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442 PM 4/19/68 URGENT CLM

TO MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) &
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947) 1P

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REURTEL APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST, RE SUSPECT MURPHY
LITTLE, III, AKA JOHN MURPHY LITTLE.

INVESTIGATION AT LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, REVEALS LITTLE
ELIMINATED AS SUSPECT AFTER TENTATIVELY ESTABLISHING WHERE-
ABOUTS IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, NIGHT OF MURDER. LITTLE BEARS
NO RESEMBLANCE TO PHOTO OF UNSUB BY VIRTUE OF IDENTIFICATION
OF JAMES EARL RAY AS SUBJECT.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED RE LITTLE
UACB BY MEMPHIS. AIR MAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

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445PM URGENT 4-19-68 SMS

TO LOUISVILLE

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT, MAN RESEMBLING ERIC GALT
TURNED IN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS IN WRAPPED
CHANGE FOR BILLS AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, FORTY
NINTH AND WESTERN, LOS ANGELES, REFUSING TO FURNISH LOCAL
ADDRESS SAYING HE WAS VISITING FROM INDIANA. LISTED
NAME ROY OR RAY KENT ON WRAPPER. LEFT VICINITY OF
BANK IN LIGHT GREEN PONTIAC, KENTUCKY LICENSE L FOUR FIVE
SIX FOUR ZERO.

LOUISVILLE DETERMINE OWNER AND SET FORTH LEADS TO
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND LOUISVILLE
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN, CR. OO:ME.

ON FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, BRUCE MC CAY, MC CAY CRIS CRAFT
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STATION WAGON WITH A LICENSE PLATE WHICH HAD WHITE BACKGROUND WITH
DARK NUMERALS K EIGHT ZERO SEVEN TWO FIVE. MC CAY STATED THAT
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FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE TAMPA TEL APRIL NINETEEN, LAST.

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. *Armed & dangerous.*

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CINCINNATI, LOUISVILLE, ST.
LOUIS, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

THIS DATE, FOLLOWING SPECIAL PERSONNEL RELEASED MEMPHIS
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LOUISVILLE; SA JAMES J. STANTON, LOUISVILLE; SA CHARLES L. LUTES,
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OF POSSIBLE INTEREST, TO DATE, MEMPHIS DIVISION HAS RECEIVED
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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING MEMPHIS DIVISON. P.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), LOUISVILLE, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS
CITY (88-9449), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893) 2P

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE. MURKIN. CR; UFAC - ROBBERY.
OO: MEMPHIS

TODAY MANCEL VERNON PAYNE, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, ADVISED HE HAD
KNOWN SUBJECT AT TOLEDO, OHIO, NINETEEN FIFTY-EIGHT TO FIFTY-NINE
WHEN PAYNE MARRIED TO MILLIE MARIE HUFF, WHITE FEMALE, PRESENTLY
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EIGHT IN TOLEDO, OHIO.

PAYNE ADVISED SUBJECT KNOWN AT BIG ROCK, KY. WHICH IS
LOCATED ON CUTHEN CREEK AND ASSOCIATED WITH MILLIE'S BROTHERS,
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PAYNE ADVISED WILLIE CORNETTE, W/M, AGE FORTY-THREE, AND HIS WIFE, VIVIAN, RESIDING BIG ROCK, KY., PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT AND NO EXACT FAMILY RELATIONSHIP TO PAYNE'S FORMER WIFE, MILLIE MARIE HUFF, WHOSE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN TO PAYNE.

MILLIE'S FATHER, STEWART (PH) HUFF, DEAD, AND HER MOTHER, NOW MRS. GERALD LOCKER, LIVING NEAR TOLEDO, OHIO.

LOUISVILLE AT BIG ROCK, KY., WILL INTERVIEW WILLIE CORNETTE RE SUBJECT.

CLEVELAND, AT TOLEDO, ATTEMPT LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MILLIE MARIE HUFF OR HER BROTHERS, AUGGIE AND PETE.

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~~MEMPHIS (44-1987)~~

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE APRIL NINETEEN, LAST.

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INSTANT DATE, BEULA DRYE, FOUR NINETEEN MONTANA,
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SHE ADVISED HE ENLISTED AT AGE SEVENTEEN WITH USAF;

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SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SHE STATED NO RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN GRANDSON AND
PHOTOS OF SUBJECT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

DATE: April 20, 1968

FROM : SPC, JAMES MICHAEL RAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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It is suggested by the writer that STEEDLY be contacted and shown a photograph of GALT.

