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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELS, MAY SEVENTEEN, EIGHTEEN, TWENTY-TWO,
AND TWENTY-NINE LAST.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED REASONABLE EFFORT BE EXPENDED TO
LOCATE LESTER EDWARD PACKETT AND RESOLVE ALLEGATIONS
FURNISHED LOS ANGELES TIMES. EFFORTS TO LOCATE PACKETT LOS
ANGELES NEGATIVE. PACKETT HAS FOLLOWING RELATIVES: MOTHER,
CALLIE PACKETT, LAST KNOWN ADDRESS ONE ONE ZERO WRIGHT STREET,
SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE; BROTHER, FRED PACKETT, SWEETWATER;
SISTER, CALLIE MAE HAMILTON, THREE TWO FOUR ZERO SUNSET DRIVE,
KNOXVILLE.

KNOXVILLE CONTACT RELATIVES TO DETERMINE LESTER'S PRESENT
ADDRESS.

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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Per *FMK/gh*

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LEAMONT WHITE, WESTERN UNION EMPLOYEE, ADVISED TODAY FRANK BRICKLEY WAS IN LOS ANGELES FROM WEDNESDAY, JUNE FIVE LAST, THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE NINE LAST, LOOKING FOR "BOB", WHO WHITE HAS IDENTIFIED AS IDENTICAL TO LESTER EDWARD PACKETT. WHITE REPORTS BRICKLEY'S SEARCH NEGATIVE.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 6/12/68

FROM : SA THOMAS E. LAVIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mrs. BARBARA SHEFFIELD (conceal), 11411 Rochester Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone 479-6686, employed by the Los Angeles County Welfare Department, 531 South Rampart, telephone 387-4181, advised on 6/11/68 that one DIANA JOYCE, 730 North Parkman, Los Angeles, advised in confidence that her husband, JOHN P. JOYCE, has been living with MARIE DENNINO, Room 201, St. Francis Hotel, in Hollywood, California. Mrs. JOYCE stated to SHEFFIELD that her husband had made statements implicating himself as being a perpetrator in the Dr. KING assassination, and that MARIE DENNINO, RONNIE DENNINO and JOHN P. JOYCE traveled to Memphis, Tennessee, prior to the KING assassination, returning to Los Angeles immediately thereafter.

On 6/11/68 efforts were made to contact JOYCE at the St. Francis Hotel with negative results.

MARIE DENNINO, Room 201, St. Francis Hotel, on this same date advised that her husband, RONNIE DENNINO, has been incarcerated for the past seven months. She further stated that JOHN P. JOYCE was known to her, and that she did, in fact, travel with JOYCE to East Chicago, Illinois, and Youngstown, Ohio, departing Los Angeles 5/21/68 and returning approximately 6/3/68. DENNINO further advised she has never been to Memphis, Tennessee.

LEADS:

LOS ANGELES:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: From MARIE DENNINO determine present address of JOHN P. JOYCE and interview JOYCE concerning alleged statements.

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RE 6 FBS 4-22-68 APB BC 10 JAMES EARL RAY AKA APPREHENDED
LONDON, ENGLAND 6-8-68
DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE
CHARLES W BATES SPEC AGT IN CHG FBI SAN FRANCISCO SAC NR

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Complaint Form
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NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: Negative See below

Subject's name and aliases		Address of subject			Character of case	
Complainant		Complainant's address and telephone number			Complaint received	
VIRGINIA VOGEL		389-1520			<input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>6-9-68</u> Time <u>9:05 am</u>	
260 So. MARIPOSA AV. APT. 303						
Subject's Description	Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female	Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					
Facts of complaint						
<p>WANTED to know who was paying the REWARDS on the MARTIN LUTHER KING MURDER. SUSPECT'S CAPTURE. CLAIMED SHE HAD REFERRED LEADS TO FBI ON JAMES EARL RAY.</p> <p>SHE WAS ADVISED THE REWARDS OFFERED HAD BEEN MADE BY PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS & INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR IDENTITY HAD BEEN MADE PUBLIC BY THE NEWS MEDIA</p>						
Action Recommended <u>NONE</u>						<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>44-157-1631</p> <p>SEARCHED _____ INDEXED _____</p> <p>SERIALIZED _____ FILED _____</p> <p>JUN 10 1968</p> <p>FBI - LOS ANGELES</p> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>LESLIE F. WARREN</u> (Agent)</p>						

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 6/12/68

FROM : SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 6/10/68 SA JOE C. HESTER, Memphis Office, telephonically requested information regarding the display of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY to JEROME WALLIS VERNON, operator of laundry where subject had his clothes laundered while residing in Los Angeles. SA HESTER stated this information was needed for inclusion in a report to be mailed to the Bureau from Memphis on 6/10/68.

SA JAMES E. HOFFER contacted JEROME VERNON at his employment, Lockheed Aircraft, Ontario, California, Airport. He displayed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY to him. VERNON identified the photograph taken of RAY during approximately February 1968 (Swinger Club photograph) as being identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

SA JOE HESTER was advised telephonically by the writer on 6/10/68.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 6/12/68

FROM : SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SA JOHN SHANLEY, New York Office, telephonically contacted the writer at 2:30 P.M., 6/10/68, with the following information.

One ~~WILLIAM JONES~~ advised a White Plains, New York, Resident Agent as follows:

A female acquaintance of his who is an employee at AT&T, White Plains, New York, stated on 6/8/68 that during the P.M. hours, not known whether afternoon or evening, an attempt was made by an individual who identified himself as an attorney to telephonically communicate with JAMES EARL RAY in London. The caller stated his business with RAY was urgent. According to the source, this call was initiated from Area Code 213. Several attempts were made to contact RAY without success. Finally, the call was put through to a police agency in London, exact identity unknown, possibly Scotland Yard. This police agency advised the caller that JAMES EARL RAY was in custody and was not permitted to receive phone calls from anyone.

According to SA SHANLEY, WILLIAM JONES was a known gambler, had been a 137- subject of the New York Office, and his reliability was unknown. JONES' female acquaintance did not personally handle this phone call but merely heard it discussed at the phone company office.

Mr. ROBERT ESTERBROOK, Special Agents Office, PT&T, Los Angeles, was furnished the above information and was asked to assist in determining the identity of this caller. He advised that overseas calls initiated from Los Angeles area code were trunked to Oakland, California, and then to White Plains, New York. He stated that the usual procedure is for the ticket on such a call to remain at White Plains for approximately 10 days before being sent to the office initiating the call. He stated he would make inquiry in an effort to determine the caller.

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TO : DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
MURKIN.

REBU TELCALL INSTANT.

INASMUCH AS SUBJECT RAY HAD IN HIS POSSESSION AT TIME OF ARREST A BOOKLET, "HOW TO HYPNOTIZE", INQUIRY WAS MADE OF AUTHOR DR. ADOLPH F. LONK, LONK INSTITUTE OF HYPNOSIS, PALATINE, ILLINOIS, IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHERE BOOK OBTAINED BY RAY.

DR. LONK NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL JUNE TWELVE NEXT, HOWEVER, OFFICE MANAGER, ADVISED DR. LONK ADVANCED IN AGE, IN RETIREMENT STATUS AND NOT AVAILABLE AT THE PRESENT TIME. FURTHER ADVISED BOOK PUBLISHED APPROXIMATELY THIRTY YEARS AGO AND LAST PRINTING TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO. ADVISED THAT DUE TO DOCTOR LONK'S AGE, HE WOULD NOT KNOW DISTRIBUTION OF BOOK.

