE FLIGHT OUT BY PIERCE PLANE.

NO RECORD WILLI SATA OR FRANK BRICKLEY IN KANSAS CITY. PRISON WARDEN HAROLD SWENSON ADVISED NO PREVIOUS INMATE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY NAME FRANK BRICKLEY. //

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500 PM URGENT 5-18-68 DCC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS AND MIAMI
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE MM AND LA TELETYPES EIGHTEENTH INSTANT.

WILLIAM LINCOLN PIERCE, ROCKY WATERS MOTEL, MAGGIE VALLEY,
RFD WAYNESVILLE, N. C. INTERVIEWED MAY EIGHTEEN, INSTANT.
PIERCE DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF KILLING. HE DENIES KNOWING
JAMES EARL RAY AND AFTER VIEWING RAY'S PHOTO, STATED ACQUAINTED
WITH NO ONE WHO COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH RAY. PIERCE CLAIMED
HE WAS ON CONCH KEY, FLA., ALL WINTER, LEAVING APRIL FIFTH, LAST,
GOING TO RESIDENCE IN MIAMI, FLA., WHERE HE STAYED UNTIL
COMING TO WAYNESVILLE, N. C., APRIL TEN, LAST, TO PREPARE
HIS TOURIST COURT FOR OPENING. HE DOES NOT OWN AN AIRPLANE
OR AIRPORT AND HAS NO FINANCIAL INTEREST IN EITHER, NOR DOES HE
OWN PROPERTY AT BELLE GLADE, FLA., OR VICINITY OF LAKE
OKEECHOBEE, FLA. HE DENIED KNOWING SAMUEL LEWIS, EDDIE WILBURN,
DAN THOMPSON OR JIM GARRISON, AND HAS NO RELATIVES NAMED WILBURN.
HE HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF OR ASSOCIATED WITH MEMBERS OF THE
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MR. PIERCE VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT SEVERAL YEARS AGO, A SMALL JUDGMENT WAS FILED AGAINST HIM IN MIAMI, FLA., ON A DEBT OF ANOTHER WILLIAM PIERCE, WHO WAS IN THE CATTLE BUSINESS IN BELLE GLADE, FLA., AND PAHOKEE, FLA., AREA, BOTH LOCATED NEAR LAKE OKEECHOBEE. HIS ATTORNEY, THOMAS TEASLEY, CORAL GABLES SAVINGS AND LOAN BUILDING, CORAL GABLES, FLA., MAY HAVE THE ADDRESS OF THAT WILLIAM PIERCE.

LOS ANGELES FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT WILLIAM PIERCE, BELLE GLADE, FLA., WAS PERSON REFERRED TO BY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT "BOB."

MIAMI ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY WILLIAM PIERCE OWNING PROPERTY IN BELLE GLADE, FLA., OR VICINITY OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE, FLA., AND CONDUCT REQUESTED INVESTIGATION.

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1100 PM URGENT 5/18/68 RML

TO DIRECTOR, TAMPA LOS ANGELES, AND MEMPHIS
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 5P

MURKIN. CR.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST; MIAMI
TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT; AND LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR
MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

BENJAMIN LARNARD THOMPSON, JR., MIAMI, ADVISED THAT HIS FATHER,
BENJAMIN LARNARD THOMPSON, SR., DIED NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, AND THAT
HIS FATHER HAD BEEN SEMI-RETIRED SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR FROM COMMER-
CIAL FISHING AFTER SUSTAINING HEART CONDITION.

THOMPSON ADVISED HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED WITH AERODEX, MIAMI, SINCE
MARCH, SIXTYSEVEN, AND HAS BEEN ON THE THREE PM - MIDNIGHT SHIFT SINCE
JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

THOMPSON ADVISED HE WAS NOT OUT OF MIAMI AREA DURING THE PERIOD
APRIL THREE THROUGH TWELVE LAST AND WAS WORKING AT AERODEX DURING THIS
PERIOD.

THOMPSON ADVISED HE FORMERLY WORKED AS COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN FOR
EAST COAST FISHERIES, MIAMI, FLA., AND PRIOR TO AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY-
SIX, HE HAD OWNED THREE SEPARATE BOATS DURING VARIOUS INTERVALS IN
THE PAST FIVE YEARS IN WHICH HE FISHED OFF FLORIDA KEYS, MOSTLY FOR
LOBSTERS.

