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FROM:

SAC, LOS ANGELES (56-156)

SUBJECT: KENSAVLT

INFO RECEIVED TODAY FROM ECONO-CAR RENTALS, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, THAT PERNELL EZZEL CALLED THEM TODAY RE OVERDUE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT PONTIAC AND EZZELL RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO TURN PONTIAC IN AT THEIR AGENCY, RAMADA INN, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY MARKET STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA.

EZZELL HAS STATED HE HAD GREAT AMOUNT OF MONEY OBTAINED AS RESULT OF HIS PART IN KENSAMIT AND MURKIN ASSASSINATIONS.

BUREAU HAS REQUESTED EZZELL BE INTERVIEWED RE ABOVE CASES.

EZZEI	L DESCRIBED	WHITE, M	ALE, BORN	N		
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NEW ORLEANS ENDEAVOR TO INTERVIEW EZZELL THROUGH CONTACT
WITH ECONO-CAR RENTALS, SHREVEPORT, RE HIS REMARKS ABOUT KENSAYLT
AND MURKIN CASES AND OBTAIN COMPLETE DETAILS. FURNISH LOS ANGELES
RESULTS IN TWENTY FIVE COPIES OF FD-302.

EZZELL CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF HIS
REPORTED POSSESSION OF A FIREARM AND SINCE HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED
AS AN ALCOHOLIC WHO BECOMES UNSTABLE WHEN INTOXICATED.

INFO FROM ECONO-CAR RENTALS WAS RECEIVED BY SA VERNON E.

JOSSY AT TEN TWENTY AM FROM ROBERT ROBINSON. ECONO-CAR RENTALS

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TELEPHONE SIX SEVEN EIGHT SEVEN SIX NINE THREE. FBI WILL BE

ADVISED IF ADDITIONAL INFO RECEIVED FROM EZZELL BY ECONO-CAR

RENTAL RE HIS LOCATION. ROBINSON advised later that EZZELL was presently at their Shreveport Office with the vehicle. SA JERRY BRENTS, New Orleans Office, called Los Angeles Office and was furnished info. re EZZELL, and attempts being made to interview EZZELL. SA RONALD W. BEINNER, who is presently interviewing EZZELL was also furnished info. herein.

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Date August 19, 1968

WILLIAM J. WILSON, General Truck Sales, 535 Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, Tennessee advised as follows:

During May of 1968 he attended a conference of the National Automobile Dealers Association in Miami Beach, Florida, which was attended by a number of truck dealers throughout the United States. On one evening during this series of meetings he was with a group of individuals including "BUDDY" JENSEN of Fairfield, Connecticut and ARTHUR IRWIN of Lima, Ohio. Everyone in this group of some twenty to twenty-five men had been drinking heavily and conversations could only be described as extremely "alcoholic."

On one occasion, "BUDDY" JENSEN made some remark: to the effect that ROBERT KENNEDY would never live to become President, if he were nominated and elected, that someone would probably shoot him. JENSEN did not say that he had attended any meeting where this was discussed, nor was any conversation recalled with reference to MARTIN LUTHER KING.

He does not recall any other remarks of JENSEN and does not recall discussing JENSEN'S remarks on a subsequent trip to Jamaica, which he made accompanied by other men at the conference.

He paid absolutely no attention to JENSEN'S remark regarding KENNEDY, since he was drinking heavily, as were most of the men at the conference.

He described JENSEN as an "ultra conservative", a loyal American, and one who would have no part in the death of KENNEDY or KING.

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SA TILITAM M. HOBBS, JR.: mas

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SAC, Los Angeles

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Enclosed are eight copies of FD 302 covering interview with WILLIAM J. WILSON, Nashville, Tennessee.

Enclosed for New Haven is one (1) copy of above FD 302 for assistance in interview with JENSEN.

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FRANK GOODPASTURE, JR., Goodpasture Motor Company, Bristol, Virginia, advised he has known JOHN A. JENSEN, also known as "Buddy", General Motor Service and Truck Company, 386 State Street Extension, Fairfield, Connecticut, since 1959, and he always has found him to be a person of high morals, character and reputation.

He said he attended the dinner at the Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, during the conference of the National Automobile Dealers Association, truck meeting, and that JOHN A. JENSEN was present, and he heard JENSEN was making remarks concerning segregation; however, since the remarks were not made to him, he could not recall any definite statements he may have made.