INQUIRY BY LOS ANGELES DIVISION OF DR. MARK FREEMAN, PSYCHIATRIST TREATING RAY, DETERMINED HE HAD NOT RECOMMENDED SUCH BOOK TO RAY. FURTHER INQUIRY OF MELVIN POWERS, PUBLISHER,

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
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WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA, REVEALED ABOVE BOOK LAST PRINTED APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO AND TO KNOWLEDGE OF POWERS, THIS BOOK NOT SOLD TO RAY. POWERS STATED THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY, THIS BOOK OBTAINED FROM BOOK STORES IN ENGLAND SPECIALIZING IN HYPNOSIS. MOST LOGICAL STORES WERE THE W AND G FOYLE BOOK COMPANY AND JOHN WATKINS BOOK COMPANY, BOTH LOCATED CHARING CROSS ROAD, LONDON, ENGLAND.

BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO ADVISE LEGAT LONDON IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF RAY PURCHASED BOOK IN LONDON. CONTACT WILL BE MADE FOR ANY INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF DR. LONK ON JUNE TWELVE NEXT.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES(44-1574)

DATE: June 12, 1968

FROM : SA Billy Dale Hubbard

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo SA HUBBARD dated 6/7/68.

On June 12, 1968, Special Agents FREDERICK J. PETERSEN and BILLY DALE HUBBARD attempted to contact Prince Dixon at 4303 Morgan Avenue, Los Angeles, California, with negative results. Contact with neighbors of DIXON revealed he is a Negro male.

On June 12, 1968, ~~FELIX ROBINSON~~, 651 North Commonwealth Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was contacted by the above agents at which time, ROBINSON advised he could not recall the telephone call from within the San Antonio area, but possibly the individual who resides with him, GUS MC KEAN received the telephone call as he is originally from the San Antonio area. He related that MC KEAN is employed by the Five Tordhes Restaurant, 11344 Crenshaw Boulevard, Inglewood, California.

On the same date, agents contacted GUS MC KEAN at his place of employment at which time he advised that he could not specifically recall a telephone call to his telephone number 663-3675 on 12/17/68 but very probably the call was from his sister, MARY WILLIAMS or his brother, JOHN MC KEAN who reside in San Antonio. He related his brother and sister call him two and three times a month. He was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he could not recall having ever seen the individual depicted in the photographs nor did the name JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT mean anything to him except from reading about him in the newspaper and hearing the name on television. MC KEAN is a Negro male.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574)

DATE: June 12, 1968

FROM : SA GILBERT G. BENJAMIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following information is set forth to indicate steps taken in an attempt to locate LESTER EDWARD PACKETT, for interview in order to resolve allegations made by "BOB" LNU (believed to be identical to PACKETT) to the "Los Angeles Times."

Inquiry at Sybil Brand Institution for Women, 6/11/68, revealed that ODELIA PACKETT, estranged wife of LESTER EDWARD PACKETT, had been released on 6/10/68, following completion of sentence with time off for good behavior. No forwarding address for her was recorded.

Miss POLLY NOVOTNY, Legal Secretary to Attorney PHI O. CLOUGH, Room 900, 403 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles (telephone 623-5858), advised during the afternoon of 6/11/68, that ODELIA PACKETT had been in telephonic contact with her and Mr. CLOUGH during the morning of 6/11/68, but she did not furnish a residence address. She was inquiring about the progress of her divorce action against LESTER PACKETT. She said that she did not know his current whereabouts, where he could be served with legal papers surrounding the divorce action. Miss NOVOTNY, said that Attorney CLOUGH was out of the office and would not be available until noon or later on 6/12/68. Photos of LESTER PACKETT, FRANK BRICKLEY, and JAMES EARL RAY, were exhibited to Miss NOVOTNY and she was unable to identify any of the photos as anyone she had seen in person.

Senor AGUILAR, 212 West 41st Street, (telephone 232-7366) who speaks very little English, advised he is the father of ODELLA PACKETT. He said he did not know where she was living, nor where LESTER EDWARD PACKETT could be located. He stated that his daughter ANTONIA AGUILAR, who gets home from work about 6:30 to 7:00 PM each evening, might know the location of ODELLA PACKETT. ANTONIA AGUILAR is the younger sister of ODELLA PACKETT.

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From information she had furnished, when originally interviewed by SA FRANCIS G. KAHL and the writer on 5/21/68, ODELLA PACKETT reported that she was living with one JOHNNY SIMMONS at the time of her arrest. She said that he was residing at the Bellevue Hotel in Los Angeles, the last she had heard. She indicated that it was her intention to go back to living with him, upon her release from jail in June 1968.

Acting on the above information, SAS KAHL and BENJAMIN interviewed Mr. CLARENCE HOLBEIN, Day Clerk, Bellevue Hotel, 1809 West 11th Street, Los Angeles, on 6/11/68. He said that JOHNNY SIMMONS had lived at the Bellevue Hotel until about June 6 or 7, 1968, at which time he moved out and left no forwarding address. He said that a telephone call had been received earlier in the day (6/11/68) from SIMMONS, asking if any mail had arrived for him. None had, so he said he would be calling back again in a day or two. He did not leave any forwarding address, nor did he indicate from where he was calling, except to state he was calling from out of town. The agents' names and office telephone number were left with Mr. HOLBEIN, with the request that he contact them if he should learn the whereabouts of either SIMMONS or ODELLA PACKETT. He said that a red-headed woman, named ODELLA (LNU) had resided with SIMMONS for a brief period of time over a month ago. Photos of FRANK BRICKLEY and LESTER EDWARD PACKETT were exhibited to CLARENCE HOLBEIN, who was unable to identify any of the individuals as anyone he had seen previously.

At approximately 7:25 P.M., 6/11/68, Mr. LOUIS ROTH, Manager, Hotel Bellevue, 1809 W. 11th St. (telephone DUnkirk 6-9802) telephonically contacted the writer. He said that he had not been on duty at the hotel at the time SAS interviewed his Day Clerk (HOLBEIN). He said that he recalled both ODELLA and JOHNNY SIMMONS. He said that SIMMONS had moved out of the hotel on Friday or Saturday, 6/7-8/68, and had not left any forwarding address. He said that SIMMONS was quite anxious to get some mail from an unknown source, and had contacted the hotel since he moved to ascertain whether or not the mail had arrived. He did not on any of these occasions indicate his present location. Mr. ROTH recalled that a FRANK (LNU), who worked at the Olympian Liquor Store connected with the Olympian Motor Hotel, 1903 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles; had helped SIMMONS move, and he was sure this person would know the location of SIMMONS new residence.

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LEAMONT WHITE, employee of the Western Union, 741 South Flower, Los Angeles was interviewed during the early evening of 6/11/68. He reported that he had not seen "BOB", whom he had previously identified from photographs as being identical with LESTER EDWARD PACKETT, since the last time he was interviewed in May 1968. He did say; however, that FRANK BRICKLEY had been in Los Angeles this past week, from Wednesday evening, June 5, 1968 to at least Sunday afternoon, June 9, 1968. He said that FRANK had called him at Western Union on Wednesday, stating he had just arrived in town and wanted WHITE to come to the Greyhound Bus Station at 6th and Los Angeles Streets to pick him up, which WHITE did. He said that BRICKLEY lived in his (WHITE's) apartment during the five days he was in Los Angeles. The last he saw of BRICKLEY was Sunday about 11:30 AM to Noon, when he dropped BRICKLEY off at the Original Pantry restaurant, on the corner of 9th and Figueroa, Los Angeles, where BRICKLEY said he wanted to see some "old friends"(not otherwise identified), before heading back home.

