

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING  
THE LOCAL SWINGER, P.O. Box  
3802, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA (90242)

In connection with the investigation of The Local Swinger, P.O. Box 3802, Downey, California, a correspondence club, JAMES E. O'DOWD and ANN L. MEYERS, sponsors of the club, advised on May 2, 1968 that they recall having sent a list of local swingers to ERIC S. GALT in February 1968.

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They advised that they had ~~#####~~ taken many of these names from the Los Angeles Free Press, ~~#####~~ ALANT GARDE NEWSPAPER. O'DOWD and MEYERS stated that it has been their experience that many of these addresses are not accurate, and that some persons either send inaccurate addresses or ~~###~~ some send addresses of others as a joke.

The following persons were contacted in an effort to determine if they had received any correspondence from ERIC S. GALT or JAMES EARL RAY, who was known to have joined The Local Swinger:

EVELYN ROBRIGUEZ, 1649 South Berendo Street, Los Angeles, California, advised on May 4, 1968 that she had been on the mailing list of The Local Swinger for approximately three months but that she had never received any correspondence from GALT or RAY, or had ever met anyone resembling him.

SELMA MAHOOD, 255 North Cordova Street, Burbank, California advised on May 3, 1968 that she had sent the amount of \$1.00 to The Local Swinger, had received a list of names, but had never received a letter from GALT or RAY, or had never met anyone resembling him.

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PAUL LEVY, <sup>1400 Purdue Street West</sup> ~~3905 Stevely Avenue~~, Los Angeles, California advised

<sup>And MAY 6, 1968</sup> on May 3, 1968 that he has submitted ads to the Los Angeles Free Press and that perhaps The Local Swinger acquired his name through these ads, however, he has never received any correspondence or met any person names ERIC GALT or JAMES EARL RAY.

ROXANNE KENNERLY, Apartment # 9, 218 North Alexandria Street, Los Angeles, California advised on May 3, 1968 that she had placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles Free Press stating she was lonely and seeking dates. She surmises that The Local Swinger placed this advertisement in their magazine since she had received about ten letters from persons who had seen the ad in The Local Swinger. She never received correspondence or met anyone named GALT or RAY.

DOROTHY MEACHAM, Manager, Carolina Hollywood Hotel, 1520 No. La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised on May 3, 1968 that she had placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles Free Press but had never joined The Local Swinger. She had never received any correspondence from GALT or RAY, and after viewing photographs of RAY stated that she has never seen him.

BETTY WISHARD and BARBARA SNELL, 1625 North Martel ~~Street~~ <sup>Avenue</sup>, Los Angeles, California advised on May 3, 1968 that they had placed advertisements in the Los Angeles Free Press and had received some correspondence, but had not received any communications from anyone named GALT or RAY. They viewed photographs of RAY but stated they had never seen him.

AUGUSTA L. CADE, 1429½ South Cloverdale Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised on May 3, 1968 that she had placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles Free Press in January 1968 and that she received correspondence until March 1968; however, she never received any letters from GALT or RAY, and after viewing photographs of RAY stated she has never seen him.

MARIA G. URIADO, sister-in-law of OPELIA AYON, 820 North Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, California, whose name was on the mailing list of The Local Swinger, stated that OPELIA AYON was now residing in Mexico, but that she had never received any correspondence from The Local Swinger, nor had she ever contacted this organization. URIADO viewed photographs of RAY but stated she had never seen RAY.

LINDA WAPATO, Apartment #2, 4259 Verdugo Road, Los Angeles, California advised that she had placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles Free Press for about two weeks in January 1968 but had never received any mail from GALT or ~~RAY~~ RAY, and after viewing photographs of RAY stated that she had never seen him

BETTY KRAKER, 1336 North Edgement Street, Los Angeles, California advised on May 3, 1968 that she had received a letter addressed to BARBARA BELL in mid-April 1968, along with a photograph of a man, however, it was not a letter or photograph of ERIC S. GALT or JAMES EARL RAY.

MRS. MICHAEL VAN TIFFLIN, 15050 Parthenia Street, Sepulveda, California advised on May 3, 1968 that her husband, MICHAEL VAN TIFFLIN was receiveing mail from a correspondence club at one time but since January 1968 he has been an inmate at the Atascadero State Hospital, Atascadero, California. This facility is for the criminally insane.

BRYAN GRANT, aka BRYAN PEARSON, 13469 Rand Drive, Sherman Oaks, California advised on May 3, 1968 that he had placed an advertisement on the Los Angeles Free Press and had received some mail, but never anything ffrom GALT or RAY. He viewed photographs of RAY but stated that he had never seen RAY.

MARIA MONTES, 11954 East 168th Street, Artesia, California, advised on May 3, 1968 that in 1964 she had sent a photograph to an unrecalled Chicago "lonely hearts" club, and since that time has been receiving letters from throughout the country. She has never received any letters from GALT or RAY, ~~###cou###~~ and after viewing photographs of RAY stated she had never seen him.

HAROLD L. CONRAD, 7901 Hesperia Street, Canoga Park, California advised on May 3, 1968 that he had# placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles Free Press but that he had ## never received any letters from GALT ## or RAY. CONRAD viewed photographs of RAY but stated that he had never seen RAY.

SANDY TERRY, 2543 West 225th Place, Torrance, California advised on May 4, 1968 that she never heard of The ~~#####~~ Local Swinger, had no knowledge of ~~#####~~ anyone named GALT or RAY, and had no idea how her name might on been on the list of the group.

MELODY Mc CARTHY, 420 Irving Street, Glendale, California advised on May 7, 1968 that she had placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles Free Press and had dated some of the persons who responded to the ad. She stated that she did not belong to The Local Swinger group, and upon viewing photographs of RAY stated that she had never seen him or had never heard of the name ERIC S. GALT.

NETTIE COHEN, 15729 Eucalyptus Avenue, Apt. #3, Bellflower, California, ~~#####~~ a deaf and dumb mute, advised on May 6, 1968 that she had never heard of The Local Swinger, and upon viewing photographs of RAY stated that she had never seen the man.