He said he gathered from the remarks that JENSEN had some feelings regarding segregation as there apparently had been some trouble in Fairfield, Connecticut. He stated he did not feel JENSEN meant anything by his remarks and he put no significance in them as he had been drinking.

He recalled that ARTHUR IRWIN, Irwin GMC Inc., GMC dealer, Lima, Ohio, was present, as well as BILL WIBSON, General Truck Sales, Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, Tennessee, and ROBERT C. GALLAHAN, Goode Motor Company, Bristol, Tennessee.

He said after the meeting, WIISON and IRWIN made a trip to Jamaica, and they discussed the remarks of JENSEN, but they put no significance to them. He said that if JENSEN is contacted, he is sure he could explain his remarks.

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ROBERT C. CALLAHAN, President, Goode Motors, Inc., Bristol, Tennessee, a Dodge dealer, advised that about May 18, 1968, he attended a conference of the National Automobile Dealers Association truck meeting at the Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, and one evening during dinner he was with a group of people which included "BUDDY" JENSEN, GMC dealer, Fairfield, Connecticut, when JENSEN made some statements to the effect he had attended some meetings and knew what was going to happen to MARTIN LUTHER KING and "BOBBY" KENNEDY.

JENSEN reportedly said that KENNEDY would be killed, and he would never get into office. JENSEN did not mention what meetings he had attended or where the meetings were held.

CALLAHAN said JENSEN had been drinking, and he (CALLAHAN) had never met him before, and, therefore, there was some discussion concerning JENSEN's comments among the people present.

CALLAHAN further advised that FRANK GOODPASTURE, JR., of Goodpasture Motor Company, Bristol, Virginia, as well as a man from Nashville, Tennessee, and one from Ohio, may have heard the comments of JENSEN. He stated COODPASTURE was a good friend of JENSEN, and would be able to evaluate JENSEN and his remarks.

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SAC (44-1574)

SA NORMAN R JOHNSON

MURKIN

At 12:26PM, 8/30/68, NED PAPINEAU (female). Pace Temporary Service, Inc., 3966 West 6th Street, telephone 388-6155, telephonically contacted this office.

She advised that they are currently in process of clearing some old files connected with an ad that had been run in local ndwspapers for part time help.

They located an application form dated 1/10/68 from ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano Street. Among items furnished on form is information that his brother, CARL GALT resided in Birmingham. He claimed current employment with American Business Consultants and from 1952 to 1962 had been employed by a book publisher in Birmingham. He had one year of pre-law schooling and spoke Spanish. He stated that he would only be in the Los Angeles area until 6/28.

Mrs PAPINEAU will furnish application to SA's of this office. They have no photo. She requested that contacting agents call first inasmuch as the office is not open full time.

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PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT Pasadena, Calif.



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Memorandum

το : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/13/68

FROM

SA ROBERT H. KARL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. MCDONOUGH, DIV. 6, Wn., D.C. called at 6:00 AM, 4/13/68 regarding LA tel sent to Bureau, 10:27 PM, 4/12/68, pg. 4, concerning the spelling GAULT on suspect's name. He wanted to know if suspect himself used this spelling or if this was just a misspelling, since this was the first time this spelling had appeared.

Research disclosed that, according to Asst. Superintendant, BAKER, Los Feliz Station, U.S. Post Office, LA, the change of address was effective 1/22/68 and had been initiated by one ERIC S. GALT. This information was forwarded to Mr. MCDONOUGH at 7:10 AM, 4/13/68. It is noted that an original specimen containing GALT's signature in the form of a change of address card, is available at the Los Feliz Station, USPO, if picked up before noon, today.

LEAD: LA AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Will obtain above described signature specimen of ERIC GALT from Asst. Superintendant BAKER at Los Feliz Station USPO before noon today.

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AT VENTURA, CALIFORNIA

On April 11, 1968, Lieutenant HOWARD PEEK, Ventura Police Department, advised that a citizen had contacted the Ventura Police Department stating that he had seen an individual on the morning of April 11, 1968, who resembled the artist's sketch published in the newspapers of the man believed responsible for killing MARTIN LUTHER KING. Lieutenant PEEK identified this individual as Mr. THEODORE LINDSAY.

Mr. THEODORE LINDSAY, 371 Mariposa Drive, Ventura, age 63, advised that at 8:45 AM on April 11, 1968, he had his car serviced at the Durmford Shell Station, 2386 Thompson Boulevard, Ventura. While at this service station his attention was called to a white male driving a 1955 Mercury and believed to be a two-door, dark green in color. His attention was called to this man inasmuch as he attempted to pay for a gas purchase with a \$100.00 bill. The attendant declined to take the \$100.00 bill and the man paid for his gas with a \$20.00.

