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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re Los Angeles teletypes to the Director and New Haven 2/28/69 and 3/3/69, copies of which have been furnished Memphis by the Bureau.

Los Angeles is requested to submit a letterhead memorandum reflecting the investigation conducted concerning GREG BIRMINGHAM and LEO MC NAMARA. Copies of your LHM should be furnished the Bureau for dissemination to the Department.

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1 - Memphis
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

March 11, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

JAMES EARL RAY

On February 28, 1969, Leo Mc Namara personally appeared at the New Haven, Connecticut Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He advised that on March 14, 1968, he and Greg Birmingham flew to Los Angeles, California, and registered at the Shangri Lodge, 9510 Van Nuys Boulevard, Panorama City, California. According to Mr. Mc Namara, Birmingham registered under the name of Eric S. Galt.

The records of the Shangri Lodge for March, 1968 were located at Bekins Records Center, 215 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, California on March 3, 1969 and were reviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. No record for Eric S. Galt, Gregory Birmingham, or Leo Mc Namara for March 14, 1968 was located.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBO (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles tels 2/28/69 and 3/3/69; Memphis airtel to Los Angeles dated 3/6/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of a Letterhead Memorandum concerning GREG BIRMINGHAM's registering as ERIC S. GALT at Shangri Lodge, Panorama City, California, 3/14/68.

Information copies are being furnished Memphis and New Haven.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/14/69

FROM : ASAC PHILIP R. SHERIDAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 11:15 AM, 4/17/69, BERNIE GANZER, identifying himself as a feature writer with Associated Press assigned to do an article on the RAY case, telephonically requested assistance to locate CHARLIE STEIN or his sister RITA. GANZER advised he has a number of acquaintances in the Bureau including TOM BISHOP and that he ordinarily covers the East Coast.

It should be noted CHARLIE STEIN made a trip to New Orleans with subject RAY and is a hippie type who is constantly on the move. His sister RITA reportedly has returned to New Orleans.

GANZER was tactfully advised that there is no information available as to the STEINs' current whereabouts.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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New Orleans, Louisiana
April 25, 1969

JAMES EARL RAY

Raul Victor Esquivel, Sr., was interviewed at his residence, 4524 Persimmons Street, Metairie, Louisiana. Esquivel identified himself as a Trooper with the Louisiana State Police, and stated he had been so employed for the past ten and one-half years. He further advised that he had been assigned to Troop B of the State Police in Metairie, Louisiana, for the past several years.

Esquivel stated that he has resided at his present residence for the past several years, that he built the residence himself, that he has raised his family in that residence, and that at the present time, only he and his wife are residents of the home. He stated that his son, Raul Esquivel, Jr., is married, resides in New Orleans and that he is a grandparent as a result of his son's marriage, his grandson having been named Raul Esquivel, III. Esquivel furnished the following information:

Upon observation of a photograph of Charles J. Stein, Esquivel did not recognize Stein as a person he has ever seen, nor did he recall of having ever heard of the name Charles Stein. Upon observation of three photographs of James Earl Ray, including two front and one right profile, Esquivel recognized Ray for the reason that Ray's photographs were widely publicized following his identification as the individual who assassinated Martin Luther King. Esquivel has never been personally acquainted with Ray and to the best of his knowledge has never personally observed Ray, except by photographs through news media. Esquivel has never visited Canada, Mexico, Birmingham, Alabama, or Memphis, Tennessee. Esquivel has no personal knowledge of James Earl Ray.

According to "Look" magazine articles concerning activities of James Earl Ray, the following dates are noted wherein Ray and his friend "Raoul" are alleged to have been together.

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July 18 - August 24, 1967	According to "Look" magazine articles, subject met "Raoul" in Canada on about eight occasions during this period.
August 21, 1967	Subject Ray and "Raoul" were in Windsor, Canada.
August 28 - 30, 1967	Ray met "Raoul" during this period in Birmingham, Alabama.
October 7 - 10, 1967	Ray arrived San Francisco Hotel, Acapulco, Mexico, on October 10, 1967. One or two days prior to that time, he met "Raoul" in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.
December 17 - 19, 1969	Ray met "Raoul" at New Orleans, Louisiana, and received \$2500 from him.
April 4, 1968	"Raoul" allegedly was in Memphis, Tennessee, and fired the shot at 6:00 PM that killed Martin Luther King.

Prior investigation has disclosed that Trooper Esquivel had worked as follows during the month of August, 1967:.

August 1, 2, and 3:	On Duty; 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
August 4:	Day Off
August 5:	On Duty; 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
August 6 and 7:	Off duty due to a death in his family.
August 8 and 9:	On duty; 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
August 10:	Off Duty.
August 11 through 23:	On duty; 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

August 24: Off Duty.
August 25 and 26: On duty; 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
August 27: Off Duty
August 28, 29, and 30: On duty; 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
August 31: Off Duty.

Further investigation has disclosed that during August, 1967, Esquivel was assigned to duties in different areas of the Troop B responsibility since he was filling in for other troopers on their day's off. During August, 1967, Esquivel worked in the New Orleans area.

Esquivel stated that he has not engaged in any lengthy travel of recent years and noted that for the past three years, a great majority of his off-duty time has been devoted to the building in his garage at home of a small airplane. Esquivel advised that he is a licensed pilot.

Esquivel recalled that during the summer months of 1967, he was performing duties out of Troop B, but that he does not recall any specific activities on any specific dates. He stated that he would also be unable to recall any specific dates of his activities during the months of October and December, 1967, and April, 1968.

Esquivel pointed out that he regards himself as a professional law enforcement officer, that he takes pride in his occupation and that he has nothing whatsoever to hide. He stated that if he did possess any information concerning Ray or the assassination of King, he would not hesitate to furnish same to the FBI.