SHARON MITCHELL, 32548 Crescent Avenue, Elsinore, California advised on May 4, 1968 that her married name is now SHARON NORBERG, but that about four years ago she joined a correspondence club, the name of which she could not recall. She stated that she receives letters from persons stating they saw her name in The Local Swinger mailing list, but she doesn't know how her name got on this list. ~~She does not know ERIC S. GALT or JAMES~~ She said she never received correspondence from ERIC S. GALT or JAMES EARL RAY.

CAROLYN BROOKS, 1200 North Orange Grove Avenue, Los Angeles, California advised that she had been receiving mail as a result of an advertisement placed a few years ago but she had never ~~###~~ received any mail from anyone named ERIC S. GALT or JAMES EARL RAY.

MARY GALVAN, 818 Oak Street, Duarte, California stated on May 3, 1968 that she had joined a Pen Pal Club in Pasadena, California a few years ago, and has been receiving correspondence ever since. She has never seen or heard of GALT or RAY.

MRS. HAROLD YAZELL, who uses ~~###/###~~ her maiden name, PABLITA L. SCOTT, 304 South Oakland Avenue, Pasadena, California advised on May 5, 1968 that she answered a person<sup>Ad</sup> in the "Los Angeles Times", about a year ago offering a list of "pen pals". Later she received a copy of "Cupids Destiny", Long Beach, California, and then she began to receive all types of letters. She recalls subscribing to The Local Swinger and receiving many letters, most of which would appeal to the more erotic type. MRS. YAZELL said that she has never received any letters from ERIC GALT or RAY, nor could she identify a photograph of RAY as being identical with anyone she has ever met.

MRS. J. YOUNG, 3711 Mc Clintock Street, Los Angeles, California, advised on May 8, 1968 that she has used the names of ANN, MRS. BROWN and LIZ WOOD in ~~###/###~~ placing ads in the Los Angeles Free Press. She has never received any communications from ~~###/###~~ individuals named GALT or RAY, and upon viewing photographs of RAY stated she has never seen him.

ROBERT LEE HOFFMAN, 229 South Ardmore Avenue, Los Angeles, California advised on May 9, 1968 that he had never heard of The Local Swinger and had never subscribed to the club periodical. He viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he had never seen him or had he ever received any correspondence from RAY or ERIC S. GALT.

MR. CHARLES ANDERSON, 6402 Haas Avenue, Los Angeles, California advised on May 3, 1968 that he had no idea how his name was secured by The Local Swinger, and that he had never communicated with this club. He stated he had never seen or heard of anyone named JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC S. GALT.

MRS. CAROL VOLBERG, manager, apartments located at 3184 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, California reviewed the rental records for the years of 1964 through ~~1968~~ April 1968 for any record of one EDITH SIEBOLD, whose name # was somehow obtained by The Local Swinger, with negative results.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA DAVID R. PENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Philadelphia airtel to LA, 4/30/68 (serial 1009)

On 5/2/68 ARCH JOHNSON, desk clerk at the Astor Hotel, 208 S. Hill, L.A., advised that WILLIAM CROSBY had checked out of the hotel the morning of 5/2/68 and had left no forwarding address. JOHNSON did not think that CROSBY had any friends in the hotel that would know where he had gone.

Credit and arrest checks on CROSBY in LA were negative.

An indices check on CROSBY found one reference (62-228-3112). A review of this file reflected that CROSBY has written numerous letters the FBI, all concerning topics not within FBI jurisdiction. It appears that CROSBY may be prone to writing crank letters.

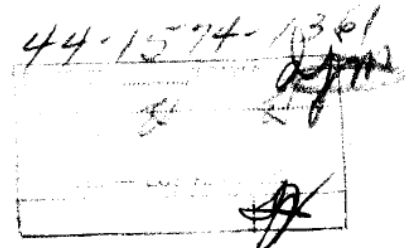
On 5/8/68 ADAM SMOLK, day bartender at the 'My Desire Piano Bar, 6417 Hollywood Blvd, L.A., advised that CROSBY was the piano player at the bar for several weeks until he quit on 5/1/68. SMOLK was shown photos of RAY and advised that he had never seen him before.

On 5/8/68 PHIL TETI, night bartender at the 'My Desire Piano Bar', advised that he had no idea as to how to locate CROSBY, as CROSBY is a drifter who never stays in one place very long. TETI was shown photos of RAY and advised that he had never seen him before. TETI added that CROSBY had poor eyesight.

After several attempts to contact PEGGY WINTERS, hostess at the My Desire Bar, she was interviewed at her home (1008 N. Serrano, LA) on 5/8/68. WINTERS was shown photos of RAY and advised that she had never seen him before. WINTERS thought that she would have remembered him if he had been in the bar because she has a very good memory for faces.

In view of the above investigation, no further investigation is being conducted to locate CROSBY.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SA MELVIN L. FLOHR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This investigation was precipitated upon the fact that the address, "Occupant", 420 Irving Avenue, Glendale, was reportedly furnished to ERIC S. GALT by the LOCAL SWINGERS CLUB.

Investigation on 5/3/68, determined that Mrs. EVA CHRISTIAN resides at 420 Irving Avenue, Glendale. She is an elderly woman. It was determined that she was out of town and would return on Monday, 5/6/68.

Investigation conducted on 5/6/68 by SA BRIAN MCCARTHY and the writer consisted of the following:

Mrs. EVA CHRISTIAN, 420 Irving St., Glendale, advised that her granddaughter, MELODY MCCARTHY, age 23, had used the above address in an ad in the Free Press. She had correspondence as a result of the advertisement for companionship and actually went out with some of the men who responded to the ad. Mrs. CHRISTIAN advised that she had not seen her granddaughter since April 16 and did not know how to reach her. She furnished numerous names of friends of MELODY MCCARTHY.