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THOMPSON STATED APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS AGO HE WAS ARRESTED BY BRITISH GOVT. FOR FISHING IN BAHAMIAN WATERS. HIS ARREST RECEIVED A GREAT DEAL OF PUBLICITY IN MIAMI NEWSPAPERS.

THOMPSON ADVISED HE WAS OUT OF STATE OF FLA. ONCE DURING HIS ENTIRE LIFETIME, THAT BEING DURING HIGH SCHOOL WHEN HE VISITED NEW YORK CITY.

HE EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THIS MATTER AND NEVER HEARD OF THE NAMES WILBURN, PIERCE OR KNEW ANYONE WHO OWNED MOTEL OR AIRPLANE.

THOMPSON ADVISED IT WAS COMPLETE MYSTERY TO HIM AS TO HOW HIS NAME WAS BEING UTILIZED IN THIS MATTER.

HE STATED THAT HE HAD A RELATIVE WHO IS A COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN IN MARATHON, FLA., BY THE NAME OF RONNY PIERCE, AGE THIRTY FIVE.

ROBERT OPP, SECURITY OFFICER, AERODEX, MIAMI, ADVISED THAT ALL PERSONNEL RECORDS AND TIME CARDS AT AERODEX WILL BE UNAVAILABLE UNTIL MORNING OF MAY TWENTY NEXT.

CITY DIRECTORIES, MARATHON, AND KEY WEST, FLA., NEGATIVE RE BENJAMIN THOMPSON. KEY WEST CITY DIRECTORY NEGATIVE RE RONALD PIERCE. MARATHON CITY DIRECTORY LISTS A RONALD K. PIERCE, FISHERMAN.

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INVESTIGATION MARATHON, FLA., DETERMINED RONALD K. PIERCE, AGE FORTYFIVE, IS AN INDIGENT LOBSTER FISHERMAN WHO IS MARRIED, HAS FIVE CHILDREN AND WHO SUPPLEMENTS HIS FISHING INCOME BY WORKING PARTTIME AS A MECHANIC. PIERCE IS A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF MARATHON, FLA., WHO SELDOM LEAVES THE FLORIDA KEYS. PIERCE DOES NOT HOLD A PILOT'S LICENSE HAS NO INTEREST IN ANY AIRPORT AND DOES NOT OWN A PLANE. PIERCE HAS NEVER BEEN A BUILDER AND HAS HAD NO AFFILIATIONS IN CUBA, DOES NOT KNOW EDDIE WILBURN AND HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY KKK GROUP.

INVESTIGATION AT PAHOKEE AND BELLE GLADE, FLA., INDICATES THAT A WILLIAM L. PIERCE, WHITE MALE, AGE FIFTYEIGHT, EMPLOYED AT BELLE GLADE AS A WELDER AT TRUE FLOW, INC., FORMERLY OWNED SOME CATTLE AND A CLASS MIGRANT LABORER BOARDING HOUSE WHICH HE WAS FORCED TO GIVE UP IN TEEN SIXTYSEVEN FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES. DOES NOT OWN A PLANE AND DOES NOT FLY. PIERCE IS NOT RELATED TO OR ACQUAINTED WITH EDDIE WILBURN AND IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY KKK ORGANIZATION. PIERCE HAD BEEN WEALTHY FOR A SHORT TIME OVER TWENTY YEARS AGO WHEN HE INVENTED A HEMP ROPE MANUFACTURING MACHINE WHICH WAS LATER BOUGHT BY BATISTA SUPPORTERS IN CUBA. NO OTHER WILLIAM L. PIERCE'S LOCATED IN THE PAHOKEE OR BELLE GLADE AREA.