The following background and descriptive data was obtained by interview and observation:

Name	Raul Victor Esquivel, Sr.
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Beliz, British Honduras

Nationality	Naturalized as U. S. Citizen during early 1940's (World War II) at Alexandria, Virginia, while a member of the U. S. Army.
Military service	U. S. Army and U. S. Navy during World War II, MEN [REDACTED] ASN [REDACTED]
Height	5'9"
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Build	Stocky.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles telto Bureau, 2/5/69; Los Angeles airtel and LHM, 3/4/69; New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 2/7/69, and 2/10/69; and New Orleans airtel and LHM to Bureau, 2/8/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of a self-explanatory LHM together with two copies for Memphis and an information copy for Los Angeles.

Trooper Raul Victor Esquivel, Sr., was cooperative with Bureau Agents when interviewed, 4/24/69.

New Orleans is closing its case in this matter.

2-Bureau (Encl. 5) (RM)
2-Memphis (Encl. 2) (44-1987) (RM)
①-Los Angeles (Encl. 1) (44-1574) (RM)
1-New Orleans

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Date: **4-22-69**Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Enclosed is copy of letter addressed to JAMES EARL REY, Nashville State Penitentiary for Men, Nashville, Tennessee, dated 4/15/69, signed ~~FREINDLY VAR~~, furnished this office by W. E. HOPTON, Director, Tennessee Bureau of Criminal Identification, Nashville, Tennessee. The envelope bears the return address of FREINDLY VAR, Main Post Office, 300 Los Angeles Street, General Delivery, Los Angeles, California, 90053, but does not bear a postmark. The reverse side of the envelope bears a special delivery stamp, Nashville, Tennessee, dated 4/17/69, 6 AM.

Mr. HOPTON advised that RAY has filed motion for a new trial which has been set for hearing in Memphis on 5/26/69, and in all probability RAY will be returned to Memphis for hearing on the motion. He has requested assistance of this office in identifying FREINDLY VAR, to determine if this individual is related to RAY, and any information concerning her connection with RAY, in order that appropriate security measures can be taken in any transportation of RAY out of Nashville.

Warden LAKE RUSSELL, TSP, Nashville, informed HOPTON that he has no record of receipt of a telegram or letter to RAY from VAR, but did receive a telephone call from an individual who identified herself as VAR on 4/15/69, who requested permission to talk with RAY. She was not permitted to do so and then informed RUSSELL that she was an aunt of RAY and was being supported by the Baptist Church in Los Angeles and that the church was paying for the telephone call to Nashville. She refused to furnish RUSSELL with her address.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will furnish any information re VAR known to that office and if not known will attempt to identify her through logical sources and at the Bank of America, 7th & Spring Street, or through contact with the Baptist Church which might have funds to assist indigents.

Memphis indices contain no references to FREINDLY VAR, nor is there any information available to show any relationship between correspondent and RAY.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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

Re Memphis airtel 4/22/69.

Inquiries concerning Mrs. FREINDLY VAR at Bank of America, Seventh and Spring Streets, Los Angeles, California, and at Baptist Churches in the area of Seventh and Spring Streets, Los Angeles, as well as the Hollywood area, have proved negative.

On 4/28/69 the Postmaster's Office, Los Angeles, California, advised that VAR submitted a change of address card requesting her mail be forwarded to the Hollywood Station of the Post Office, c/o General Delivery. Personnel at the Main Post Office were unable to recall VAR.

On 4/29/69 GABRIEL TOGNERI, Superintendent, Hollywood Station, U. S. Post Office, advised that on 4/28/69 a white female, age between 40 and 50, called at the General Delivery window to request mail for VAR. She also requested mail for a different name, which he did not recall. TOGNERI advised he would notify the FBI the next time VAR called for her mail.

Los Angeles indices contain no references to Mrs. FREINDLY VAR.

On 4/29/69 MARIE MARTIN, former associate of RAY, denied sending a letter to RAY using the name Mrs. FREINDLY VAR.

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No additional information developed at Hollywood P.O. or churches in the area F.K. 8.21.69

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She advised that the only time she had sent a communication to RAY was a couple of months ago on his birthday, which consisted of a birthday card.

Los Angeles will advise Memphis as additional information is developed concerning VAR.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)
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For information of Offices receiving this communication, James Earl Ray on March 10, 1969, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, entered a plea of guilty to the state charge of murder in connection with the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for 99 years.

In the event you receive inquiries from any witnesses who have been previously subpoenaed in the state case, you should advise them of the above court proceedings. If any individuals who contact you desire any further details, they should be advised to correspond directly with Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County Courthouse, Memphis, Tennessee.

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WILLIAM PHILLIPS, Owner, Phillips Motel, Highway 72 West, Corinth, Mississippi, made available the motel registration records for the period March 29, 1968, through April 3, 1968. The following individuals were registered during this period:

H. C. SMITH
1725 30 Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama
Alabama license [REDACTED]

J. C. BEELER
Huntsville, Alabama
(Southern Railway Company)

LLOYD HOWARD
404 Nixon Street
Albertville, Alabama

J. H. MAULDIN
5100 North 13th Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

DONALD ROYER
Black Oak, Arkansas

W. HOWELL
Little Rock, Arkansas

AARON DECKER
Route 1
Viola, Arkansas

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On 4/15/69 at Corinth, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA FRANCIS G. HONAN /bdb Date dictated 4/21/69

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53-6447
DON BALLENGER
Route 2, Box 1025
Vacaville, California
California license [REDACTED] 80-1-17-2-16/c

ROBERT NORDINL
815 Pismo Court
San Diego, California
California license [REDACTED]