Further investigation, on 5/6/68, failed to locate MELODY MCCARTHY.

On 5/7/68, MELODY MCCARTHY, age 23, was located and interviewed by the writer and SA MCCARTHY. She advised that she had placed an ad in the Free Press and had dated some of the individuals who responded to the ad. She did not belong to the LOCAL SWINGERS CLUB. She was unable to identify the picture of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric S. Galt. She did not recognize the names RAY, GALT, or any of his known aliases.

It is recommended that no further action be taken re MELODY MCCARTHY.

MELODY MCCARTHY is described as white, female, born [redacted] at Glendale, 5'10", 140, red hair, hazel eyes.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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FROM : SA DAVID R. PENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

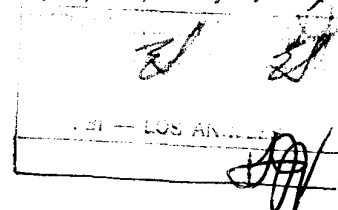
Re serial 1045

After numerous attempts to contact HAROLD KASS, he was contacted on 5/14/68. KASS advised that a 1960 Buick, Cal. tag OBU 701, was registered to him but that he had sold the car to Mr. JEWEL FLURY, who resides at 746 S. Normandie, LA. KASS bore no resemblance to subject in this case, and after viewing photos of RAY, KASS stated that FLURY did not resemble RAY.

On 5/15/68 Mr. JEWEL E. FLURY, Apt. 208, 746 S. Normandie, Los Angeles, advised that he owned a 1960 Buick with Cal. tag OBU 701, and that he did have it serviced at a Standard Station on 5/2/68. FLURY was shown photos of RAY and advised that he had never seen the man. Flury bore a slight resemblance to RAY, although FLURY was about 25 years of age. There is no possibility that FLURY is identical with RAY.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM : SA DAVID R. PLINDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of ~~SA~~ FRANK L. MELLOTT, 5/4/68

ANDREW R. TAYLOR, JR., 1149 W. 106th St., L.A., was interviewed on 5/4/68 and furnished the following information:

He is a driver for the International Hotel and works the night shift. Around 3:30 am on 5/4/68 as he was walking on the main floor of the hotel, off the lobby, he saw a man obtaining a pack of cigarettes from the cigarette machine. He saw the man head on for a brief moment, the man stared at him, and the man then walked right past him. TAYLOR went around the corner of the hall and when he turned back several moments later the man was gone. The man must have gotten on the elevator or otherwise TAYLOR would have seen him.

TAYLOR described the man he saw as follows: WM, 150-160, age 35-40, 5 feet 9"-5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair (crewcut), full face. TAYLOR was shown all the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. From these photos he selected the middle picture on IO # 4182 as being the only photo resembling the man he saw in the hotel. TAYLOR stated that the 1968 photo of RAY did not resemble the man he saw.

On 5/15/68 TAYLOR advised that he has not seen the above described individual since the morning of 5/4/68

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call from Mr. McGOWAN, Bureau, May 15, 1968 and Los Angeles Conference Teletype, May 14, 1968, Air Mail copy Minneapolis.

Mr. JAMES E. BARROWMAN, Auditor, Money Order Audit Bureau, Western Union Telegraph Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, (PROTECT IDENTITY WITHOUT FAIL) advised the records of the Money Order Audit Bureau are filed chronologically by date under the city of origin of each Money Order and then alphabetically under the name of the payee. He stated that it is therefore necessary to have a point of origin for any Money Order before any type of search can be instituted in their records. He further advised that they handle more than ten million documents per year.

At the request of Mr. McGOWAN, Mr. BARROWMAN was asked to review their records for the period of February 14, 1968 through March 20, 1968 in an effort to locate any possible Money Orders sent to RAY from St. Louis, Missouri. On May 16, 1968, Mr. BARROWMAN advised that he had completed this search checking all Money Orders originating at St. Louis under RAY's true name and all known aliases with negative results.

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TO: BUREAU AND MEMPHIS  
FROM: LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN. (RE: DONALD W. RAMSEY, AKA BILL RAMSEY)  
RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY FOURTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO, SUBJECT ALONG WITH SIR DELMAR MUTT HOLLAND AND SUBJECT'S SON DONALD CARL RAMSEY, INTERVIEWED MAY EIGHT, SIXTY EIGHT, BOONE CO. JAIL, HARRISON, ARK. THREE SUBJECTS ARRESTED WEIGHT DIVISION OFFICERS, ASPOL, MAY FOURTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, NEAR ARKANSAS-MISSOURI STATE LINE, FOR DWI. FIREARMS FOUND IN THEIR POSSESSION CONSISTING OF TWO TWENTY TWO-CALIBER RIFLES AND FOUR PISTOLS AS WELL AS A TYPEWRITER, CHECK PROTECTOR, AND BLANK CHECKS ALONG WITH PREPARED UNNEGOTIATED CHECKS FROM SEVERAL STATES. ITSP ASPECT BEING HANDLED SEPARATELY.

ON MAY SIXTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, DONALD W. RAMSEY ADVISED HE MENTIONED MARTIN LUTHER KING AND FOUR NEGROES BEING KILLED

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IN KANSAS CITY "JUST FOR KICKS." HE SAID THE ARRESTING OFFICERS, WHEN THEY SAW HIS WEAPONS, BECAME EXCITED AND MENTIONED KING AND FACT THAT SOME NEGROES HAD BEEN KILLED IN KANSAS CITY. UNTIL THAT TIME HE HAD NOT BEEN AWARE OF ANY INCIDENT AT KANSAS CITY. RAMSEY STATES HE WAS LAST IN MEMPHIS IN SIXTY TWO BUT DECLINED TO DISCUSS HIS ACTUAL WHEREABOUTS ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, AND REFUSES TO DIVULGE HIS RECENT CHECK WRITING ACTIVITIES. ALL SUBJECTS TO BE RELEASED ARKANSAS AUTHORITIES, MAY NINETEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. FOR FURTHER INFO, ALL SUBJECTS PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED IN EXTENSIVE CHECK WRITING ACTIVITIES AND BACKGROUND CONCERNING BOTH RAMSEYS IN BUFILE NINETY FIVE DASH FOUR ZERO EIGHT NINE SEVEN. ATTEMPTS TO INTERVIEW MUTT HOLLAND AND DONALD CARL RAMSEY REFLECT BOTH UNCOOPERATIVE.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Los Angeles airtels to Bureau 5/2 and 7/68.