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INVESTIGATION AT OKEECHOBEE, FLA., INDICATES THAT LELAND CLIFFORD PEARCE, W/M, AGE FIFTY, OWNS PROPERTY AND SEVERAL COTTAGES AND IS A LAND DEVELOPER IN THE BUCKHEAD RIDGE SECTION OF OKEECHOBEE. PEARCE WAS A FORMER CATTLE OWNER IN THE OKEECHOBEE AREA AND SOLD CATTLE TO CUBA AND SOUTH AMERICA IN NINETEEN FIFTYSIX. PEARCE DOES NOT OWN A PRIVATE PLANE AND DOES NOT FLY. HE IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH JIM GARRISON AND IS NOT RELATED TO EDDIE WILBURN. PEARCE DOES NOT KNOW ANYONE NAMED BEN THOMPSON AND IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE KKK. PEARCE WAS IN THE OKEECHOBEE AREA ON APRIL THREE - TEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. PEARCE VIEWED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY.

PEARCE OF OPINION THAT JOHN THOMAS BOWLES AN ACTIVE KKK MEMBER IN THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA), OKEECHOBEE, FLA., SUBJECT OF MIAMI FILES ONE FIVE SEVEN - ONE NINE ONE ZERO AND ONE SEVEN THREE - ONE SEVEN TWO AND BUREAU FILES ONE FIVE SEVEN - SEVEN FOUR ONE SEVEN AND ONE SEVEN THREE - FOUR FIVE EIGHT NINE, COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN CAPTIONED MATTER. BOWLES DESCRIBED AS W/M, DOB [REDACTED], AT KINERVILLE, FLA., HEIGHT FIVE FT. TEN IN., WEIGHT ONE THREE EIGHT LBS., FBI NO. THREE TWO ONE - NINE TWO EIGHT - C. PEARCE BELIEVES BOWLES MAY BE INVOLVED BECAUSE BOWLES'S PRIVATE PLANE GONE FROM OKEECHOBEE AREA AT INTERVALS FROM APRIL FOUR TO APRIL EIGHT, LAST.

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BOWLES INTERVIEWED AND STATED HE WAS AT CALLAHAN DENTAL LABORATORY, ARMENIA AVE., TAMPA, FLA., TEL NO. NINE THREE TWO - THREE ZERO EIGHT FIVE, ON APRIL THIRD, FOURTH, AND SIXTH, LAST, HAVING DENTURE WORK DONE. THIS STORY NOT VERIFIED BY INTERVIEWS WITH HIS WIFE AND BROTHER-IN-LAW. BOWLES STATES HE IS IN SYMPATHY WITH THE ASSASSIN OF KING AND WOULD LIKE TO SHAKE THE HAND OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE. BOWLES HAS PRIVATE PLANE AND FLIES REGULARLY. HE MANAGES THE RIDGE APARTMENTS, BUCKHEAD RIDGE, OKEECHOBEE, FLA., AND IS ALSO A FISHING PARTY GUIDE. BOWLES DOES NOT KNOW EDDIE WILBURN, JIM GARRISON, OR A BEN THOMPSON WHO OWNS BOATS. HE STATED HE DID NOT FLY KING'S ASSASSIN ANYWHERE AND WAS IN NO WAY INVOLVED WITH ASSASSINATION PLOT. BOWLES NOT WEALTHY. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING MIAMI.

TAMPA, INTERVIEW APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS AT CALLAHAN DENTAL LABORATORY TO DETERMINE SPECIFIC DATES AND TIMES JOHN BOWLES THERE FROM MARCH TWENTYEIGHT TO APRIL TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

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Date: 5/16/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (41-38861)
 FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau 5/14/68, setting forth a letter written by Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX, of Los Angeles, California, who published the Tuskegee Tribune in Tuskegee, Alabama, 1964 and 1965. She suggested the possibility that some of the people who subscribed to the Tuskegee Tribune during that time might have been implicated in the murder of Dr. KING.

Mobile files reflect a LHM submitted to the Bureau 11/12/64, reflecting that LOMAX moved to Tuskegee, Alabama, in late 1964, and published the Tuskegee Tribune. It was set forth that Dr. JULIAN GILES, Director of the VA Hospital, Tuskegee, regarded her as a "mentally sick" person.

In this same file Los Angeles LHM dated 1/18/65, LA file 100-51442, set forth that CS IA 3184-S advised on 1/14/65, that LOMAX was considered untrustworthy by most all the various Negro organizations and groups in the Los Angeles area, and none of them would give her financial backing. This source said that many people acquainted with her questioned her mental capacity.