According to WHITE, BRICKLEY had indicated he wanted to get in touch with PACKETT, and he had gone to various former haunts of PACKETT along west Seventh and Eighth Streets in the vicinity of Alvarado, without success. BRICKLEY allegedly indicated that he assumed that PACKETT was "not in town," in view of the lack of success he had in trying to locate him.

Mr. FRANK A. BARNES, 1044 South Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, who is employed as the night manager of the Olympian Liquor Store, 1903 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, was interviewed by the writer at his place of employment, during the evening of 6/11/68. He did not know JOHNNY SIMMONS or ODELLA PACKETT by name; but said that "in order to make a few extra bucks" he had helped a young man (in his late 20's, Caucasian) move from the Hotel Bellevue, the previous week end. He said he was amazed at the amount of luggage that individual had. He said he had over eleven pieces of baggage. He said he could not remember the exact location of the apartment building into which he had helped this unknown man moved; but he would be able to point it out. BARNES was driven to the Cynthia Apartments, at 1110 South Lake Street (near the intersection of South Lake and 11th Streets, one block west of Alvarado), which he pointed out as the location he had helped the above unknown white male move to the previous weekend.

Mr. ROY WHEATLEY, Manager, Cynthia Apartments, 1110 South Lake Street, advised the writer on 6/11/68, that his records indicate JOHN SIMMONS, moved into Room 300, in the Cynthia Apts., on Friday, June 7, 1968. The following Monday, a red-headed woman, described by SIMMONS as his wife (name not mentioned), moved in with SIMMONS.

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Mr. WHEATLEY, whose telephone number is 388-8257, reported there is no telephone in the SIMMONS apartment. He said that SIMMONS told him he was employed at the A&P grocery store, on North Vermont Avenue, just north of Hollywood Boulevard. Mr. WHEATLEY did not know the hours of SIMMONS reported employment.

On the morning of 6/12/68, Mr. WHEATLEY stated that he had not seen either SIMMONS or his "wife" come down from their third floor apartment yet.

SAS KAHL and the writer located JOHN FREDERICK SIMMONS in apartment 300, Cynthia Apartments, 1110 South Lake Street, Los Angeles, California, on the morning of 6/12/68. He was partially dressed. ODELLA PACKETT was in the apartment with him. They were interviewed together. SIMMONS stated he was born in Old Shawneetown, Illinois, in 1941. He said he is currently unemployed and drawing unemployment compensation. He said he last saw LESTER EDWARD PACKETT on the street, near 7th and Alvarado, about three months ago. Said it was the only time in his life that he had seen PACKETT. Photos of FRANK BRICKLEY, his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, and LESTER PACKETT were exhibited to SIMMONS. He stated he did not recognize any of them; but he did think that the photo of PACKETT (which was not identified to him) resembled his recollection of PACKETT slightly; but he did not think it was a good likeness if it was actually PACKETT. (It is to be noted that in late-May 1968, LEAMONT WHITE picked this photo out of a group of others of different individuals and stated it was an excellent likeness of PACKETT).

ODELLA PACKETT stated that she had just been released from the Los Angeles County Jail (Sybil Brand Institution), on 6/10/68. She said that she had not seen or heard from LESTER EDWARD PACKETT during the period of her confinement in jail, nor since her release. She said that she had been in touch with her lawyer, PHI O. CLOUGH on 6/11/68, and had been unable to tell her lawyer where PACKETT could be located in order that he might be served with legal documents relating to the impending divorce. She said that she had also been in touch with her family, during the evening of 6/11/68, and they had advised her that the FBI had been by the house looking for her. She said that she had spent Monday and Tuesday, 6/11-12/68, applying for her unemployment compensation and in looking for employment. She said she had not yet obtained a job.

Both ODELLA PACKETT and JOHN SIMMONS advised they would contact this office, if they learned of the location of LESTER PACKETT.

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On 6/12/68, SAS KAHL and BENJAMIN checked the criminal records of the Los Angeles Police Department, and nothing identifiable with LESTER EDWARD PACKETT was located.

Attorney PHI O. CLOUGH telephonically contacted SA BENJAMIN at noon on 6/12/68, to advise that he had been contacted the previous date by ODELA PACKETT, concerning her divorce action. She indicated at that time she had no idea where her estranged husband was located. Mr. CLOUGH told her under the circumstances that he would have to serve Mr. PACKETT "by publication." He said this would take a little longer than a personal service. CLOUGH said that Mrs. PACKETT had not indicated her residence address when she called the day before. He said if LESTER PACKETT's current address came to his attention, he would notify the writer.

Efforts to locate LESTER PACKETT are continuing. Leads are being set out for Sacramento to check CII and DMV for possible leads.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 6/12/68

FROM : SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Captain GEORGE WALSH, Los Angeles Sheriff's Office (LASO) Homicide, advised 6/11/68 that the following information had come to the attention of their department from an informant.

He stated that this informant advised that ERIC GALT made a long distance telephone call on 12/15/67 from a telephone booth at the corner of Lankershim and Magnolia, North Hollywood, at the address 5166 Lankershim Boulevard. The phone number at this booth is 769-9935. This call was made at approximately 10:00 A.M. The informant stated that if the call was not at 10:00 A.M., it was between 9:00 A.M. and 12 noon.

Captain WALSH stated that the informant is a news broadcaster who furnished the information to his office in the hope of getting a story out of it. Captain WALSH stated that their office would give no story concerning this call and advised the informant that his office would conduct no investigation concerning it and would furnish the information to the FBI.

It is to be noted that prior investigation in this matter revealed that ERIC GALT had driven CHARLES STEIN, RITA STEIN and MARIE MARTIN to an address on Lankershim Boulevard in North Hollywood on 12/15/67 in order that they might register to vote for GEORGE WALLACE.

LEADS:

Determine through source at Pacific Telephone and Telegraph information regarding aforementioned long distance telephone call and thereafter advise appropriate office regarding person to whom call directed.

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840PM URGENT 6-11-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, AND MEMPHIS
JUNE TEN LAST.

WHEN JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED LONDON, HE HAD IN HIS
POSSESSION THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER LIBERTY CHIEF REVOLVER,
SERIAL NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE, MANUFACTURED BY NIKROU FIREARMS
MANUFACTURING CO., JAPAN.

MILA SVOBODA, OWNER, LIBERTY ARMS CO. AND SOLINGER CUTLERY
CO., MONTROSE, CALIF., ADVISED JUNE TEN LAST LIBERTY CHIEF
REVOLVER, SERIAL NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE MANUFACTURED BY NIKROU
FIREARMS CO., JAPAN, RECEIVED AT MONTROSE, CALIF., SEPTEMBER
FIFTEEN SIXTYSIX. REVOLVER SENT TO R. TATUM, NEW AND USED
GUNS, ONE ONE EIGHT EDWARDS DRIVE, WABLETON, GA., ON OCT. THREE
SIXTYSIX UNDER INVOICE FROM SOLINGER CUTLERY, MONTROSE,
CALIF. REVOLVER ONLY ITEM IN THAT SHIPMENT. LIBERTY REVOLVERS
MADE EXCLUSIVELY FOR LIBERTY ARMS CO. AND THIS GUN DESCRIBED AS
THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER SNUB-NOSE.