ROBERT ANDERS
9588 Camuhos
Montclair, California 25-42127

A. W. BREWER
1107 Byron Street
Bainbridge, Georgia

GERALD SMITH
Fort Dodge, Iowa

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. STYERS, Sr.
1808 West Main
Chanute, Kansas

JAMES B. FERRELL
Grand Junction, Michigan

BILL and SANDY FERRELL
Route 1
Grand Junction, Michigan

J. D. TOMPKINS
Kosciusko, Mississippi

SHELBY GLIDEWELL
Gainesville, Missouri

W. O. CONNACE
4721 Willow Avenue
Lorain, Ohio
Indiana license [REDACTED]

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SAM MITCHELL
Box 893
Charleston, South Carolina
South Carolina license [REDACTED]

AUBREY S. LYOND
Center Street
Collierville, Tennessee
Tennessee license [REDACTED]

G. W. GILES
113 Spence Street
Athens, Tennessee
Tennessee license [REDACTED]

FREDDIE DAVIS
Route 4
Portland, Tennessee

C. L. (illegible)
3095 Lamar
Memphis, Tennessee

B. R. CHAMBLESS
Dallas, Texas
Texas license [REDACTED]

4/7/69

Airtel

To: SACs, Birmingham (44-1749)
Jackson (157-9586)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

William Bradford Huie has written a third article for "Look" magazine. The article appears in the issue dated April 15, 1969, but this issue was circulated on April 1, 1969. A review of the article reveals that James Earl Ray allegedly registered at the Travelodge Motel, Five Points, Birmingham, Alabama, on March 29, 1968; at a motel near Florence, Alabama, on April 1, 1968; and at a motel near Corinth, Mississippi, on April 2, 1968. It is to be noted that Ray, using the name Harvey Lowmyer, negotiated the purchase of a rifle at the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, on March 29 and 30, 1968. On April 3, 1968, he was registered at the Rebel Motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

In an effort to establish whether or not Ray was in contact with any individuals immediately prior to the assassination, appropriate investigation should be conducted by the Birmingham and Jackson Offices. It should be understood that there is to be no indication made whatsoever that the following investigation has any connection whatsoever with the case involving James Earl Ray.

Birmingham and Jackson Offices should make inquiries of the motels in or near the cities indicated above to determine the identities of individuals registered during the period March 29 to April 3, 1968. Efforts should be made to identify all individuals listed, as well as

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RE: MURKIN

obtaining descriptions and registrations for the automobiles of such persons. A review of such records might indicate whether any one individual might have accompanied Ray or been in contact with him during this period. Pertinent or questionable registration records should be obtained if possible for examination by the FBI Laboratory.

Memphis should insure that the Bureau is kept currently advised of pertinent developments in this case, particularly all aspects of court action since the death of Judge Battle on March 31, 1969.

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Date: 5/7/69

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

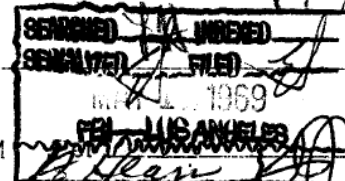
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, dated 4/7/69; Birmingham airtel to Bureau, dated 4/15/69, and Jackson airtel to Bureau, dated 4/18/69.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosed for each office, except for Memphis and Birmingham, is one copy of referenced Bureau airtel, dated 4/7/69.

As directed by Bureau, a review of all motel records for the period March 29, to April 3, 1968, of motels in Corinth, Miss., made and the names of those individuals registered at the motels during this period have been obtained, and their names are revealed on appropriate FD-302s. One copy each of the FD-302s, where appropriate, are being submitted to the appropriate offices, as set out below:

FD-302

Mrs. LOUISE BREWER, Mgr.
Round-Town Motel

Division

Birmingham
Chicago
Dallas
Detroit
Indianapolis
Jacksonville
Kansas City
Little Rock
Louisville
Memphis
Miami
Milwaukee
New York
Omaha
St. Louis
Springfield
Tampa

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FD-302

Mr. DON M. STRICKLAND, Mgr.,
Holiday Inn Motel

Division

Atlanta	Miami
Birmingham	Minneapolis
Charlotte	Mobile
Chicago	Newark
Cincinnati	New Haven
Columbia	New Orleans
Dallas	New York
Denver	Oklahoma City
Detroit	Omaha
Houston	Philadelphia
Indianapolis	Richmond
Jacksonville	Salt Lake City
Kansas City	Savannah
Knoxville	Seattle
Little Rock	Springfield
Louisville	Tampa
Memphis	

WALTER COUTURE, Mgr.
Cannoneer Motel

Albany	Minneapolis
Atlanta	Mobile
Birmingham	New Orleans
Cincinnati	New York
Denver	Oklahoma City
Detroit	Omaha
Indianapolis	Philadelphia
Kansas City	Sacramento
Knoxville	St. Louis
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FD-302

Division

BROOKS PHILLIPS, Owner,
Southern Motel

Atlanta
Birmingham
Charlotte
Chicago
Columbia
Dallas
Kansas City

Little Rock
Louisville
Memphis
Mobile
New Orleans
St. Louis

HOWARD STARNES, Mgr.,
Illinois Motel

Atlanta
Birmingham
Chicago
Cleveland
Dallas
Detroit
Indianapolis
Jacksonville
Kansas City

Knoxville
Little Rock
Memphis
Milwaukee
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WILLIAM PHILLIPS, Owner,
Phillips Motel

Atlanta
Birmingham
Cleveland
Columbia
Dallas
Detroit
Kansas City
Knoxville

Little Rock
Los Angeles
Memphis
Omaha
Sacramento
St. Louis
San Diego

H. C. FREEMAN, Owner and
Operator, Carona Plaza Motel

Birmingham
Chicago
Cleveland
Dallas
Denver
Houston
Indianapolis
Kansas City
Louisville
Memphis