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In view of the above information, and inasmuch as referenced airtel does not indicate any real reason for her statement that the persons named by her might bear checking out in the assassination of Dr. KING, UACB the persons set out for interview by the Mobile Division are not being interviewed regarding MURKIN.

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PD Lancaster Ohio	Richard Lee Ogg #1186	12-28-55	inv B & E	2-16-56 2 yrs prob
SRef Mansfield Ohio	Richard Lee Ogg #56 152	11-3-56	burg N/S	1 to 15 yrs Paroled 11-7-57
Conf Officer Armor Center Stockade Ft Knox Ky	Richard Lee Martin #6070	FP 5-15-60	inquiry	
PD Canastota NY	Richard Lee Ogg	1-15-64	fraudulent check 1292a PL	45 das Madison Co Jail

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	Civil print from PD Syracuse NY was identified with this record and returned to contributor 3-3-64.			

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: April 9, 1968

FROM : SA H. R. McCULLOUGH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 3:54 A.M., 4/9/68, Bureau Supervisor ED McDONOUGH called the office referring to Bureau Teletype to All Continental Offices dated 4/8/68. With reference to UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka. HARRY LOWMEYER, the Bureau indices are being checked under variations of that surname, such as Lowmyer, Lohmeyer, etc. Hence, Bureau indices disclose that in 1966 one WILLIAM LOHMEYER, 7835 Mango Street, Fontana, California, was listed as a reference by the subject of the case entitled, "DONALD WILLIAM DUFFY, SM-C; FAG", LA file 100-68619.

Accordingly, Supervisor McDONOUGH instructs as follows:

1. That LA indices be checked on this individual;
2. That a discreet, immediate investigation be instituted to ascertain WILLIAM LOHMEYER's whereabouts during the pertinent period;
3. That the Bureau be informed of the results of 1 and 2 by teletype.

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TO : (44-1574)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA THEODORE M. GARDNER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following is to be set forth on the Administrative page of the next report in this case:

On 4/24/68, DAVE ECCLES, Postal Inspector, U.S.P.O., Main Office, Los Angeles, California, furnished the following information regarding the International Police Equipment Co., 806 S. Robertson Ave., Los Angeles:

This company is a mail order business owned by ~~HERBERT S. GREENBERG~~, who, as of 7/3/64, resides Apartment 3, 1004 North Alfred Street, Los Angeles. ~~GREENBERG~~ also owns ~~Lili St. Cyr Intimates~~ and ~~H.S.G. Enterprises~~. Two references furnished by ~~GREENBERG~~ are the California Bank, 3rd and LaCienaga Blvd., and ~~NOWTHER M. GIPSIN~~, who is a co-owner with ~~GREENBERG~~.

~~ECCLES~~ advised that 806 S. Robertson is a mail agents service, called "My Secretary", and is used as a mail drop by ~~GREENBERG~~ for his business enterprises.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (43-209192)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (43-2336) (RUC)

~~**JAMES LEE KIDDER**~~
~~**APR 19 4 53 PM**~~
~~**FIDE**~~
~~**(OO:LA)**~~

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, dated 4/23/68.

During the investigation of one JAMES KIDDER, a suspect in the MURKIN investigation, the Tampa Division advised Memphis of his location in Memphis and of the identity of the original source of information who was also in Memphis. The Bureau advised Memphis he was not being further investigated as a suspect in the MURKIN case, but he may be identical with the captioned fugitive and Los Angeles, (OO), furnished a photograph and background to Memphis.

JAMES CRUSTER, Seminole Boulevard, Cassleberry, Florida, furnished the information concerning the whereabouts of KIDDER in Memphis to the Tampa Division which information was obtained telephonically from his wife who is in Memphis.

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- 1 - Jacksonville (info)
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- ① - 44-1574
- 2 - Memphis
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On 4/16/68 JAMES SHUSTER was recontacted and he said he had heard from his wife in Memphis who said KIDDER was still residing with her mother VIRGINIA McDANIEL on Feabody Street in Memphis but she had no additional information. JAMES SHUSTER's wife, CHRISTINA McDANIEL SHUSTER, 632 North Dunlap, Memphis, Tennessee, did not know JAMES SHUSTER had been contacted by the FBI or that KIDDER may be a fugitive. SHUSTER said his job would end at the Sanford - Orlando Dog Track about 4/19/68 and he planned to visit his wife in Memphis.