RE: LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA

On 5/16/68 LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA, 108 Orchard Road, Smyrna, Ga., was re-interviewed and advised that he and his wife drove their 1966 Volkswagen to California to spend the Thanksgiving holiday 1967 with his wife's uncle, ROBERT GRAHAM, Palos Verdes, Calif.

DOWDA advised he and his wife arrived at Palos Verdes the day before Thanksgiving 1967, spent Thanksgiving Day at the GRAHAM residence and left about 9 or 10 a.m. the following morning with \$45 or \$50 to go to Santa Rosa, Calif., to see if they could locate DON RICHARDS. DOWDA advised they left Palos Verdes and drove directly to Monterey, Calif. DOWDA advised they took the coast highway all the way to Monterey and arrived around midnight on the day following Thanksgiving. DOWDA stated on the way to Monterey they stopped on the beach to have a picnic for a couple of hours. He stated other than that they did not stop except for routine purposes until they arrived at Monterey. DOWDA advised they stayed at Monterey for only a couple of hours to rest and never did get a motel or any other kind of accommodations. He stated while there, in evaluating their finances, they realized they did not have sufficient funds to go on to Santa Rosa and, therefore, decided to return to Palos Verdes. DOWDA advised while they were in Monterey he did not lose his wallet nor any money or anything else that he could recall. He stated the only money that he did lose during the

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whole trip to California was \$200 at the Grand Canyon, the money apparently falling out of his pocket. DOWDA advised that they arrived back at Palos Verdes the following day and later borrowed some \$75 from MR. GRAHAM in order to get back to Georgia. DOWDA advised he did lose his wallet around 12/67 or 1/68 while visiting his father in Deland, Fla. He advised he could provide no additional details re this loss of his wallet.

DOWDA stated no other events transpired during the time he and his wife traveled to Monterey and they left the GRAHAM residence the day after they returned from the Monterey trip.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/17/68

SA JESSE V. MC NULTY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

MATTHEW LANDANO

On 5/13/68 MATTHEW LANDANO was contacted at his residence, 1229 East Maple Street, Glendale, California. He stated that on Tuesday, May 7, 1968, two white, males, were seen by him at the Adult Recreation Center, Colorado and Brand Boulevards, where LANDANO is employed as a gardner by the City of Glendale. The same two men returned on May 8, sat at a table, and talked for sometime. They returned again on Thursday, May 9, 1968, and this was the last he had seen them. They stayed only a short time, and he has never seen them at the park before and he thought they acted suspicious. He said he had seen an early photograph of the subject and thought that one of these men resembled the subject somewhat.

LANDANO was shown all the current photographs of the subject and stated after closer observation, he is certain that neither of the two individuals mentioned above are identical with the subject.

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3:15 PM 5-20-68 URGENT BAW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KNOXVILLE (44-696),  
MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947) 2P

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST AND LOUISVILLE  
TEL TO MEMPHIS MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

ON INSTANT DATE, C.M. BAYHI, AUDITOR, GREYHOUND BUS  
STATION, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, ADVISED TICKET NO. ONE THREE  
ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE FOUR TWO, DATED APRIL  
SEVEN, LAST, FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS TO EL PASO TO LOS ANGELES  
IN AMOUNT OF SEVENTY DOLLARS AND THIRTY FIVE CENTS WAS ISSUED  
BY AUGUSTA NICHOLS, DIE NO. THREE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE. THE  
ONE ON ABOVE IS A PRINTED NUMBER, THE REMAINDER OF THE NUMBER  
APPEAR TO BE CARBON NUMBERS. TICKET WAS USED APRIL SEVEN, LAST.  
PASSENGER LEFT KNOXVILLE AT EIGHT FIFTEEN P.M. ON APRIL SEVEN,  
AND ARRIVED NASHVILLE AT TWELVE TWENTY FIVE A.M., APRIL  
EIGHT, LAST. BUS DRIVER WAS JESSE G. BROWN, NASHVILLE.  
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BUS LEFT NASHVILLE ONE THIRTY A.M., APRIL EIGHT, LAST  
AND ARRIVED IN MEMPHIS AT SIX THIRTY FIVE A.M., SAME DATE.  
DRIVER OF BUS - BERNARD FOSTER, MEMPHIS.

TICKET IS STAMPED "PACKAGE CHECKED."

ORIGINAL FURNISHED IS BEING RETAINED BY LOUISVILLE,  
KNOXVILLE, INTERVIEW AUGUSTA NICHOLS, OBTAIN DESCRIPTION  
OF PURCHASER OF TICKET, SHOW PHOTOGRAPHS.

MEMPHIS, INTERVIEW BUS DRIVERS, OBTAIN DESCRIPTION OF  
USER OF TICKET.

MEMPHIS, ADVISE LOUISVILLE OF DISPOSITION DESIRED OF  
TICKET.

AIR MAIL COPY BEING SENT TO EL PASO WITH COPY OF  
KNOXVILLE TEL TO INDIANAPOLIS, MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

OTHER OFFICES ADVISED

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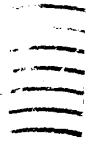
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Special Agent in Charge  
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Los Angeles, Calif  
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TO : SAC, LA 44-1574

DATE: 5/18/68

FROM : SA Albert W. Mulled, AT Div, Dalton, GA RA.

SUBJECT: Murkin

Re LA tel 4/17/68 requesting photo of Bob Brinkley aka Roy Brinkley Jr; AT tel LA 5/18/68.