Miami
Minneapolis
Mobile
Oklahoma City
Omaha
Salt Lake City
San Antonio
Savannah
Springfield

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FD-302

Division

Mrs. FREDDIE GLOVER, Owner,
Merry Acres Motel

Birmingham
Little Rock
Memphis

Milwaukee
Minneapolis
Springfield

Mrs. BERRY (SHIRLEY) SMITH,
Owner and Manager,
El-Ray Motel

Birmingham
Chicago
Cleveland
Columbia
Dallas
Detroit

Indianapolis
Memphis
Miami
New Orleans
St. Louis
Springfield

Mr. PAUL HAYES, Mgr.,
Dixie Court

Memphis
Milwaukee

J. H. WICKER, Mgr.,
No-El Motel

Albuquerque
Atlanta
Birmingham
Buffalo
Detroit
Indianapolis
Knoxville

Little Rock
Memphis
New Orleans
Oklahoma City
Savannah
Springfield
Tampa

Mrs. G. N. PRUETTE, Owner,
Teetotum Motel

Memphis

Mrs. BERRY (SHIRLEY) SMITH,
Nite-Fall Motel

Atlanta
Indianapolis
Little Rock
Memphis
Minneapolis

Omaha
Richmond
St. Louis
Springfield

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A Xerox copy of each motel registration has been made by the Jackson Division, and copies of these registrations are being maintained in the bulky exhibit file of Jackson File 157-9586.

It is noted on the registrations that there is registration from Saskatchewan, Canada, at the Round-Town Motel, and a registration from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, at the Holiday Inn, during the pertinent period. It is being left to the discretion of Memphis, the Office of Origin, as to whether appropriate LHM should be submitted to the Bureau to have these individuals identified in Canada.

The names of those individuals appearing on the motel registrations who reside within the Jackson Division are being identified through indicés check in the Jackson Office and appropriate credit and criminal being conducted within the cities in which they indicate they reside.

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ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

All offices receiving copies of this communication will review the FD-302s which they have received for names of those individuals who reside within their respective divisions and will review the names through the appropriate office indices and will identify the individual through appropriate credit and criminal check, and if deemed advisable, will interview the individual if there is a possibility of any association with JAMES EARL RAY.

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Date: 5/14/69

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

By airtel dated 4/7/69, the Bureau advised that in a third "Look" magazine article, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE stated that JAMES EARL RAY had spent the night of 4/2/68 in a motel near Corinth, Miss. The Bureau instructed Jackson to review motel records in and around Corinth to determine the identities of individuals registered there during the period 3/29/68 to 4/3/68. By airtel dated 4/18/69, the Jackson Office advised the Bureau that motel records at Corinth, Miss., had been reviewed under the subject's true name and aliases and had been reviewed for subject's Alabama license number. Nothing identifiable with the subject was located.

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By airtel dated 5/7/69, copies of which were not furnished the Bureau, the Jackson Office set out leads for those offices to whom copies of this communication are designated. These offices have been requested to interview several hundred persons who spent the night in motels at Corinth, Miss., on or about 4/2/68.

In view of the fact that more than a year has passed since these persons stayed over night at Corinth, and since similar investigation of this type in this case has previously been unproductive, and since HUIE has admitted that RAY frequently is untruthful in statements to him, and further since it is not believed that it is of any particular importance to establish whether or not JAMES EARL RAY stayed over night at Corinth on 4/2/68, all offices will disregard the leads set out in Jackson airtel dated 5/7/69, unless specifically advised by the Bureau to cover same.

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Date: 5-16-69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles Airtel 4-29-69.

Los Angeles requested to advise Memphis if any
additional information has been developed to date concerning
Mrs. FRIENDLY VAR.

② LOS ANGELES (AM)
1 MEMPHIS

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN
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By routingslip, 5/9/69, captioned "MARTIN HALL: SM-C", the Bureau furnished the Los Angeles Office a letter from Legat, Bonn, dated 4/14/69, captioned as above.

This letter furnished a translation of a letter received from the Communications Intercept Service (CIS), United States Army Operations and Research Department (O & RD), Frankfurt/Main, West Germany (conceal source). This translation pertained to a letter from MARTIN HALL indicating he was anxious to author an article for an East German publication concerning the trial of JAMES EARL RAY.

A xerox copy of this letter is attached hereto for the information of the Memphis Office.

Should it become necessary, MARTIN HALL may be characterized as follows:

SHERINE THORNE, PSI, protect identity, advised MARTIN HALL, as of January 8, 1968, was a member of the Peace Action Council (PAC) in Los Angeles.

LA 4200-S advised HALL, in March, 1968, was mentioned as a possible director of the Society for Cultural Relations, USA - USSR of Southern California.

Bureau approved characterizations for these organizations are available.

The above is furnished for the information of the Memphis Office.

2 - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)
① - Los Angeles (44-1574)
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FBI

Date: 5/22/69Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

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

Re Memphis airtel dated 5/16/69.

HENRY HANSON, Superintendant, Hollywood Station, USPO, Los Angeles, California, was recontacted on 5/22/69 and advised that FRIENDLY VAR has not appeared at that station to collect mail since reported in Los Angeles airtel of 4/29/69. Mr. HANSON advised that should VAR reappear at this station, employees have been alerted to determine her identity and he will furnish information to the Los Angeles Office.