Mr. LINDSAY stated that having observed this it occurred to him that this man resembled the artists sketch he had previously seen in the newspaper depicting the man who was believed to be responsible for killing MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Mr. LINDSAY described this individual who he saw at the Durmford Shell Station as follows:

Race Sex Age Height Weight Hair

Complexion Dressed White Male 35 to 40 5'10"

175 pounds to 185 pounds
Sandy, receding at temples. Normal
length on sides but cut short on top
Not Tanned

Tan slacks with dark tan knit sport shirt, neat and clean in appearance.

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Peculiarities

Pleasant demeanor, smiles easily Prominent nose, with a definite upturn at the end, which Mr. LINDSAY described as a "ski" nose

Wearing white tennis shoes

Dress

Mr. LINDSAY advised that this man was alone in this car and that he observed a partial license as either JUU or TUU, California. He did not know any of the numbers. He stated that he did not observe anything in the interior of this car.

Mr. LINDSAY stated that on observing this individual, it appeared to him that he seemed to favor his left leg slightly.

Mr. LINDSAY stated that he observed this man drive out of Durmford Shell Station, being alone in above described vehicle and driving east on Thompson Boulevard.

On April 11, 1968, VERNON E. BURDICK, 1036 Cameron Street, Ventura, advised that he is employed by IRVING DURMFORD at the Durmford Shell Station, 2386 Thompson Boulevard, Ventura. He advised that on the morning of April 11, 1968, he sold one quart of oil and gasoline with a total bill of either \$4.15 or \$4.18 to a man who offered him a \$100.00 bill in payment. He stated that he told this man he did not have that much change and the man then gave him a fairly new \$20.00 bill in payment for this gas and oil.

Mr. BURDICK described this individual as follows:

RaceW White Sex Male 40 Age 5'10" Height 165 pounds Weight Hair Light brown Complexion Fair, not tanned Accent None Teeth Not noticed No glasses Eyes

Peculiarities

Thin face, prominent nose,

Mr. BURDICK advised that he had never seen this individual before. He stated that he believes this individual was driving a 1957 or about that year Pontiac or Mercury. The light brown or rust in color.

Mr. BURDICK advised that the only other person working at the Durmford Shell Station at the time this individual was in, was the owner Mr. IRVING DURMFORD. He stated that the only customer that recalls being in the service station at the time was Mrs. WILLIAM D. CREECH, 8898 Clinton Court, Ventura, who was picking up her car after having had a brake job done on it. He advised that this woman was waiting to pay for this break job when he was collecting from the above described man.

Mr. BURDICK stated that inasmuch as he was in a hurry to take care of Mrs. CREECH, he did not have any conversation with the above man other than than absolutely necessary.

On April 11, 1968, Mr. IRVING DURMFORD, owner, operator, Darmford Shell Station, 2386 Thompson Boulevard, advised that on the morning of April 11, 1968, his employee VERNON BURDICK called his attention to the fact that a customer had attempted to pay a small gas bill with a \$100.00 bill. Mr. DURMFORD advised that he recalled seeing the individual Mr. BURDICK referred to, but had just taken a casual look at him and his car. He recalls this individual as being a white, male, in his mid-30's, 5'10", 165 pounds to 175 pounds, light colored hair, wearing light colored clothes. He recalls the car as being a older model Mercury color not recalled. Mr. DURMFORD further advised that he has been operating this service station for the past four years and had never seen this individual or car before.

On April 12, 1968, two photographs of JAY WALLIS VERNON together with photograph of VICTOR GERALD BONO, EARL CARMACK, Ventura Sheriff's Office No. 45803 and HAROLD OTTO MONTOYA were exhibited to the following individuals:

Mr. THEODORE LINDSAY, who stated that the eyes of JAY WALLIS VERNON are similar to the individual he had seen the previous day at Durmford Shell Station, but that inasmuch as both photographs of VERNON are full face and not profile, he cannot be sure. He stated that the individual whom he saw at the Durmford Shell Station on the previous date definitely had a upturned prominent nose.

Mr. VERNON E. BURDICK on viewing above photographs picked the photograph of VICTOR GERALD BONO as being the closest resemblance to the individual who had offered him a \$100.00 bill the day before. He stated that he could not be sure of this identification.