Attached is photo I picked up 5/18/68 from Miss Roy Brinkley at 301 Rowland Ave, Cornville, Ga. The middle subject in the luncheon is Frank Brinkley, and the subject on the right end is Roy Brinkley Jr. She states these are still good likenesses of both.

Please have copies of this photo made & return this one to AT so I can return it to Mrs Brinkley.

Returned 5/20/68.

*Frank & Roy Brinkley*  
*Brinkley*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) DATE: 5/20/68

FROM : SA CARL G. MURANO, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/8/68, Mr. WARD MC GILL, owner, Servicenter, Richfield Station, 189 West Highland Avenue, San Bernardino, California, advised that the only employee he has by the name of JACK is one JACK D. BOWN who has been working at this service station since 4/24/68. MC GILL was exhibited a photograph of subject RAY and he advised that BOWN is not identical to RAY.

On 5/8/68, JACK DOUGLAS BOWN, attendant, was interviewed and he advised that he was born [redacted] at Elmhurst, Illinois, and is registered with Local Board 130, Selective Service System, San Bernardino, California, and has Selective Service No. [redacted]

BOWN stated he resides in Apartment 340 at 303 Lynwood, San Bernardino. It is to be noted that BOWN has light blond hair and is not identical with subject RAY.

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TO LOS ANGELES

FROM CINCINNATI (MAY 20, 1968 12:07 PM)

MURKIN.

RE LOOK-ALIKE OHIO LICENSE D ONE SEVEN SEVEN ZERO.  
RELATEL AND MYTEL MAY ELEVEN LAST.

RECORDS CREDIT BUREAU, COLUMBUS, OHIO REFLECT GERALD F. MICHAELS, AND WIFE BARBARA RESIDED ROUTE FIVE, CHILLICOTHE, OHIO, OCTOBER ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. CREDIT RECORD BASED ON INQUIRY, CINCINNATI MALLEABLE, SHOWING MICHAELS APPLIED FOR EMPLOYMENT. MICHAELS' SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER LISTED AS

. NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

PERSONNEL RECORDS OHIO MALLEABLE, COLUMBUS, OHIO SHOW GERALD F. MICHAELS EMPLOYED AUGUST ONE NINE SIX SEVEN TO FEBRUARY SIXTYEIGHT AS MAINTENANCE MAN. MICHAELS' RESIDENCE ADDRESSES SHOWN AS RURAL ROUTE FIVE, CHILLICOTHE, OHIO TELEPHONE EIGHT EIGHT FOUR DASH FOUR NINE EIGHT THREE; THREE FOUR ONE TAPPAN, COLUMBUS, OHIO; AND ROUTE ONE, LOCKBOURNE, OHIO TRAILER PARK. MICHAELS' LISTED

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FORMER EMPLOYERS AS MANASCO MANUFACTURING, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,  
APRIL SIXTYSIX TO APRIL SIXTYSEVEN; RED DASH E DASH CRETE, LOS ANGELES,  
CALIFORNIA, SEPTEMBER SIXTYSIX TO APRIL SIXTYSEVEN; COLUMBUS STEEL  
DRUM, COLUMBUS, OHIO APRIL SIXTYSEVEN TO AUGUST SIXTYSEVEN. MICHAELS  
DESCRIBED WM, DOB [REDACTED], SIX FEET TWO, ONE  
NINE FIVE POUNDS, WIFE BARBARA, ONE CHILD.

GEORGE A. LEGG, OHIO MALLEABLE, ADVISED MICHAELS' X WIFE  
E AND CHILD RESIDED IN TRAILER COURT, LOCKBOURN, OHIO AND  
MICHAELS WORKED IN UNKNOWN WELDNSHOP, WEST THIRD AVENUE, COLUMBUS  
AFTER LEFT OHIO MALLEABLE. LEGG SAID X MICHAELS HAD PURCHASED  
FORD THUNDERBIRD AND TALKED ABOUT RETURNING TO CALIFORNIA. LEGG  
COSIGNED EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLAR NOTE FOR MICHAELS, AND HAS BEEN  
UNABLE TO LOCATE HIM. LEGG ASSUMES MICHAELS HAS GONE TO CALIFORNIA  
AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. LEGG DESCRIBED MICHAELS AS  
SIX FEET TO SIX ONE, ONE EIGHTY ZERO POUNDS, SANDY BROWN HAIR,  
MEDIUM BUILD, BLUE EYES, NO TEETH AND BELIEVED MICHAELS AND WIFE  
ORIGINATED FROM ~~CHILLICOTHE~~ CHILLICOTHE, OHIO AREA. LEGG STATED  
MICHAELS DOES NOT RESEMBLE PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY.

RECORDS USPO, LOCKBOURN, OHIO CONTAIN NO ~~XXX~~ FORWARDING ADDRESS  
FOR MICHAELS.

INQUIRY PICKAWAY MOBILE TRAILER COURT, RURAL ROUTE LOCKBOURN,  
OHIO DETERMINED MICHAELS AND FAMILY RENTED TRAILER THERE AND  
REPORTEDLY LEFT FOR CALIFORNIA ABOUT A MONTH AGO. MICHAELS LEFT  
UNPAID BILLS AND NO FORWARDING ADDRESS.

LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO LOCATE MICHAELS THROUGH INQUIRY AT  
PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENTS LOS ANGELES AND CREDIT BUREAU.

CINCINNATI AT CHILLICOTHE WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE INFORMATION  
RE MICHAELS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA STANLEY H. FUEHRER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA STANLEY H. FUEHRER on 5/17/68 at Perris, Calif.

Inquiry in the vicinity of 21481 Aloha Road revealed that there was no man meeting the description of RAY who had been at the residence at 21481 Aloha Road.