2 - Memphis
1 - Los Angeles

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44-1574-1884

OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-31229) DATE: 6/13/69
 FROM: SA ROBERT E. RITZER
 SUBJECT: FELLOWSHIP FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
LA 5143-S	Fellowship for SJ Annual Awards Banquet 5/10/69	5/20/69	Writer	134-3233A-202 (WR)

Informant's report has been xeroxed and is attached:

3 - SAN FRANCISCO (REGISTERED)
 100- (EVELYN WHITEHORN)
 100- (SUSAN SCHNALL)
 100- (RESISTANCE)

CC: 134-3233A-202A

100-73499 (SUSAN SCHNALL)
 100-33973 (FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH)
 100-24642 (STEPHEN FRITCHMAN) (SI)
 100-23488 (FUNDS)
 44-1574 (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
 157-2720 (RALPH ABERNATHY)
 100-69762 (BERNARD NEWMAN)
 100-63925 (SHURLI GRANT)
 157-3512 (ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE)
 157-1618 (BPP)
 100-36540 (BETTY ROTTGER) (SI)
 100-70609 (PEARL WOLFE)
 100-70681 (FRANK WOLFE)
 100-71283 (ROSE MATHEWS) (SI)
 100-71824 (ALEXIS THOMPSON)
 100-61014 (HEDY KASOFF) (RI-B)
 100-73674 (JIM SCHMELTZER)
 100-65741 (WILLIAM MATONS)

100- (WHITTIER
 SANCTUARY)

RER/dld
 (24) *[Signature]*

Read by *[Signature]*

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LA 100-31229

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could add nothing further.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

INDEX: JACK E. LUNSFORD
ROBERT M. HAMBURGER
EVELYN J. WHITEHORN
WHITEHORN DEFENSE FUND
SOVIET WEEKLY
MOSCOW NEWS
HUGHEY MATTHEWS
FRANK A. HOF

Fellowship for Social Justice
Annual Awards Banquet- Susan Schnall
Guest Speaker

May 11, 1969
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Date- Saturday, May 10, 1969

Location- First Unitarian Church, 2936 W. 8th St., L.A.

Duration- Approx. 6:00 p.m. (persons had started eating) until approx. 7:30 p.m. when the evening program began, then, in the auditorium, lasting until approx. 9:30 p.m.

No. Present- Approx. 300 were present at the dinner (there were approx. 50-60 at each table) with 5 tables being used. Approx. 40 persons were standing in line to await seating for the dinner, yet. Many persons left, after the dinner, leaving approx. 200-250 who heard the evening speeches in the auditorium.

Agenda-

Unknown woman, acting as m.c., introduced different persons, who were affiliated with the Fellowship for Social Justice, who were seated at tables in the foreground. They did not speak, however. (unknown). Other speakers, she introduced, included Susan Schnall (Lt.), Jack E. Lunsford (~~came~~ spoke), and Robert M. Hamburger (Lunsford and he were from the Whittier Unitarian Church, being a.w.o.l.), and Evelyn J. Whitehorn (who refused the permission for her son to be drafted), and Stephen H. Fritchman, (Rev., of the First Unitarian Church, Eighth St., L.A.) Believe several others spoke, but was outside (due to needed space at the tables, therefore, unable to get names), or content of speech.

Lunsford, in speaking, said there were 15 others at the Whittier sanctuary, who were a.w.o.l. He said he had been there now 45 days and would not be leaving, though, he added one or two of persons, there, felt they might be leaving and have to make up their own minds in their decision (names unknown). Stated the government (federal men) have not tried to come into the sanctuary to get them out, and didn't know why, but felt they must have their own reasons, probably being that it was a church. Said it was a useless war and his morals wouldn't let him serve in killing for such.

Evelyn Whitehorn's speech context dealt with the story of her son being underage, therefore, being as he was underage to vote, drink, and she was responsible for him until he was 21, she has refused permission for him to be drafted, too. Other contents of speech remarks were along line from leaflet "The Whitehorn Case", leaflet put out by the Fellowship for Social Justice. (~~See as marked~~). It was announced there is now a Whitehorn Defense Fund (P.O. Box 2766, Menlo Park, Cal. 94025) and calls to support her was made.

Charge for the dinner, alone, was \$2.00 with tickets for such having been sold before the dinner, by members of the fellowship. The evening program charge was \$1.00. Tickets for a combination

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Awards Banquet(cont.)

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of both had been sold for \$3.00. Many had bought tickets for just the evening program, alone, Others bought tickets for the evening program, at the door. Tickets, for the dinner, had been sold out and were not being sold, then, at the door. Dinner consisted of beef stogonoff, green beans, small dish of fruit cocktail, a bun, small slice of fruit pie, and milk, coffee or tea.

Evening speeches were made by Fritchman, who spoke of previous awards the fellowship has given through the years. (one of whom included Dumbrowski (Southern Conference Educational Fund-one of which King and Abernathy were affiliated with-check for accuracy of correct name of such). He stated this year they were happy to announce Lt. Schnall was being given the award of the year, for the courage, admiration (check spelling accuracy) she has displayed in her fight to bring freedom in speaking out in the military services. He presented a signed petition to her (names of members of this church, from Sunday school age up to the elderly, included. Along with it was a check (amount not announced, though when she looked at it, a huge smile came forth, therefore, assuming it was a large check). He said it was to help her in the costs of her attorney and defense in fighting her case from the military. (to that effect). Cover of petition, he added, was designed from the peace symbol (name unknown who designed such, though mentioned).

Lt. Schnall's speech content dealt with her trial, harrassment, etc. She stated the C.I.A. and F.B.I. tried to plant evidence to get servicemen arrested at the Fort Hood, Texas, coffee-house (G.I.) but it hadn't worked as they had been forewarned and got rid of it before the government's arrival, so they couldn't find anything therefore, no arrests were able to be made. A tape or bug had been found, too, which had been put out of commission, she stated. She called for support for servicemen to be able to speak out in freedom, against the war. She stated the military had tried to, in brainwashing her, tell her that the peace movement is filled with communists and they were trying to destroy the country with riots, racial fights, etc. She said it was their words, not her feelings.