On 4/30/68, an attempt to contact JAMES SHUSTER met with negative results and his sister-in-law, Mrs. NORRIS SHUSTER, JR., 117 Edenburgh Drive, Winter Park, Florida said he had departed Florida driving a truckload of racing dogs to Boston. He planned to see his wife and later work the summer season at the Pensacola, Florida dog track. She said that KIDDER was last known to be in Memphis and she knew of no plans for him to return to Florida but if he did she would notify the FBI.

It is being left to the discretion of Memphis and Los Angeles to set forth any lead for the Jacksonville Division in the event it becomes desirable to recontact JAMES SHUSTER when he arrives to work at the Pensacola, Florida dog track.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)

DATE: 5/10/68

FROM : SA FREDRICK E. BECKER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

*Special for tel. today
of report*

TIRE PHASE

Re Sacramento airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/24/68 and Atlanta teletype dated 4/17/68 and airtel dated 4/18/68 concerning tires found on abandoned white Mustang.

On 5/1/68 the following owners of tire mold manufacturing companies were contacted in an effort to determine if their respective companies had manufactured the Matrix (tire mold) that produced the tread design of the recap rear tires found on the abandoned Mustang. The following owners advised that their companies were the only Matrix making companies in Southern California and they had not made the mold in question.

- ✓ ~~RUDY PELUSI~~, L.A. Matrix Company
5530 Borwick, South Gate, California
- ✓ ~~BERT HUGHES~~, Ace Tire Mold Company
1817 Chico, South El Monte, California
- ✓ ~~PAUL TROBEMEN~~, General Equipment Exchange
354 Tennessee Street, Redlands, California
- ~~MAURICE CLAPP~~, S.M.C., Inc.
Colton at Wabash, Mentone, California
- ✓ ~~PETER KEADY~~, Balloon Tire Mould Corp.
4546 E. Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, California

for report

On 5/1/68, ~~CHARLES LAVELLE~~, Foreman, S.M.C., Inc., Mentone, California, advised that approximately three years ago he was employed by the National Casting Company, Lynwood, California and he believed the mold in question was made by that company which unfortunately went out of business over three years ago. LAVELLE advised that a MARY SKOLICH, 11079

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Sue Avenue, Lynwood, California, might have old records which would reflect what company the Matrix was sold to. Mr. LAVALLE was able to locate an old tread design mold which matched the design of the tread on the Mustang tires in every way and he advised that the Matrix was indeed made by the National Casting Company.

On 5/2/68, Mrs. MARY SKOLICH, 11079 Sue Avenue, Lynwood, California, home phone 532-3910, business phone 636-1033, was contacted at the Hogebuilt Manufacturing Company, Lynwood, and she advised that she would make a search of her old records in an effort to determine for which company the National Casting Company made the Matrix in question. On 5/3/68 Mrs. SKOLICH advised that the Matrix was made for the Garvin Tire Service Centers in the late part of 1962 or early part of 1963.

On 5/3/68, Mr. ROBERT PALLOTTO, Manager, Garvin Tire Service Center, 7257 Reseda Boulevard, Reseda, California, advised that his company purchased the Matrix in question in the late part of 1962 or early part of 1963 and his company has been and is still using the Matrix to mold tires. Mr. PALLOTTO advised that his company's tires do bear the identification mark of "GT" but he has no idea how the identification mark of "RGT" would get on one of the tires. A review of all of the sales invoices of the Reseda Center from August 1967 to the end of March 1968 failed to reflect any tire purchase identifiable to JAMES EARL RAY. PALLOTTO advised that his company often merely writes the word "cash" on the invoice rather than any name or address and it would therefore be impossible to identify the persons purchasing tires. PALLOTTO advised that his company also has a branch service center in North Hollywood, California, and their records would be available for review.