Mrs. VIOLET HALL, 21481 Aloha Road advised she has rented this property since 10/28/67 from CLAUDE GREEN who lives in Los Angeles. She said she is separated from her husband and her daughter, CHRISTINE and her husband, DONALD EUGENE KIMBALL, have been living with her for the past two weeks. She said they just moved into an apartment in Perris. She said her son-in-law is stationed at March Air Force Base, however, she does not know his rank nor his duty station. She said that he is about 21 years old and often wears army boots and a green fatigue jacket around the yard and house since they are out in the country.

No further investigation being conducted.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574-1237)

FROM : RICHARD J. NELSON, SA

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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DATE: 5-17-68

Rememo SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS 5-10-68.

Following investigation conducted by SA RICHARD J. NELSON 5-17-68:

AT COMPTON, CALIF.

STAN BERNOW, Superintendent and DAN JOHNSON, plant supervisor, International Coating Co., 1441 West El Segundo advised there was no JAMES EARL RAY, aka working there nor was there anyone there resembling photos of suspect.

JOHNSON said that there may have been someone a month or so ago that resembled RAY'S 1960 photo that worked there a day or so that they obtain from Crest Labor, 220 Winston, Los Angeles and pay by the day. He suggested Crest be contacted if they have not already been contacted.

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*Kidney Jacket  
Murray  
Ray*

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355PM URGENT 5-16-68 JDG

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

*NR*

MURKIN

THE GRAPE VINE TAVERN, SLMO, IS OWNED BY CAROL PEPPER, SUBJECT'S  
SISTER, AND OPERATED BY JOHN LARRY RAY, SUBJECT'S BROTHER.

ON MARCH FOUR, LAST, CALL MADE FROM COIN PHONE AT TAVERN TO:  
SEVEN SIX ONE DASH ZERO NINE ONE EIGHT, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

LOS ANGELES IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER AND DETERMINE IF CALL BEARS  
ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES <sup>OF</sup> SUBJECT, COMPLETELY PROTECTING  
PHONE CO.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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LAS VEGAS *Ref*  
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574) DETROIT *Ref*  
Knoxville *Ref*  
CHARLOTTE *Ref*

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE LNU.

~~REDACTED~~ WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES,  
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC LOS ANGELES ~~REDACTED~~ TODAY AND  
ADVISED ~~THE~~ PAPER HAD INFORMATION WHICH THEY FELT MIGHT BE OF  
ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN ~~REDACTED~~ THIS MATTER. SAC WESLEY G.  
GRAPP AND SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN CONTACTED MR. THOMAS  
AND REPORTER JERRY COHEN AT LOS ANGELES TIMES OFFICE. THEY  
ADVISED ~~THAT~~ EARLY IN THE WEEK, MONDAY OR TUESDAY, THE PAPER  
HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE  
HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THOMAS  
ADVISED ~~THAT~~ THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS, AND HE  
MADE NOTES DURING THE CALLS, AND ON THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN,

- 1 - Cincinnati (AM)
- 1 - ~~REDACTED~~ (AM)
- 1 - ~~REDACTED~~ (AM)
- 1 - Knoxville (AM)
- 1 - Los Angeles
- 1 - Indianapolis

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SIXTY EIGHT, HE AND JERRY COHEN MET THIS INDIVIDUAL AT A BAR. HE ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL GAVE THE NAME QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE, NO LAST NAME, DESCRIBED AS IN MIDDLE THIRTIES, DECENT LOOKING FELLOW, AND APPARENTLY HAD BEEN IN SEVERAL PENITENTIARIES, AS HE KNEW THE LANGUAGE VERY WELL. THOMAS ADVISED THE PAPER HAD TAKEN NO OVERT STEPS IN ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY THE STORY BUT DID HAVE REPORTERS IN KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, HUNTSVILLE, MIAMI AND BIRMINGHAM, AND ~~THAT~~ HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE REPORTERS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL FBI OFFICE AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION, AS SET FORTH IN HIS NOTES, AVAILABLE. HE ADVISED FURTHER ~~THAT~~ HE CONTEMPLATED MAKING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK. HE ADVISED HIS SOLE PURPOSE WAS TO GET A STORY OUT OF THE MATERIAL, BUT ~~THAT HE~~ DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN ANY FBI INVESTIGATION.

HE ADVISED ~~THAT~~ DURING HIS MEETING WITH QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE HE GOT FROM BOB A BUS TICKET DATED APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ON A GREYHOUND BUS FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHICH TICKET WAS ISSUED BY SOUTHERN GREYHOUND AT KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT AND HAD THE NUMBERS THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE SPACE FOUR

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TWO. TRANSPORTATION WAS FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS, MEMPHIS TO EL PASO, THEN TO LOS ANGELES. HE ADVISED ~~THAT~~ HE HAD GIVEN QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE TICKET AND THIS INFORMATION AND DID NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM AGAIN, AS QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE SAID HE NEEDED THE MONEY TO LEAVE TOWN.

SET FORTH FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES ARE THE NOTES AS TYPED UP BY THOMAS CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW OF QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE.

PAGE ONE

ONE. THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOOTING, RAY WAS PICKED UP IN ATHENS, ALABAMA, AND WAS TAKEN TO MEMPHIS.

TWO. HE REGISTERED IN ROOMING HOUSE. ANOTHER MAN REGISTERED AS SAMUEL LEWIS. PAREN LEWIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BACKUP MAN, KILL KING AT RALLY THAT NIGHT IF RAY MISSED HIS CHANCE ON THE BALCONY. PAREN

THREE. AFTER SHOOTING KING, RAY WALKED TWO OR THREE BLOCKS TO THE GETAWAY CAR, ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL AND A GUY. THE CAR IS A NEW BLUE BUICK, WITH ALABAMA PLATES. FIRST DIGITS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ONE FOUR. CAR IS OWNED AND WAS DRIVEN BY EDDIE WILBURN OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A POLICE

FBI

Date:

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RADIO. PAREN SECOND MAN STAYED OVERNIGHT, TOOK EARLY BUS TO KNOXVILLE *and PAREN)*

FOUR. RAY, TWO GIRLS AND A CHILD WERE DRIVEN OUT OF MEMPHIS BY WILBURN IN THE BLUE BUICK. WENT TO KANSAS CITY. TRIP TOOK SIX AND ONE HALF HOURS. GIRLS, CHILD, WILBURN ALL FROM HUNTSVILLE.