Mr. IRVING DURMFORD on viewing above photographs picked the photograph of HAROLD OTTO MONTOYA as being closest to the individual he had observed casually on the previous day at his service station.

On April 13, 1968, the following photographs and artist's sketches were exhibited: Two photographs of JAY WALLIS VERNON, photograph of VICTOR GERALD BONO, artist sketches "description of subject from Birmingham; "description of subject from Memphis"; two artist sketches appearing in Los Angeles Times of April 13, 1968.

Mr. THEODORE LINDSAY stated that the only pictures that are close are the artists conceptions appearing the Los Angeles Times. He stated that the man he saw in the Durmford Shell Station on April 11, 1968, definitely had sandy hair and definitely had an upturn on the end of his nose which is not depicted in either one of the above newspapers sketches. He advised that the man had receding hair at the temples as depicted on the full profile view, but not as much hair as the artists drawing on the 45 degree angle profile view. Mr. LINDSAY advised that he could see no resemblance in either of the artists sketches of subject "description from Birmingham," "description from Memphis," artists conceptions.

Mrs. WILLIAM D. CREECH, 8898 Clinton Court, advised that she recalls a man paying his bill while she was waiting to pay her bill at the Durmford Shell Service Station on the morning of April 11, 1968. Mrs. CREECH described this man as follows:

Race Sex Age Height Weight Hair Complexion Dressed

Miscellaneous

Male
38 to 45
5'10" 5'11"
185 pounds
Short, color

Short, color not recalled

Sandy,

White

Sport clothes Voice not recalled

No glasses Eyes not noted

Mrs. CREECH stated she did not observe this individuals car. Mrs. CREECH on viewing above photographs and artists sketches could not identify any as resembling this individual.

On April 13, 1968, Mr. VERNON BURDICK on viewing above photographs, he stated that the hair and profile of the photograph of VICTOR GERALD BONO most closely resemble the individual in question.

On April 14, 1968, Mr. IRVING DURMFORD on viewing above photographs advised that none resembled the individual in question.

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On April 29, 1968, JIM CASSELL, Assistant Manager of the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills, California, advised that on April 18, 1968, GEORGE SHAW, 7201 Bingham Road, Birmingham, Michigan, registered at this hotel and was assigned Room 622 at \$24.00 daily. The hotel bill included garage charges. As of that date, the bill totaled \$382.32, which SHAW paid with a travelers check for \$82.32 and a check of a Savings and Loan institution dated April 15, 1968, in the amount of \$300.00, payable to GEORGE W. SHAW, JR. The check identified the remitter as GEORGE W. SHAW. On April 29, 1968, SHAW checked out.

On April 29, 1968, Special Agents JOHN T. MARTIN, STEVEN E. DUCKER, and ALBERT N. CARLBLOM confronted SHAW and compared his fingerprints with those of JAMES EARL RAY and established that SHAW was not identical with RAY. SHAW exhibited driver's license number R1237295 in the name GEORGE WILLIAM SHAW, JR., 7201 Bingham Road. Birmingham. Michigan, which described him a male, 5'11", 170 pounds, as being born on and blue eyes. SHAW said he had a Cadillac and showed a document reflecting that a 1967 Cadillac convertible number F7233522 was insured with State Farm Mutual under policy number 6057687E0922. He said he had served in the army in Korea number US 55314224. He said he had never been arrested He said that he had been trying to find a place to rent for setting up a business of selling clothes. He claimed to have no wigs. He indicated he would be going to Santa Barbara, California, or San Francisco.

On April 29, 1968, CHARLES R. LUGO, Chief of Security, The Beverly Hilton, advised that parking records reflected that SHAW, in Room 622, was driving a Mustang, California license VDP 943. A Mustang was observed in the hotel's garage having California license VDP 934, which had a card bearing name of SHAW near the windshield. The rear bumper bore a tape bearing number 8LO159.

Records of the hotel reflected that LAVERNE, the maid on the sixth floor, has a full name of LAVERNE BAILEY and lives at 1596 East 48th Street, Los Angeles.

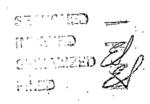
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On May 1, 1968, WILLIAM F. GARDNER, Director of Security, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he had received a reply from the American Oil Company, Chicago, Illinois, which contained the address of RICHARD L. O'CONNER as 4114 Vantage Avenue, Studio City, California. GARDNER said that this address may be in North Hollywood, California, and that O'CONNER had a telephone number. GARDNER said he did not however have the number in his possession at that time.

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