On 5/5/68, L.D. JOHNSON, Manager, Garvin Tire Service Center, 5140 Lankershim Boulevard, North Hollywood, California, advised he would have employees pull the sales invoices for August 1967 to the end of March 1968.

On 5/10/68, a review of the sales invoices for August 1967 through March 1968 for the North Hollywood branch of the Garvin Tire Service Centers failed to reveal any item identifiable to JAMES EARL RAY, aka ERIC STARVO GALT and it was noted that many of the invoices merely had the notation "cash".

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The following motels and hotels in the vicinity of the Los Angeles International Airport were contacted on May 8, 1968, by Special Agents WILLIAM S. BURTON and THOMAS E. LAVIN. All advised that no one using the name C. RAY, CARL RAY, or JAMES EARL RAY registered at the hotels or motels during the period May 1 through 3, 1968:

International Airport Hotel
6211 West Century Boulevard
Manager - JOHN NORVELL

International Hotel
Century and Sepulveda Boulevards

Airport Marina
8601 Lincoln Boulevard
Assistant Manager - CHARLES HART

Holiday Inn
9750 Airport Boulevard
Manager - R. RAUSCH

Ramada Inn
9620 Airport Boulevard
Manager - L. CATER

Skyways Airport Hotel
9250 Airport Boulevard
Manager - G. OKATA

Pen and Quill Hotel
3501 Sepulveda Boulevard
Manager - J. MANGINI

Sojourn Motor Inn
4330 West Century Boulevard
Manager - Mr. WALDRUFF

New Orleans Motel
3900 West Century Boulevard

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES (CODE)
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 5P

MURKIN

JOHN ACORD, CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN-SOUTHERN AFRICA COUNCIL
EIGHT HUNDRED FOURTH STREET, SOUTHWEST, WDC FURNISHED WFO
TODAY A LETTER DATED DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT LAST FROM ERIC S.
GALT, ONE FIVE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF-
ORNIA WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY ACORD IN DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN. THE
LETTER READS:

"DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYSEVEN

"DEAR SIR,

"I RECENTLY READ AN ARTICLE IN THE L. A. TIMES ON YOUR
CONCIL, THE LOCAL JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY PROVIDED ME WITH YOUR
ADDRESS. MY REASON FOR WRITING IS THAT I AM CONSIDERING

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EMIGRATING TO RHODESIA, HOWEVER THEIR ARE A COUPLE LEGAL
QUESTIONS INVOLVED.

"ONE: THE U. S. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ISSUE A PASSPORT
FOR TRAVEL TO RHODESIA.

"TWO: WOULD THEIR BE ANY WAY TO ENTER RHODESIA LEGALLY
(FROM THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT POINT OF VIEW).

"I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU COULD GIVE ME
ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION ON RHODESIA.

"SINCERELY

ERIC S. GALT

U. S. ONE FIVE THREE FIVE N. SERRANO
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, NINE
ZERO ZERO TWO SEVEN"

ABOVE LETTER HAND CARRIED TO BUREAU LABORATORY TODAY.

ACORD WAS IN RHODESIA WHEN THE LETTER WAS RECEIVED AT
HIS OFFICE AND HIS SECRETARY REPLIED TO THIS LETTER WITH A
FORM LETTER ENCLOSING LAZERATURE ON RHODESIA.

ACORD ALSO SAID HE MAY HAVE MET GALT IN NOVEMBER, SIXTYEIGHT, IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA AS HE RECALLS AN INDIVIDUAL ASKING HIM QUESTIONS ABOUT EMIGRATING TO RHODESIA. ACORD HAS SHOWN ALL PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ACORD SAID THEY WERE NOT OF THE INDIVIDUAL HE RECALLS WHO QUESTIONED HIM.

THE WRITER OF ABOVE LETTER WAS IN ERROR REGARDING PASSPORTS AS RHODESIA IS NOT AND HAS NEVER BEEN ON THE LIST OF COUNTRIES TO WHICH TRAVEL BY AMERICANS HAS BEEN RESTRICTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. A U.S. PASSPORT ISSUED IN SIXTYEIGHT IS VALID FOR THREE YEARS FOR ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT CUBA, MAINLAND GUINEA, NORTH KOREA AND NORTH VIETNAM.