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ON JUNE ELEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, ROBERT TATUM, ONE ONE EIGHT EDWARDS ST., MABLETON, GA., ADVISED HE PURCHASED THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER, SN SEVEN ONE FIVE JAPANESE MAKE FROM THE SOLINGER CUTLERY CO., MONTROSE, CALIF., FOR FORTY DOLLARS, ON OCTOBER ELEVEN SIXTYSIX. ON DEC. THREE SIXTYSIX, HE SOLD THE GUN FOR FIFTY DOLLARS TO WALTER E. SPAIN, TWO NINE ZERO FOUR FORTY SECOND AVE., BIRMINGHAM, ALA. HE OBTAINED SPAIN'S NAME AND ADDRESS FROM A DRIVER'S LICENSE AND DESCRIBED SPAIN AS WHITE MALE, THIRTY TO THIRTYFIVE, WITH BROWN HAIR. ADVISED SPAIN NOT IDENTICAL TO RAY AFTER VIEWING PHOTOS.

BIRMINGHAM INTERVIEW SPAIN AND TRACE OWNERSHIP OF ABOVE MENTIONED REVOLVER.

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345PM URGENT 6-13-68 EJM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987),
SAN DIEGO (44-387)(44-394)
FROM RICHMOND 3P

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RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE ELEVEN LAST.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN INSTANT, CHILTON V. STEWART, CHIEF OF POLICE,
BIG STONE GAP, VA., ADVISED HE KNOWS GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER
BUT LETSINGER IS NOT WANTED BY HIS DEPARTMENT.

SAME DATE, SHELBY MULLINS, SHERIFF, WISE CO., VA., ADVISED
GEORGE LETSINGER OR GEORGE ANDERSON IS NOT WANTED BY HIS DEPARTMENT.

SAME DATE, CORA BOLLING, E. FIFTH STREET, BIG STONE GAP,
VA., FORMER LANDLADY OF LETSINGER, ADVISED HE HAD LEFT HER HOME
AND BIG STONE GAP IN MID NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. HE ADVISED HER
PRIOR TO LEAVING THAT HE WAS GOING TO MEXICO AND SHE FOUND OUT
LATER FROM THERE HE WENT TO MISSOURI. SHE STATED THAT LETSINGER
HAS TRAVELED THROUGHOUT THE U.S. SINCE SIXTYFOUR. SHE KNEW THIS
BECAUSE SHE HAD RECEIVED SEVERAL CARDS FROM HIM WHICH HAD BEEN
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DESTROYED INDICATING VARIOUS PLACES IN THE U.S. WHICH HE HAD VISITED. SHE ADVISED THAT LETSINGER WAS A PROLIFIC LETTER WRITER IN THAT HE WROTE LETTERS CONSTANTLY, SOME TO PROMINENT PEOPLE IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA AND LETTERS TO FRIENDS AND RELATIVES THROUGHOUT THE U.S. SHE EXHIBITED SOPIES OF SEVERAL LETTERS LEFT WITH HER BY LETSINGER WHICH LETSINGER SENT TO OFFICIALS AND A REVIEW OF THESE LETTERS REVEALED THEY WERE A SYMPATHETIC TYPE OF LETTER, NOT THREATENING IN NATURE. SHE ADVISED LETSINGER IS KNOWN TO HER AS GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, AKA BOBBY. SHE STATED THELMA MARR, EAST FIFTH ST., BIG STONE GAP, VA., AN AUNT OF LETSINGER, MIGHT KNOW THE LOCATION OF LETSINGER. SHE FURTHER ADVISED EARLY IN THE NINETEEN SIXTIES LETSINGER HAD PROBLEMS WITH ONE OF HIS HANDS AND HAD TO HAVE SKIN GRAFTED FROM UNDER HIS ARM WHICH LEFT A SCAR. SHE ADVISED SHE HAD NOT SEEN NOR HEARD FROM LETSINGER IN OVER THREE YEARS TO THE BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE. SHE STATED LETSINGER'S MOTHER, ETTA LEE LETSINGER, OF AVA, MO., HAD ADVISED LETSINGER PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING HER HOME IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR HE WAS SIBED BY ONE RAYMOND FURGESON, NOW DECEASED, AND NOT BY THE HUSBAND OF ETTA LETSINGER. SHE ADVISED SHE DID

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NOT KNOW THE NAME OF ETTA LETSINGER'S HUSBAND BUT INDICATED HE WAS DEAD. SHE FURTHER ADVISED AT ONE TIME LETSINGER HAD BEEN AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, SPRINGFIELD, MO., FOR SOME TYPE OF OPERATION. SHE ADVISED DURING SIXTYFOUR, PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING FOR MEXICO, LETSINGER WAS JAILED AT WISE CO., VA., FOR ASSAULT FOR SEVENTEEN DAYS. SHE FURNISHED A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN APRIL, SIXTYFOUR, OF LETSINGER WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT RICHMOND.

LETSINGER IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES TO FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES. ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, BLACK HAIR, INTELLIGENT SPEAKER, BOTH WALK AND TALK WERE VERY "SISSY" IN MANNER ALONG LINES OF HOMOSEXUAL.

SAN DIEGO - ADVISE IF ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION DESIRED AT BIG STONE GAP, VA.

RICHMOND WILL CONTACT LETSINGER'S AUNT, THELMA MARRY, EAST FIFTH ST., BIG STONE GAP, VA., FOR FURTHER INFO RE LETSINGER. WILL ALSO CONTACT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, NORTON, VA., FOR ANY PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFO RE LETSINGER.

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LOS ANGELES 03 9:30PM JDR

URGENT 6-13-68 RDR

TO DIRECTOR (44-3)71) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (PLAINTEXT)
FROM WASHINGTON (44-703) (2P)

MURKIN

REBUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TODAY.

BUREAU REQUESTED PASSPORT CHECK OF [FREDERICK JOHN SCHWARTZ,]
BORN [REDACTED] AT DETROIT, MICHIGAMGN RESIDING FOUR
TILNEY STREET, LONDON W. ONE, UNITED STATES PASSPORT NUMBER

[REDACTED] WHO REGISTERED WITH AMERICAN

EMBASSY LONDON LATE SIXTY-SEVEN AS A LAWYER. IN APPLICATION

OCTOBER TWENTY-THREE SIXTY-SEVEN, SCHWARTZ FURNISHED PERMANENT

RESIDENT AS TWO SEVEN FIVE FOUR WOODSHIRE DRIVE, LOS ANGELES,

CALIFORNIA; FATHER, [FREDERICK DREW SCHWARTZ,] BORN COLORADO

^{Nineteen} SEVENTEEN; MOTHER, [DOROTHY KIEFFER,] BORN DETROIT,

MICHIGAN NINETEEN NINETEEN; WIFE, [NORMAJEAN MARIE SKIBEL SCHWARTZ]

[NORMA JEAN MARIE SKIBEL]
[MRS FREDERICK J. SCHWARTZ]

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BORN LOS ANGELES [REDACTED] PERSON TO BE
NOTIFIED LISTED AS [DOROTHY GRAVES,] MOTHER, ONE ZERO THREE THREE
ZERO MONTE MAR DRIVE, LOS ANGELES.