Her husband spoke about the medical aspects of the war, the wounded, dead, etc. Said he hasn't been involved as his wife, but is trying in his own knowledge to help. (is or was supposed to have attended some American Medical Association meeting (annual one) to speak out.

Mr. Neuman (Newman-President of the Fellowship) spoke for several minutes on the Fellowship and it's purposes. Mr. and Mrs. Grant (her first name was Shurli) sang some folk-type songs and played instruments. Fritchman supported the work they are doing and told persons to pick up a printed sheet in the hall to see the great job they are doing. (~~see sheet as marked.~~)

Literature and books were sold in the hall, outside auditorium. All types including Black Panther books and newspapers, Abraham Lincoln Brigade pamphlet, Soviet Weekly, Moscow News, (Several hundred different types of such being sold) Betty Rottger gave out the White-horn leaflet and a Peace Vigil leaflet at the door. (~~see as marked.~~)

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A collection was made, after the end of program, with many giving checks and ten-dollar donations. Amount was not mentioned as to the total collection taken in.

Announcement was made by Fritchman that there would be a Fellowship for Social Justice meeting that next day, and any wishing to attend for perhaps joining such, were welcome. He, also, mentioned a meeting would be held next Sat.(or Sun.) whereby the candidates who had ran for the Junior College Trustees Board would be present so persons could get acquainted with them. These were to be at the church, here, both meetings.

Seen or heard: Besides speakers-

Mr.& Frank Wolffe

Mrs.

Hughey Mathews

Rose Mathews

Alexis Thompson

Hedy Kasoff

Jim Schmeltzer

William Mattons(Gen. Hersheybar)

Frank A. Hof(passed out "About Face" G.I. newspaper at auditorium
hall, after speeches.)

Betty Rottger

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 7/18/69

FROM : SA EARL E. BOYD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On instant date the writer was telephonically contacted by a CURTIS WILLIAMS, who advised he had recently returned from Tennessee and had information concerning captioned case he desired to relay to the F.B.I. in person. WILLIAMS indicated that he was previously employed by the Los Angeles Police Department.

WILLIAMS resides at 650 W. 106th st., L.A. (telephone 757-6149). He may be contacted at his employment, American Telephone, Room 1250, 727 W. 7th St., L.A. (telephone 629-5292).

RECOMMENDATION: Contact WILLIAMS re any information he may have concerning MURKIN.

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Contact soon

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Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 7-21-67)

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

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases
ROGER R. WRIGHT, aka Al Long

Character of case
RM - WHITE HATE GROUPS

Complainant
Frank Theodore DeLong, aka Frank D. Long

Complaint received

☒ Personal ☐ Telephonic Date 6-18-69 Time Noon

Address of subject
Has Mobile phone ZM 3-4923

Complainant's address and telephone number
2114 W. 146th Pl. Torrance, Calif.,
home tel. DA 9-2764 (Do not contact at
place of employment. Note also that his wife
is reportedly very nervous.)

Subject's Description	Race W	Sex ☒ Male ☐ Female	Height 6'11"	Hair light brown	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age About 34		Weight 165	Eyes blue	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

C. is a part-time worker for Roger R. Wright, owner of Wright Telephone Answering Systems, 2115 Torrance blvd., Torrance, telephones 328-3535 and 775-1288. C is employed as a credit and collection man and does public relations work and investigations. He has worked for Wright for about 1 1/2 years off and on.

C furnished some information of an income tax nature and said that he would contact Internal Revenue Service next week. Information pertaining to tax violations which he mentioned is being furnished to IRS along with the information that C indicated he would contact that agency on Monday, June 23rd.

C also furnished information which has been separately handled. That data has been included in an FD-71 captioned Pete J. Buffo; Nate Rosenberg; AR.

Additionally, C furnished the following information: (HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT IF THE PERSONS ABOUT WHOM HE WAS FURNISHING INFORMATION KNEW HE WAS DOING SO, HE WOULD BE DEAD.)

Roger R. Wright was Chairman of the Committee for Wallace in the recent presidential election and prominent people would come to Wright's office and make contributions under "phony" names. Currently Wright is State Chairman of the American Independent Party. He also does income tax work and bookkeeping. C indicated ^{Wright} he used the name Al Long.

- 1 44-1574 (Murkin)
- 1 157-1509 (KKK)
- 1 157-3833

Action Recommended LHM re Murkin has been prepared.
Albert N. Carlblom
(Agent)

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Wright has stated he disliked Negroes and has referred to them in vulgar terms. About two or three days after the Martin Luther King murder, three males, identity unknown, visited Wright and they, including Wright, saluted each other with "Sieg Heil" salutes. These persons were dressed "roughly" in slacks and shirts. Two of them were between 35 and 40 years of age. One was about 23-24 years old. All were Caucasians and had short haircuts. One of them mentioned that a new light was shining; that "we" have gotten rid of Kennedy and King. Another of the three said in a Southern voice, "Now, if we can kill Warren." He did not identify Warren. One of the men said he hoped "we" paid enough and another in the group then said "we" did not pay enough. That was said in connection with talk about the King murder.

On the 4th or 5th day after the King murder, C went to the office of James Watkins, attorney, in Torrance, who is a close friend of Wright's. While there, a woman came in with a box containing about 40-50 magazines for U. S. Army M-16 carbine automatics. Watkins told the woman, "We can get a lot of them now". C thought that was a reference to "getting" negroes. These magazines had been lengthened to hold more rounds. Watkins told C that he hoped the killer of King would not be caught.