KEN H. TOWSE, INFORMATION OFFICER, RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT, WDC (PROTECT IDENTITY) ADVISED HE HAS COPY OF LETTER FURNISHED BY ACORD. TOWSE WILL REVIEW FILES HIS OFFICE AND ADVISE FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING GALT LOCATED. TOWSE OFFERED ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE; HOWEVER,

DESIRES A FORMAL REQUEST IN ANY FORM. HE REQUESTED THAT SUCH REQUESTS AND ANY INFORMATION FURNISHED NOT BE MADE PUBLIC IN VIEW OF IMPLICATIONS OF EXPLOITING THE EXISTING SITUATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND OF POSSIBLY EXPANDING HOSTILITY TOWARD HIS GOVERNMENT. TOWSEY STATED HE WOULD NOT USE OPEN TELEGRAPH TO PASS ON ANY REQUEST TO HIS GOVERNMENT BUT WOULD USE MAIL. HE SUGGESTED OUR GOVERNMENT MAY WISH TO PRESENT REQUEST THROUGH THE AMERICAN CONSULATE AT SALISBURY, RHODESIA. TOWSEY WISHES TO BE ADVISED CONCERNING THE CHANNEL USED TO TRANSMIT REQUEST.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WFO CONCERNING THE FORM OF ^{ONE} REQUEST TO BE MADE OF THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT.

LOS ANGELES ADVISE WFO OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN LOS ANGELES TO ASSIST IN INTERVIEWING ACORD IN GREATER DETAIL.

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WFO INDICES REFLECTED CLOSED CASE ENTITLED QUOTE
AMERICAN DASH SOUTHERN AFRICA COUNCIL; IS DASH RHODESIA; REGISTRA-
TION ACT DASH RHODESIA ENQUOTE. FILE REFLECTS JAMES PATRICK ACORD,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ABOVE ORGANIZATION, INTERVIEWED BY WFO MARCH
SEVEN SIXTYSEVEN AT WHICH TIME HE ADVISED PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION
WAS TO CONVINCЕ UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT ITS AFRICAN POLICY
IS INCORRECT AND SHOULD BE CHANGED SO THAT MORE FRIENDLY RELATIONS
CAN EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA,
ANGOLA, AND POSSIBLY GAMBIA. ACORD EXPLAINED THAT SOME COUNTRIES
ARE NOT READY FOR INDEPENDENCE BECAUSE OF LACK OF EDUCATED
PERSONNEL, RENDERING THEM VULNERABLE TO COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. HE
STATED RHODESIA'S RULING ELEMENTS ARE EDUCATED AND STRONG ENOUGH
TO WITHSTAND COMMUNIST SUBVERSION AND THAT THE UNITED STATES
THEREFORE SHOULD RECOGNIZE RHODESIA AS AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY
AND GIVE IT MORAL SUPPORT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/10/68

FROM : SA PHILLIP J. REILLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/10/68, Mrs. BETH WOODIN, Secretary to Mr. REX H. WESTERFIELD, searched her files for the years 1967 and 1968, for a record of correspondence with or from ERIC S. GALT, but was unable to locate anything.

Mr. WESTERFIELD is currently in Salt Lake City and is scheduled to return to San Marino on Monday, May 13, 1968, at which time he will contact the Los Angeles Office and interview will be arranged.

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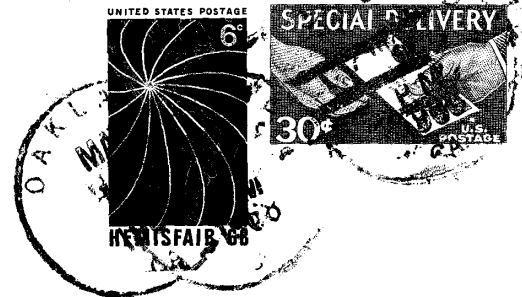
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Date received 5/10/68 Received from (name or symbol number) Mrs Almendra Roman Received by SA Raymond Johnson

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 in person by telephone by mail orally recording device written by Informant

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Brief description of activity or material
Letter from Mrs Roman listing white subscribers to "Judge's Tribune", and Special Delivery

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