FIVE. IN KANSAS CITY, RAY STAYED OVERNIGHT AT A HOME. IT IS A SMALL, GRAY, SHINGLED, ONE-BEDROOM HOUSE ABOUT THREE MILES FROM CENTRAL KANSAS CITY. PAREN WE HAVE ROUGH LOCATION. PAREN.

SIX. AT DUSK THE NEXT DAY PAREN APRIL FIVE PAREN RAY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, IN A PRIVATE PLANE. TOOK OFF FROM PRIVATE FIELD, ALSO USED AS TRAINING FIELD FOR MILITARY. RAY ARRIVED EARLY APRIL SIX.

SEVEN. PLANE IN WHICH RAY WAS FLOWN IS OWNED BY A WILLIAM PIERCE, A WEALTHY MAN WHO OWNS OR OPERATES AN AIRPORT IN BELLE GLADE, AND ONCE OWNED A CONTRACTING COMPANY IN CUBA. NOT KNOWN WHETHER PIERCE FLEW THE PLANE. PIERCE ALSO OWNS MOTEL IN BELLE GLADE AND COTTAGES ON THE LAKE IN NEARBY OKEECHOBEE PAREN OR MAYBE ON NEARBY LAKE OKEECHOBEE PAREN. PIERCE SAID

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TO BE KKK MEMBER.

EIGHT. THEORY: RAY STAYED IN MOTEL OR IN COTTAGE. MAY BE STILL THERE. OR IN CUBA.

NINE. ON APRIL ELEVEN, RAY GOT ON YACHT PAREN PROBABLY CHARTER BOAT PAREN IN KEY WEST. BOAT OWNED BY BEN THOMPSON. PAREN A BEN THOMPSON OF MIAMI OWNS THREE FISHING BOATS. PAREN.

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ONE. PIERCE OFTEN FLIES OWN PRIVATE PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. SAID TO KNOW DA JIM GARRISON. ALSO MIGHT CHECK POSSIBLE FLIGHTS IN DIRECTION OF CUBA.

TWO. PIERCE AND WILBURN SAID TO BE RELATED.

THREE. LEAD TO WILBURN MIGHT BE VFW CLUB IN HUNTSVILLE, WHERE HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A MEMBER.

FOUR. RIFLE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT IN FURNACE OF MEMPHIS ROOMING HOUSE, AND IS BELIEVED STILL THERE. MUST REFER TO BACKUP MAN'S WEAPON.

FIVE. RAY NOW WEARING BIFOCALS.

SIX. WHITE MUSTANG BELONGING TO RAY WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS ON THE DAY OF KING SLAYING, AND HE DID NOT ESCAPE IN IT. PRESUMABLY IT NEVER LEFT GEORGIA IN APRIL.

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SEVEN. ON THE DAY OF THE KILLING PAREN APRIL FOUR PAREN RAY MADE PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE. CALLS BELIEVED TO BE MADE FROM A BUS STATION.

EIGHT. IN THE WEEKS BEFORE THE KILLING, RAY STAYED SOMEWHERE IN BELLE GLADE.

NINE. STORY OF PAYOFFS VERY COMPLICATED. WILBURN SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN PAID OFF IN RENO. NIGHT BEFORE KILLING, SOMEBODY HIT A KENO TICKET FOR TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CAL-NEVA LODGE. RIGGED, TO PASS THE MONEY. DONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF CHARLIE CATE, SIX EIGHT EIGHT ZERO PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE, RENO, WHO RUNS A SHIFT AT CAL-NEVA. THEN THERE IS BEN PAREN OR JACK PAREN STURGIS OF ST. LOUIS, WHO USED TO WORK BAR ON SECOND STREET, RENO. CAME INTO MONEY. ANOTHER QUOTE CONTACT. UNQUOTE.

PAGE THREE - LOS ANGELES.

ONE. RAY SOMEBODY STAYED IN CLARK HOTEL, ROOM SEVEN ZERO ZERO, ON APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH EIGHTEEN.

TWO. LAMONT WHITE, WHO WORKS FOR WESTERN UNION IN LOS ANGELES. HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATANOOGA,



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TENN., WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. BRICKLEY SUPPOSED TO BE  
HERE.

THREE. HAROLD'S CAFE PAREN FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN  
PAREN. RAY BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. QUEER BAR. GUY  
NAMED CONNIE KNOWS HIM THERE.

~~WILLI SHEA~~. ONCE WORKED TOP RAIL BAR, SEVENTH AND  
ALVARADO. RAY SUPPOSEDLY MARRIED TO HER ONCE. SHE FROM  
MISSOURI, NOW LIVES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HAS MONEY. MOTHER  
MARRIED, LIVES IN COMPTON, DRIVES A PURPLE PONTIAC CONVERTIBLE.  
NOW LIVES AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, LOS ANGELES, WITH  
MAN WHO OWNS A BAR. SHE IS BLOND, ABOUT THIRTY EIGHT.

PAGE FOUR - MORE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

ONE. TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD SUPPOSEDLY USED BY RAY WAS  
ISSUED TO RIDELL CATERING, U. S. RUBBER, DETROIT. EITHER IN  
NAME OF RIDELL PAREN NO FIRST NAME PAREN OR A ROBERT BRINKLEY.  
RIDELL REPORTER LIVES IN HARPER WOODS, MICH. CALLS ON CARD  
REPORTED MADE FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA., AMONG OTHERS.

TWO. SAMUEL LEWIS, SECOND MAN IN ROOMING HOUSE, DISCHARGED  
NINETEEN SIXTY THREE FROM MILAN, MICH. ALSO SERVED TIME IN  
CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. PAREN WARDEN AT MILAN SAYS NO

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (100-100000) (P)

RE: [Illegible]

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RECORD OF LEWIS. PAREN

THREE. LEWIS TOOK BUS TO LOS ANGELES FROM KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN. CAME THROUGH MEMPHIS AND EL PASO.