On the 7th or 8th day after the King killing, Wright flew to San Antonio and Dallas, Texas. When he returned he pulled a brand new Army .45 cal. automatic out of his desk and said that they were going to get several hundred of them. Wright said that one of them could blow off a "nigger's" head with one shot. During this conversation Wright received a phone call from San Antonio. The girl at the switchboard identified the caller to Wright as one of his men. Wright talked on the phone, laughed, and said "That was number one. We'll have to start killing them by the dozen." Wright said on the telephone, "we" can give him \$2500. and he can get the rest back there from the caller. C suspected this concerned some assassination. Wright mentioned the caller's name as Bud and identified him as one of those heading the telephone company in San Antonio.

Prior to the murder of King, C overheard conversations of people visiting Wright and overheard them making detrimental remarks about Negroes.

On several occasions persons in Wright's office mentioned the Klan or the Ku Klux Klan and also mentioned that their "head man" in the Klan was on trial in federal court. C mentioned that Wright, Cliff Eubanks, Watkin's son were among those in the Klan. C said he knew JAMES WATKINS was a Klan official as others referred to him a "boss". These people do target practice in the Bristow, Calif. area.

The son of James Watkins (FNU) was a body guard for General Le May during the last presidential campaign.

Wright has about 4 guns in his desk. On one occasion Wright, after speaking on the telephone, told C that he had been talking to the secretary of millionaire oilman Hunt in Texas and that he would be seeing Hunt. Wright and James Watkins were jubilant when Senator Kennedy was killed. On December 2 or 3, 1968, Wright went to Dallas and Houston, Texas, and returned with new automatics.

C overheard one conversation involving Wright and someone in Texas, name unknown. Wright told the caller, "We have enough to blackmail him and then we'll make him work for us whether he likes it or not."

Wright has indicated he has frequent telephone conversations with oilman Hunt.

A certain telephone company employee who does telephone work at Wright's is friendly with Wright and is a "Sieg Heil" man. Wright has asked this man for confidential telephone company information. Wright has done this in connection with mention of Negroes and their (Negroes') allies.

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On one occasion while a radio was reporting some violence Wright asked C if he could shoot. Wright has encouraged C to join Wright's group. Wright indicated the group hated negroes. Wright told C that he could get rich if he joined.

On three or four occasions, Wright has bragged about having six Torrance police officers "in his hand". Prior to the election a Torrance officer talked to Wright nearly every other day, doing so with the door to Wright's office, closed.

One week ago C reminded Wright that Wright owed him money. Wright then said, "You know what Mafia people do when you are behind in payments?" C understood this to mean that Wright would have to first pay the Mafia money he owed them.

Additionally, C suspects Wright of passing bad checks but said he does not know of specific details at this time. Wright has an account at Imperial Bank, Torrance Blvd. and Hawthorne.

James Watkins, the attorney, is described as White race, about 60 years, 5' 8 or 9", having a stocky build.

Cliff Eubanks is with Cliff Eubanks Electric, Torrance. He is of white race, about 40-42 years, about 6'0", 160 lbs. He has dark curly hair and a moustache.

C said th t he would hear conversations and partial conversations at Wright's office and heard conversations similar to "he will be contacted there upon his arrival and will be paid plenty."

ADDENDUM:

DeLong was recontacted on 6-23-69 for clarification of certain of the foregoing information:

He advised that with reference to "Kennedy and King", their first names were not mentioned but Source said he understood, however, this to be a reference to Martin Luther King and to President John Kennedy.

Source advised that General LeMay is identical with General Curtis LeMay, who, during the last presidential campaign ran for Vice President on the American Independent Party ticket along with George Wallace who ran for President on that ticket.

With reference to millionaire oilman Hunt to whom he had previously referred, Source advised that Wright had not referred to Hunt using a first name. Source advised that he assumed reference was being made to Lamar Hunt.

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date 6/20/69

Subject

(See below)

Aliases

Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

- ☐ Exact Spelling ☐ Main Criminal Case Files Only ☐ Restrict to Locality of _____
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Roger R. Wright			
✓ 157-3833 I			
79-0-3466 NI			
Wright Telephone Answering Systems			
Al Long			
✓ 25-61530 Un & I			
✓ 141-1-414			
✓ 47-1221-2 Dist.			
Cliff Subanks			

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157-3833

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File Review Symbols

- I - Identical ? - Not identifiable
NI - Not identical U - Unavailable reference

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TO: CHIEF CLERK
Subject
Aliases

Address Birth Date Birthplace Race Sex
Male
Female

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☐ All References ☐ Criminal References Only
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✓ 71-79-608 (1941) Unit I	Communist leader in S Oak		
✓ 71-273-233 trans to 92-106-194 in 1958	Unit I		
✓ 66-3366-2 (13774) Unit I	pump - Chief Lane aka Al Long		
✓ 71-797P-2511 Unit I	is Alvin Louis Lane		
(8.8.41.1941) KC 11 Rep Sheet 1960 re	Alfred Leroy Long		
	born [redacted] in Kansas		
	aka Al Long		
	arrests 1956 & from 1960		

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject

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Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