MARTINDALE-HUBBELL LAW DIRECTORY REFLECTS SCHWARTZ
ASSOCIATED WITH FIRM OF [DAHESTRUM, WALTON AND BUTTS,] SUITE TWO
ONE TWO, GUARANTEE BUILDING, SIX THREE THREE ONE HOLLYWOOD
BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES CONDUCT CREDIT, CRIMINAL AND INDICES CHECKS
AND ANY OTHER LOGICAL SOURCE. SUTEL RESULTS FOLLOWED BY LHM
SUITABLE FOR FOREIGN DISRJMINATION. CAPTION LHM FREDERICK JOHN
SCHWARTZ.

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

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: Negative See below

Subject's name and aliases		Address of subject		Character of case MURKIN		
Complainant ROBERT REYNOLDS		Complainant's address and telephone number 1712 Santa Anita Ave. Arcadia, California 447-7383		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <u>6-11-68</u> Time <u>9:04am</u>		
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

C stated he is the nephew of EARL ANGLIN RAY, who is JAMES EARL RAY's father. He related that MRS. SONLEW(PHN), where RAY rented a room, husband had dealings with RAY's father.

C said he believes the "fat man" that was mentioned in the papers as visiting Ray in Canada, was actually his father.

C stated he did not wish to discuss it further on the phone, but believes he has quit a bit of information that would be helpful to this office.

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TO ~~DIRECTOR~~ (44-38861), SACS ~~MEMPHIS~~ (44-1987) AND
NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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ROBERT J. REYNOLDS, ONE SEVEN ONE TWO SANTA ANITA AVENUE,
ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE
CALL FROM HIS FATHER-IN-LAW, K. C. MC MILLAN, EIGHT EMERY STREET,
GEORGETOWN, ONTARIO, CANADA, ON EVENING OF JUNE TEN, SIXTY EIGHT.
DURING COURSE OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION MC MILLAN ADVISED
REYNOLDS THE RCMP WAS LOOKING FOR REYNOLDS' UNCLE, EARL ANGLIN
JAMES, IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION OF ACTIVITIES OF JAMES
EARL RAY WHILE IN CANADA. ACCORDING TO MC MILLAN, EARL ANGLIN
JAMES IS SUSPECTED OF BEING, OR HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF, THE QUOTE
MYSTERIOUS FAT MAN UNQUOTE WHO GAVE RAY AN ENVELOPE WHILE RAY
RESIDED AT ROOMING HOUSE LOCATED NINE SIX TWO DUNDAS STREET,
TORONTO, CANADA.

REYNOLDS STATED EARL ANGLIN JAMES WAS ASSOCIATE OF SUN LOO,
INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN CHINESE COMMUNITY OF TORONTO, WHO ALSO

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LIVED ON DUNDAS STREET. REYNOLDS NOTED THAT, ACCORDING TO LOS ANGELES TIMES, JAMES EARL RAY LIVED AT ROOMING HOUSE ON DUNDAS STREET OPERATED BY MRS. SUN LOO. HE ADVISED IF RCMP IS LOOKING FOR HIS UNCLE, THEY COULD POSSIBLY OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION FROM SUN LOO.

REYNOLDS ADVISED EARL ANGLIN JAMES WAS SUBPOENAED BY JAMES GARRISON, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, IN HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. REYNOLDS SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION IN TORONTO NEWSPAPERS, HIS UNCLE RECEIVED SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS FROM DAVID FERIE, ALLEGEDLY ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

REYNOLDS DESCRIBED EARL ANGLIN JAMES AS MALE, CAUCASIAN, AGE SIXTY NINE, FIVE TEN, TWO TWENTY POUNDS, OBESE, DARK BROWN HAIR, DARK BROWN EYES, SWARTHY COMPLEXION, WEARS MUSTACHE AND GOATEE.

REYNOLDS REQUESTED NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO INFORMATION HE PROVIDED IN VIEW OF FACT HIS UNCLE HAS MADE SEVERAL THREATS OF HARM TOWARD HIM ARISING FROM FAMILY DISPUTE OVER DISPOSITION OF ESTATE OF MOTHER OF EARL ANGLIN JAMES.

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IT IS REQUESTED NEW ORLEANS CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT
JAMES WAS SUBPOENAED BY GARRISON.

REYNOLDS IMMIGRATED TO U. S. IN NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR,
AND MRS. REYNOLDS ADVISES SHE HAS BROTHER IN RCMP.

ABOVE FURNISHED BUREAU FOR DISSEMINATION TO LEGAT,
OTTAWA, AND RCMP.

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
RE: MURKIN

~~REMYTEL TO BUREAU AND BUFFALO JUNE ELEVEN LAST.~~
EFFORTS CONTINUING LA TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW LESTER EDWARD PACKETT IN ORDER TO RESOLVE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY "BOB" (LNU) TO LOS ANGELES TIMES.

PACKETT'S ESTRANGED WIFE, ODELA PACKETT, AKA ODELA AGULLAR, ~~FBI NUMBER THREE NINE ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN A~~, LOCATED IN APARTMENT OF ONE JOHN FREDRICK SIMMONS, ONE ONE ONE ZERO SOUTH LAKE STREET, LA, THIS DATE. BOTH SIMMONS AND MRS. PACKETT INTERVIEWED AND BOTH DENY ANY KNOWLEDGE OF PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF LESTER PACKETT. SHE WAS JUST RELEASED FROM LA COUNTY JAIL (SYBIL BRAND INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN) FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF SENTENCE FOR PROSTITUTION, JUNE TEN LAST.

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CRIMINAL RECORDS LAPD SEARCHED AGAINST NAME OF LESTER EDWARD PACKETT AND ALIAS "BOB" PACKETT, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

MRS. PACKETT STATED LESTER DROVE HER CAR REGULARLY, BUT SHE DID NOT KNOW IF HE HOLDS CALIF. DRIVERS LICENSE.

SACRAMENTO WILL CHECK RECORDS DRIVERS LICENSE SECTION, DMV, TO ASCERTAIN IF LESTER EDWARD PACKETT HOLDS PRESENT DRIVERS LICENSE, OR IF HE HAS HELD CALIF. LICENSE IN PAST. WILL FORWARD ALL BACKGROUND INFO LOCATED, INCLUDING PHOTO TO LA.

SACRAMENTO ALSO CHECK RECORDS CII FOR MOST CURRENT IDENTIFICATION RECORDS OF BOTH LESTER AND ODELA PACKETT. LESTER DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] TENNESSEE; SIX FEET, ONE SIXTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES. FBI NUMBER EIGHT TWO SEVEN ONE SEVEN ZERO A. ODELA PACKETT, AKA ODELA AGULLAR, MEXICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE, FIVE FEET THREE INCHES, ONE THIRTY FIVE POUNDS, DYED RED HAIR, FBI NUMBER THREE NINE ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN A. FURNISH MOST CURRENT PHOTOS OF EACH AVAILABLE IN CII RECORDS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

44-1576

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES ~~44-1557~~

DATE: 6/13/68

FROM : SA J. CLARE WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: ~~KENSALP~~ *Murkin*

Re affidavits to be sent to Washington, D.C.
~~on~~

At 11:00 PM, on above ~~date~~ date, writer called by SA J. C. FISHBECK who advised that he had placed the package with above referred to affidavits, into hands of Captain THOMAS HAROLD BENSON, American Airlines Flight # 78. Stated flight due in at Dulles International at 6:50 AM, EDT.