THOMAS ADVISED THAT IN RELATION TO ITEM FIVE, PAGE ONE, OF HIS NOTES, THIS HOUSE IS LOCATED OFF A MAIN STREET STARTING FROM DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, DIRECTION UNKNOWN, AND FROM THE MAIN STREET A SMALLER STREET GOES TO THE LEFT, WHICH STREET HAS A WESTERN UNION BUILDING LOCATED ON IT AND GOES OFF FROM THE MAIN STREET IN THE FORM OF A STEEP HILL. TWO TO THREE MILES UP THE HILL ON THE LEFT ARE LOCATED NICE LOOKING APARTMENTS, BROWNISH IN COLOR, WHERE STUDENTS FROM SOME SCHOOL LIVE, AND JUST PRIOR TO THIS ON THE RIGHT IS THE LOCATION OF A MOVING COMPANY, NO NAME KNOWN, AND A GROCERY STORE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOVING COMPANY ON THE SAME SIDE. ABOUT TWO BLOCKS BEYOND THE GROCERY STORE THERE IS A NARROW STREET WITH RAMSHACKLE HOUSES ON ONE SIDE AND VACANT LOTS ON THE OTHER. TURNING RIGHT ON THIS STREET, THE THIRD HOUSE ON THE LEFT WOULD BE THE CORRECT HOUSE INVOLVED, WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL QUOTE WHO SELLS BEER AND BOOZE AFTER HOURS AND HIDES GUYS OUT. UNQUOTE. THE HOUSE IS DESCRIBED AS ONE BEDROOM,

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Date:

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441100) FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)  
 RE: [Illegible] (NY 100-100000) (100-441100)  
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NO GARAGE, DIRT DRIVEWAY, SINGLE STORY AND HAS A LARGE FREEZER  
IN THE LIVING ROOM.

THOMAS ADVISED ~~THE~~ FROM THE STORY RECEIVED, IT IS A  
POSSIBILITY ~~THE~~ QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE IS THE SAME AS THE SAMUEL  
LEWIS MENTIONED IN HIS NOTES.

EACH RECEIVING OFFICE SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE NOTES  
AND IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ANY OF THE INFORMATION SET  
FORTH AND ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES WILL IMMEDIATELY PURSUE EFFORTS TO PROVE OR  
DISPROVE THE ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH FOR LOS ANGELES AREA.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING FURNISHED CINCINNATI,  <sup>New Orleans</sup>  
 <sup>ST. Louis and Indianapolis</sup>  
 IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED IN THE NOTES.

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<sup>Info</sup>  
Above furnished to CHARLOTTE AS  
MIAMI will request investigation by CHARLOTTE  
INTEL to be submitted <sup>FROM</sup> by MIAMI MOMENTARILY.



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Date: 5/17/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS  
CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS, DETROIT <sup>MOBILE</sup> ~~MOBILE~~ KNOXVILLE AND ALBANY, ~~CHARLOTTE~~  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)

MURKIN

RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TEL MAY SEVENTEEN  
INSTANT, RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.  
~~MOBILE AND ALBANY~~  
FOR INFO ATLANTA/LA TIMES HAS HAD CONTACT WITH ONE  
BOB LNU WHO SAID HE HAD INFO CONCERNING WHAT ACTUALLY HAD  
TAKEN PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF DR. KING. IN  
ADDITION TO OTHER INFO FURNISHED BY BOB LNU, HE STATED  
FOLLOWING REGARDING ASPECTS OF CASE INVOLVING LOS ANGELES  
AREA:

ONE. RAY SOMEBODY STAYED IN CLARK HOTEL, ROOM SEVEN  
HUNDRED, ON APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH EIGHTEEN LAST.

TWO. LAMONT WHITE WHO WORKS FOR WESTERN UNION IN LA  
HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER  
HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO FRANK BRICKLEY OF

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CHATANOOGA, TENN. WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. BRICKLEY  
SUPOSED TO BE HERE.

THREE. HAROLD'S CAFE, FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN. RAY  
BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. QUEER BAR. GUY NAMED CONNIE  
KNOWS HIM THERE.

ALSO WILLI SHEA. ONCE WORKED TOP RAIL BAR, SEVENTH AND  
ALVARADO. RAY SUPPOSEDLY MARRIED TO HER ONCE. SHE FROM  
MISSOURI, NOW LIVES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HAS MONEY. MOTHER  
MARRIED, LIVES IN COMPTON, DRIVES A PURPLE PONTIC CONVERTIBLE.  
NOW LIVES AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, L.A., WITH MAN WHO  
OWNS A BAR. SHE'S BLOND, ABOUT AGE THIRTY EIGHT.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED LA AREA THIS DATE.

~~JACK HERD~~, DAY MANAGER TOP RAIL BAR ADVISES WILLI SHEA  
ENTIRELY UNKNOWN. NO COCKTAIL WAITRESSES EMPLOYED BY THIS  
BAR, EXCEPT ON RARE OCCASIONS LIKE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. ON  
THOSE OCCASIONS, HIS OWN GIRL FRIEND OR GIRL NAMED BERNICE DOUGLAS  
WHO DOES NOT FIT DESCRIPTION OF WILLI SHEA HAS HELPED OUT AT  
BAR. MRS. NANCY BERGDORF, MANAGER FOR LAST SEVENTEEN YEARS  
AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, REPORTS NO WILLI SHEA HAS  
OR IS RESIDING AT THAT ADDRESS.

LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, EFFEMINATE THIRTY SIX YEAR OLD  
NEGRO MALE, EMPLOYED BY WESTERN UNION, WHO RESIDES AT THREE  
EIGHT ONE SEVEN GIBRALTAR AVENUE, APT. FIVE, LOS ANGELES

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