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☐ Female

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<i>James A. Watkins</i>			
<i>✓ 55-0-1414 maybe I 2/13</i>			
<i>✓ 100-0-6765-11F 3/11 maybe I</i>			
<i>James Watkins</i>			
<i>✓ 157-2733-1 5/67 I</i>			
<i>✓ 42-252418-1 aka. J. James Chaney Jr. 5/67 I</i>			<i>See 19 Born [redacted] White</i>
<i>✓ 167-28-12 1963</i>	<i>(planning a new family organization)</i>		<i>lives in Chicago</i>
<i>✓ 167-28-12 1963</i>	<i>(was interviewed in Chicago in 1963)</i>		<i>born [redacted] army for [redacted] Defecting [redacted] [redacted]</i>
<i>✓ 167-28-12 1963</i>	<i>(no auto reg. to him)</i>		<i>3 yrs college [redacted] [redacted]</i>
<i>✓ 67-11-42929 (1963) narcotics (no desc) un if 2400</i>			<i>4300 [redacted] [redacted]</i>
<i>✓ 100 17375X-8-1 SWP 1608 71 report Compton</i>			<i>no desc un if 9</i>
<i>✓ 47-7033 1957 no ident data - un if 9</i>			<i>ex</i>
<i>✓ 9-0-1218 (1955) One James Watkins a 22 yr old [redacted] [redacted]</i>			<i>no desc un if 9</i>
<i>Requested by [redacted] to extort + unjoined - not located [redacted] [redacted]</i>		<i>Signature [redacted] Extension [redacted] File No [redacted]</i>	

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Race

Sex	Age	Weight	Height	Temp	Pulse	Respiration	Blood Pressure	Heart	Lungs	Stomach	Intestines	Genitals	Neurology	Skin	Other
Male	25	170	5'10"	98.6	72	18	120/80	Normal	Clear	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Female	30	150	5'5"	98.4	68	16	110/70	Normal	Clear	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal

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All References

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James W. - 1			
✓ 87-103-80	dest		
✓ 87-00-42		St Paul 1944 no more commend on James James Watkins 60 yrs in 1938 (NI)	
✓ 25-2071	dest		note in index this (725)
✓ 42-1362-5	dest		
✓ 100-200-1	(un 12)	P 306	James Watkins, 1207 Kearney member AY D applicant (age 17) on 1-14-46.
✓ 100-200-1	(un 12)		1947 James Watkins - 1104 (7) Kearney LA "all Nations"
✓ 100-200-1	1B(3)	AY D file (1948)	Memberships application for James Watkins age 14 or 17, lives in LA Student applicant in 1946 add: 1207 Kearney LA (un of ident)
✓ 26-9117	dest		

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(RUC)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. CURTIS WILLIAMS, 650 West 106th Street, Los Angeles, California, and a sales representative, American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Room 1250, 727 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, California, furnished the following information on 7/28/69.

WILLIAMS served on the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) as a patrolman for approximately twenty months, terminating that employment approximately one year ago.

WILLIAMS stated he recently returned from a visit with his mother, Mrs. MARY WILLIAMS, Route 1, Box 139B, Somerville, Tennessee (phone 465-25530-party line). On the last day of his visit, his mother furnished him the following information:

A personal friend of Mrs. WILLIAMS, DOLL COE, a domestic, had been employed by a white family in Somerville for over 12 years. COE was a respected and trusted employee of this family (name unknown to CURTIS WILLIAMS). About two days prior to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and during the evening hours, a Mr. PARSONS, a white Somerville businessman, came to COE's employer's residence in company with another white man, never before seen by COE.

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The three men sat around a table in conversation. Whenever COE would come within voice range, they would cease their conversation, which was unusual behavior at that residence. At one point, the stranger left the house for a few minutes and returned with a box. The box was later opened, and Mrs. COE observed a gun, not further described, and a gun scope. When the three men became aware of Mrs. COE's presence in the room, they concealed the gun.

Mrs. COE thought the behavior of the three men unusual and strange. Prior to her returning to her residence that evening, Mrs. COE retrieved the box in which the gun had been contained from the trash and removed it to her residence. She continues to have custody of the box which is concealed in the attic of her home.

Mrs. WILLIAMS advised her son that after JAMES EARL RAY was apprehended and his photograph appeared in the newspapers, Mrs. COE felt that the unknown male who appeared at her employer's home earlier in April was JAMES EARL RAY.

According to CURTIS WILLIAMS, Mrs. COE is not hostile toward white people but is afraid of them. Because of this fear, she never furnished the foregoing information to anyone except Mrs. WILLIAMS. She has not furnished it to any law enforcement agency and has never been interviewed by any agency regarding MURKIN. CURTIS WILLIAMS stated that according to his mother, Mrs. COE terminated her employment subsequent to the above incident, but he does not know when or under what circumstances.

DOLL COE resides north of Somerville on Highway 19. Her son, MICKEY COE, is presently serving a 12-year sentence for murder, having previously served time for burglary.

CURTIS WILLIAMS stated his mother would be cooperative during interview with the FBI, and that if requested, she could arrange for interview with Mrs. COE.

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By way of identification, DOLL COE and the WILLIAMS are all of the Negro race. WILLIAMS' father is an employee of Selby County.

CURTIS WILLIAMS advised his mother that he would furnish this information to the proper authority upon his return to Los Angeles.

Memphis should arrange interview with Mrs. COE through MARY WILLIAMS to determine first-hand information in Mrs. COE's possession regarding JAMES EARL RAY's presence at her employer's home several days prior to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (RUC)

JAMES EARL RAY, aka;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
CR - CONSPIRACY;
UFAC - ROBBERY
OO: ME

Re PX airtel to ME, 8/6/69; ME let to PX, 8/22/69.

There is enclosed for the Bureau original and three copies of Letterhead Memorandum reflecting information furnished by Mr. C. R. CHANK, Superintendent, Federal Detention Center, Florence, Arizona, regarding JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS, an inmate who was temporarily incarcerated at that institution from 7/19-28/69, indicating that he had knowledge of who paid JAMES EARL RAY.

Enclosed for Kansas City, Memphis and New York are two copies each of above LHM.

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KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

Will interview JOHN HAMILTON MORRIS regarding the contents of his letter to PETER GOLDMAN, 444 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York.

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NEW YORK DIVISION

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of statement that JAMES EARL RAY was paid by "BIG D".