At 11:15 PM, above date, writer contacted Night Security Clerk RON JONAS, WFO and advised him re above.

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

Re: MURKIN

Re LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU 6/11/68.

THE FILES OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE CONTAIN NO INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT EARL ANGLIN JAMES WAS EVER SUBPOENAED BY ORLEANS PARISH DA JAMES GARRISON IN CONNECTION WITH GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OTHER MATTER.

DAVID W. FERRIE, DECEASED, AND APPARANT SUSPECT BY GARRISON AS A CONSPIRATOR INTO THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION WAS INTERVIEWED BY NEW ORLEANS AGENT ON DECEMBER TEN, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE ENTITLED QUOTE JACK LEON RUBY, AKA; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. - VICTIM(DECEASED) BUFILE FORTY FOUR DASH TWO FOUR ZERO ONE SIX END QUOTE. FERRIE FURNISHED NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHOM HE SAID WERE SOURCES FOR QUOTE PHONY END QUOTE DEGREES. ONE OF THE NAMES SHE MENTIONED WAS EARL ANGLIN JAMES, OF TORONTO, CANADA. NO FURTHER DATA AVAILABLE RE JAMES.

BUREAU CONSIDER ABOVE FOR DISSEMINATION TO LEGAT, OTTAWA AND RCMP IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION FURNISHED IN REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TELETYPE.

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

SAN DIEGO (44-387) (44-394)

FROM RICHMOND (44-657) (62-2248)

MURKIN; KENSALT

RE RICHMOND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE THIRTEEN
LAST.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, RECORDS AT
THE ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, NORTON, VA., REVEALED THAT GEORGE
ROBERT LETSINGER, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CATHOLIC RELIGION, ENTERED THAT HOSPITAL ON
DECEMBER FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE AND WAS RELEASED ON
DECEMBER FOURTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. THE RECORDS REVEALED
THAT LETSINGER WAS A NATIVE OF MISSOURI WHO LISTED A FRIEND
BY THE NAME OF MRS. G.B. STURGILL, P.O. BOX THREE ZERO
SEVEN, (CITY NOT LISTED), MISSOURI, TELEPHONE M U THREE DASH TWO TWO
SEVEN ZERO. LETSINGER WAS TREATED FOR AN ULCER, SPASTIC
COLON, A LOW BACK STRAIN, AND PHARYNGITIS. HE REPORTEDLY
FELL ON THE STEPS OF THE POST OFFICE AT BIG STONE GAP,
VIRGINIA, AND INJURED HIS BACK. DOCTORS STATED IN RECORDS
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THAT LETSINGER PROBABLY DRINKS AND THAT HE HAS A PARTICULAR TYPE DELIVERY (REFERRING TO SPEECH). LETSINGER CARRIED HOSPITALIZATION WITH SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, ONE NINE ZERO FOUR FARNAM STREET, OMAHA, NEBRASKA. HOSPITAL RECORDS INDICATED HE HAD BEEN TREATED PRIOR TO THE ABOVE AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI FOR A NERVOUS STOMACH. ON SAME DATE, SHERIFF SHELBY MULLINS, WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ADVISED THAT BOBBY LETSINGER HAD BEEN ARRESTED JULY THIRD NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR ON A PEACE WARRANT IN A PEACE BOND CASE AND HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM THE WISE COUNTY JAIL ON JULY TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AFTER THE CASE HAD BEEN DISMISSED.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, THELMA MURRAY, AUNT OF LETSINGER, EAST FIFTH STREET, BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA, STATED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF LETSINGER, BUT THAT SHE HAD HEARD FROM

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LETSINGER'S MOTHER, ETIA LEE LETSINGER, ON MARCH TWENTY,
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, AND AT THAT TIME HIS MOTHER ADVISED
HER THAT HE WAS A COOK IN HONOLULU, HAWAII. SHE SSTATED
THAT BOBBY LETSINGER HAS INFORMED HER SEVERAL TIMES THAT
HE PREFERS BOYS INSTEAD OF GIRLS, WHICH INDICATES TO HER
HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES. SHE STATED THAT LETSINGER 'S MOTHER
HAS MOVED TO AVA, MISSOURI AND IS NOW RESIDING AT AN

UNKNOWN ADDRESS

CORR WILL SEND LST SENTENCE AGAIN

UNKNOWN ADDRESS TO HER IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

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RE ~~WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE~~ TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES
JUNE THIRTEEN LAST CONCERNING BACKGROUND OF FREDERICK JOHN
SCHWARTZ.

RECORDS, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT (LAPD), REVEAL
SCHWARTZ ARRESTED JULY EIGHT SIXTY-SEVEN ON TRAFFIC WARRANT
FOR VIOLATION OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION EIGHTY
EIGHT POINT THIRTEEN POINT B, WHICH IS PARKING VIOLATION. HE
FORFEITED BAIL OF FIVE DOLLARS. ON THAT ARREST, SCHWARTZ
LISTED OCCUPATION AS ATTORNEY WITH DAHLSTRUM AND BUTTS.

~~SCHWARTZ~~ ARRESTED DECEMBER ONE SIXTY ON VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA
PENAL CODE (PC) FOUR FIFTY NINE (FELONY) WHEN HE TOOK SIX
PAIR MEN'S SOCKS FROM A WEST LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT STORE.
CHARGE CHANGED TO VIOLATION OF SECTION FOUR EIGHT FOUR (PC),

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A MISDEMEANOR, (PETTY THEFT), ON DECEMBER TWO SIXTY, AND LATER TO VIOLATION OF SECTION FIVE NINETY FOUR (PC), MALICIOUS MISCHIEF (MISDEMEANOR), TO WHICH HE PLEADED GUILTY AND WAS GIVEN A SIX MONTHS SUSPENDED SENTENCE, SIX MONTHS PROBATION, AND ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE. ON MAY FIVE FIFTY-SIX, HE WAS ARRESTED BY LAPD FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION FIVE ZERO THREE (VEHICLE CODE), JOY RIDING DELINQUENT, AND TURNED OVER TO PARENTS. PARENTS LISTED AS DOROTHY AND JOHN GRAVES, AND FRED SCHWARTZ.

RECORDS, LOS ANGELES RETAIL MERCHANTS CREDIT ASSOCIATION (RMCA), REVEAL SCHWARTZ AND WIFE, NORMA JEAN, TWENTY SEVEN FIVE FOUR WOODSHIRE DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, SUED FOR EIGHT HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS AND NINETY FOUR CENTS ON OCTOBER TWENTY-SEVEN SIXTY-SEVEN, THE AMOUNT CLAIMED OWED TO AN RMCA CLIENT. NO DISPOSITION GIVEN. ASSIGNED FOR COLLECTION NOTICES APPEAR IN FILE FOR SCHWARTZ AND WIFE DATED JULY TWENTY-NINE, SIXTY-SEVEN, FOR ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY ONE CENTS. ALSO FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE DOLLARS AND FORTY ONE CENTS. LATTER NOTICE NOT DATED AND NO DISPOSITIONS GIVEN.

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RECORDS, CALIFORNIA STATE BAR, LOS ANGELES, REVEAL

SCHWARTZ, BORN [REDACTED] DETROIT, MICHIGAN,
ADMITTED TO CALIFORNIA BAR ON JANUARY FIVE SIXTY-FIVE. HE
IS PRESENTLY WITH LAW FIRM OF DAHLSTRUM, WALTON, AND BUTTS.
NO INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN MADE TO CALIFORNIA BAR BY BRITISH
LEGAL AUTHORITIES RE SCHWARTZ'S LEGAL BACKGROUND.

NO ARREST RECORD LOCATED FOR SCHWARTZ'S WIFE, NORMA
JEAN.

FRED DREW SCHWARTZ, FATHER OF FREDERICK JOHN SCHWARTZ,
FBI NUMBER SIXTEEN FOUR EIGHT TWO E, HAS RECORD WITH CALI-
FORNIA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION
DATING BACK TO NINETEEN FIFTY ONE. HE WAS ARRESTED
JANUARY NINE, FIFTY-ONE FOR VIOLATION OF VEHICLE CODE
DEALING WITH MAINTENANCE OF AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SHOP. ON
NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIVE, SIXTY-ONE, ARRESTED BY SANTA MONICA
PD FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND FINED
ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS OR FIFTEEN DAYS IN JAIL AND PLACED
ON TWO YEARS PROBATION. HE WAS ARRESTED BY LACSO ON
FEBRUARY NINE, SIXTY-THREE, AND MARCH TWENTY-ONE, SIXTY-
THREE FOR DRUNK DRIVING. BY LAPD ON JUNE THIRTY, SIXTY-THREE

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FOR DRUNK DRIVING AND ON FEBRUARY SIXTEEN SIXTY-EIGHT FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE. ON JULY THIRTEEN SIXTY-THREE, HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA PD FOR BEING DRUNK IN PUBLIC AND FINED TWENTY ONE DOLLARS OR FOUR DAYS IN JAIL. ON JANUARY TWENTY-ONE, SIXTY-FOUR, HE WAS ARRESTED BY CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA PD ON A DRUNK CHARGE. NO DISPOSITIONS AVAILABLE, OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED ABOVE.

RECORDS, RMCA, LOS ANGELES, REVEAL FRED D. SCHWARTZ AND WIFE, DOROTHY, KNOWN TO THAT AGENCY SINCE FORTY-EIGHT. HE IS LISTED AS SELF-EMPLOYED AS AN ARCHITECT FROM RESIDENCE. IN MAY FIFTY-FOUR, HE IS SHOWN OWING A DELINQUENT ACCOUNT OF SIXTY ONE DOLLARS AND, IN JUNE, FIFTY-FOUR, AND JULY FIFTY-FOUR, IS SHOWN OWING DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS OF THIRTEEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY THREE DOLLARS RESPECTIVELY. IN SEPTEMBER FIFTY-FOUR, HE WAS SUED FOR NINETY FOUR DOLLARS BY AFFILIATED MERCHANTS. IN NOVEMBER SIXTY-TWO, SUED FOR FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS BY A NANCY TAYLOR.

NO ARREST RECORD LOCATED AT LASO OR LAPD FOR DOROTHY GRAVES, SCHWARTZ'S MOTHER.

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NO RECORD, RMCA, LOCATED FOR DOROTHY GRAVES.

MARTINDALE AND HUBBEL LAW DIRECTORY, SIXTY-EIGHT EDITION, SHOWS FREDERICK J. SCHWARTZ, BORN DETROIT, MICHIGAN, ADMITTED TO CALIFORNIA BAR, SIXTY-FOUR; PREPARATORY EDUCATION AT UCLA (BACHELOR OF SCIENCE - SIXTY) AND UCLA LAW SCHOOL (BACHELOR OF LAW DEGREE - SIXTY-FIVE). SCHWARTZ IS SHOWN AS AN ASSOCIATE OF LAW FIRM OF DALHSTRUM, WALTON, AND BUTTS, LOS ANGELES. FIRM IS DESCRIBED AS GENERAL IN PRACTICE SPECIALITIES.

LOS ANGELES INDICES NEGATIVE FOR FREDERICK JOHN SCHWARTZ, HIS WIFE, MOTHER, AND FATHER.

LHM FOLLOWS.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

June 15, 1968

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FREDERICK JOHN SCHWARTZ

Records of the United States Embassy, London, England revealed that Frederick John Schwartz was born [redacted] in Detroit, Michigan and resides at 4 Tilney Street, London, England. He has been issued United States Passport number [redacted] and registered with the United States Embassy in London, England in late 1967 as a lawyer.

A review of the records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., reveals that Frederick John Schwartz, in an application for passport dated October 23, 1967, listed his permanent address as 2754 Woodshire Drive, Los Angeles, California. His relatives are listed as follows:

Father	<u>Frederick Drew Schwartz,</u> born in Colorado - 1917
Mother	<u>Dorothy Kiefer,</u> born in Detroit, Michigan - 1919
Wife	<u>Norma Jean Marie Skibel</u> <u>Schwartz, born in Los</u> <u>Angeles, California,</u> [redacted]

The person to be notified in case of accident or emergency is his mother - Dorothy Graves, 10330 Monte Mar Drive, Los Angeles, California.

Records of a confidential source in Los Angeles, California revealed that Frederick John Schwartz has been a resident of the State of California since 1944. His parents were listed as Frederick Drew Schwartz and Dorothy Gertrude Schwartz, nee Kiefer. He attended public schools in Los

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Angelas from 1944 to 1956 when he graduated from Alexander Hamilton High School. He attended Santa Monica City College, Santa Monica, California from 1956 to 1958; the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah from 1958 to 1959; and from 1959 to 1960 attended the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), Los Angeles, California. He graduated from UCLA in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He attended UCLA Law School from 1960 to 1963 graduating in June, 1963, with a Bachelor of Law degree. He married Norma Jean Skibel in Los Angeles, California on February 2, 1963. From 1963 to 1964 he travelled in Europe. He graduated from UCLA Law School ranking 104 in a class of 126.

Records of the California State Bar, Los Angeles, California, revealed that Frederick John Schwartz was born [redacted] in Detroit, Michigan and was admitted to the California Bar on January 5, 1965. He is presently associated with the law firm of Dahlstrum, Walton and Butts, Suite 212, Guarantee Building, 6331 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. Schwartz is a member in good standing of the California State Bar. No inquiries have been made to the California State Bar by British legal authorities regarding Schwartz's legal background.

The 1968 edition of Martindale and Hubbell Law Directory shows Frederick John Schwartz born [redacted] in Detroit, Michigan, was admitted to the California Bar in 1964. His preparatory education was at UCLA where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1960 and the UCLA Law School where he received a Bachelor of Law degree in 1965. Schwartz is shown as an associate of the law firm of Dahlstrum, Walton and Butts, Los Angeles, California. This firm is described as "general" in its practice specialties. Representative clients of the firm are listed as Pacific Boxing Club and Local 1000 of the Barber Union.

Records of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles, California, caused to be searched on June 14, 1968 revealed that Frederick John Schwartz was arrested on July 8, 1967 on a traffic warrant for violation of Los Angeles Municipal Code, Section 88.13B, which is a parking violation. He forfeited bail of \$5. On that arrest, Schwartz listed his occupation as an attorney with Dahlstrum and Butts. Schwartz was arrested on December 1, 1960 for violation of California Penal Code 459 (felony) when he took six pair of men's socks from West Los

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Angeles department store. The charge was changed to violation of Section 484 Penal Code (misdemeanor) (petty theft) on December 2, 1960 and changed later to violation of Section 594 Penal Code (malicious mischief) (misdemeanor) to which he pled guilty and was given a six month suspended sentence, six months probation and \$100 fine. On May 5, 1956, he was arrested by LAPD for violation of Section 502 (Vehicle Code) (joyriding - delinquent) and turned over to his parents. His parents on the police report are shown as Dorothy and John Graves and Fred Schwartz.

Records Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association (RMCA), revealed Schwartz and his wife, Norma Jean, residing at 2754 Woodshire Drive, Los Angeles, California, were sued for \$810.94 on October 27, 1967, the amount claimed owed to an RMCA client. No disposition is given concerning this suit. Assigned for collection notices appeared in Schwartz's credit file with one dated July 29, 1967 for \$133.71. Another was for the amount of \$145.41. The latter notice was not dated and no dispositions were given.

No arrest record was located for Schwartz's wife, Norma Jean.

Frederick Drew Schwartz, the father of Frederick John Schwartz, FBI number 16 482 E, has a record with the California Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (CII) dating back to 1951. He was arrested January 9, 1951 for violation of California Vehicle Code dealing with maintenance of an automobile repair shop. On November 25, 1961 he was arrested by the Santa Monica, California Police Department for driving under the influence of alcohol and fined \$150 or 15 days in jail and placed on two years probation. He was arrested by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office (LASO) on February 9, 1963 and March 21, 1963 for drunk driving. He was arrested by the LAPD on June 30, 1963 for drunk driving and on February 16, 1963 for driving under the influence of alcohol. On July 13, 1963 he was arrested by the El Monte, California Police Department for being drunk in public and was fined \$21 or four days in jail. On January 21, 1964 he was arrested by the Culver City, California Police

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Department on a drunk charge. No dispositions are available other than those listed above.

RMCA records, Los Angeles, California, for Frederick Drew Schwartz and wife Dorothy, revealed that these persons have been known to that agency since 1948. Frederick Schwartz is listed as self employed as an architect from residence. In May, 1954 the record shows he had a delinquent account of \$61; in June, 1954 and July, 1954 his record shows he had a delinquent of \$13 and \$73 respectively. In September, 1954 he was sued for \$94 by Affiliated Merchants. In November, 1962 he was sued for \$4,000 by a Nancy Taylor. No dispositions are available regarding the above financial matters.

No arrest record was located at the LASO or LAPD for Dorothy Graves, Frederick John Schwartz's mother.

No record was located at RMCA, Los Angeles, for Dorothy Graves.

The files of the FBI, Los Angeles, were searched on June 14, 1968 concerning Frederick John Schwartz and his relative listed above with negative results.

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

Re Washington Field teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles dated 6/13/68 and Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated 6/14/68 regarding background of FREDERICK JOHN SCHWARTZ.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven (7) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) for foreign dissemination regarding FREDERICK JOHN SCHWARTZ. One information copy being furnished Washington Field Office.

The confidential source referred to in the LHM is GRANT CHRISTOPHERSON, Investigator, California State Bar, Los Angeles, California.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696)
MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype dated 6/12/68.

Referenced teletype advises the Bureau has instructed reasonable efforts be expanded to locate LESTER EDWARD PACKETT.

On 6/12/68, Mrs. CALLIE CATHEY, 1110 Wright Street, Sweetwater, Tennessee, advised she was formerly married to LESTER PACKETT, who is deceased, and that LESTER EDWARD PACKETT is her son. She advised she last actually saw PACKETT approximately four years ago but has not seen him since that time. She did, however, receive a birthday card from him during March, 1968 and is of the opinion that the envelope containing the birthday card was postmarked Chicago, Illinois. She further stated PACKETT telephoned her during February, 1968 indicating that he was in the State of Illinois.

Mrs. CATHEY described her son as a drifter and that she has no idea as to his present whereabouts except as indicated above. She stated that another son, ARANTS HUBERT PACKETT, had been employed as a cook in a restaurant in Chatanooga, Tennessee up until three weeks ago. At that time he telephoned her and indicated that he was going North inasmuch as he is not receiving as much pay at the restaurant as had been promised him. She has no idea as to the whereabouts of ARANTS HUBERT PACKETT.

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Mrs. CATHEY described LESTER EDWARD PACKETT in the following manner: white male; date of birth - [redacted] at Monroe County, Tennessee; height - 6'; weight 170 pounds; medium build; dark brown hair; blue eyes; has served in U. S. Army.

On 6/13/68, Mrs. CLARENCE T. HAMILTON, JR., Route 6, Knoxville, Tennessee, advised that LESTER EDWARD PACKETT was her brother. The last time she heard from PACKETT was several months ago when he telephonically contacted her from someplace in California. Mrs. HAMILTON said PACKETT telephonically contacts her from time to time, however, she has not seen him for a long time and she has no idea where he might be at the present time. According to Mrs. HAMILTON, PACKETT travels from place to place, and as far as she knows he has no regular employment of any kind. In the event she hears of his whereabouts, she will immediately advise the FBI.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 5/27/68.

Referenced airtel suggested that the Mobile Office consider interviewing former Sheriff HARVEY SADLER for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING. This lead was based upon a letter from Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX, Lomax Poll and Tribune, Los Angeles, Calif., to SA LLOYD JOHNSON of the Los Angeles Office. In this letter, Mrs. LOMAX points out that former Sheriff HARVEY SADLER of Macon County, Ala., is a supporter of former Governor GEORGE WALLACE of Ala. She expressed the opinion that the KING assassination was plotted by the WALLACE forces "to provoke Negroes to riot to further WALLACE's political ambitions."

For the information of the Bureau and Los Angeles, former Sheriff HARVEY SADLER of Macon County, Tuskegee, Ala., during his term of office, was cooperative and forthright with the Mobile Office of the FBI. On more than one occasion, he was instrumental in averting violent confrontations between Negro marchers seeking to integrate white churches and opposing groups of white persons. At no time was he known to display a hostile attitude toward Negro citizens of that community.

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On the other hand, Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX, while residing in Tuskegee, Ala., acquired a reputation as a fanatic. Her Tuskegee Tribune made many irresponsible charges against leading citizens of the community, both Negro and white, particularly against those seeking to bring about racial harmony through bi-racial groups. Her paper supported the militant actions of Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which then was gaining a foothold at Tuskegee Institute.

In the letter accompanying the referenced airtel, Mrs. LOMAX characterizes her expressions as "scuttlebutt." Upon review, her letter does not appear to make any accusation that ex-sheriff HARVEY SADLER was connected with the slaying of Dr. KING; rather it is speculated that the WALLACE forces might be responsible for the slaying because they profitted therefrom. SADLER is associated with this alleged "plot" only in that he has been a WALLACE supporter in the past.

There does not appear to be any more basis for interview of former Sheriff SADLER than for interview of GEORGE WALLACE or other WALLACE supporters. UACB no interview of SADLER will be conducted.