This memo is being submitted for any appropriate action deemed necessary.

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Subject should be considered
ARMED and DANGEROUS

4/20/68 Mr. N.R. Steedly observed pictures of subject stating that he has never seen to unknown person who visited their place of business JMR



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FBI CLEVELAND

2:20PM URGENT MOB 4-21-68

TO: DIRECTOR, (44-38861), LOUISVILLE, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY
(88-9449), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND CLEVELAND. AND CINCINNATI.

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565).

AUGUS EARL RAY, AKA- FUGITIVE. MURKIN. CR; UFAC- ROBBERY. OO:MEM-
PHIS.

RE CINCINNATI TEL FOUR TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT.

MRS. GERALD LOCKER, NEE CORNETTE, TOLEDO, OHIO, MOTHER OF MILLIE
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IAGE AND SUBJECTS PHOTO NOT FAMILAR TO HER OR HER PRESENT HUSBAND,
GERALD LOCKER.

MILLIE MARIE HUFF AND BROTHER PETE HUFF, ON FISHING TRIP AT
UNKNOWN LOCATION TODAY BUT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOUR TWENTYTWO,
NEXT.

AUGIE HUFF NOW RESIDING AT UNKNOWN LOCATION IN KINGSPORT, TENN.
STEWART HUFF, FATHER OF MILLIE MARIE HUFF DIED IN NINETEEN FIFTYTWO.
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ING NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT- FIFTYNINE AND POSSIBLY KNOWN TO PAYNE.
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BUT WAS FRIENDLY WITH THEM IN THE PAST. HARRIS NOW RESIDES UNKNOWN
ADDRESS IN PINE MOUNTAIN, KY.

CLEVELAND WILL INTERVIEW MILLIE MARIE HUFF WHEN AVAILABLE.

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IF HE WAS REFERRING TO JAMES EARL HARRIS RATHER THAN JAMES EARL
RAY.

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Mr. Peters advised 4/21/68
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THIS IS FBI DETROIT CALLING

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF U. S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

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Date April 11, 1968

RE: MURKIN

☐ For information Retention ☐ optional For appropriate ☒ action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Attached are three photographs of tee shirt and shorts bearing laundry marks.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA Robert L. Stowe, Jr on 4/9/68 at places indicated.

Josephine Jordan, Voter's Registration, Boyd County Court Clerk's Office Catlettsburg, Ky

Les Moore, Greenup County Court Clerk's Office

George Plummer, Lewis County Court Clerk's Office.

Each checked voter's registration and vehicle registration and advised that there is no name even similar to Lowmeyer or Lowmyer in file. Each is well acquainted in the county and advised that there is no such person residing in the counties listed.

Chief of Police Lewis Muters, NA, Ashland, Ky PD; Ray Slone Boyd County Sheriff

Chief of Police Ray Castle, Catlettsburg, Ky PD

Chris Messer, Greenup, Ky PD.; Mrs Frances Darby Greenup County Sheriff's Office

J. Cook, Vanceburg, Ky PD.; Mrs. Merrill Osborne, Lewis County Sheriff's Office

Each checked their records and advised that there is no arrest or criminal record even close to the name of Lowmeyer or Lowmyer. Each stated that he had never heard this name in the community.

A check of local telephone and city directories for the above named places was negative.

Annetta Hite, Ashland, Ky credit Bureau advised that she has no record of Lowmeyer or Lowmyer and there is no name in file close to this.

There are no central credit rating agencies in the rest of the above places.

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SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-63)

4/17/68

SA JAMES E. HATHAWAY

CONCERNED CITIZENS COMMITTEE
RM

On 4/10/68, JOHN BOWMAN, 2918 English Avenue, telephone 895-1854, telephonically advised SA JAMES E. HATHAWAY that on that date, he telephoned number 368-6777 and there was a tape recording played which was described as Record #8 of the Concerned Citizens Committee (CCC), and which played for three or four minutes.

According to BOWMAN, the gist of this talk, which was by a man whose name he failed to recall, was that MARTIN LUTHER KING was a Communist and that the reason he was killed was the lack of organization or administration on the part of President JOHNSON, Vice President HUMPHREY and the actions of the Supreme Court. 7

BOWMAN stated that he considered the entire message to be un-American and subversive and felt that the persons responsible for it should be prosecuted.

BOWMAN advised that he obtained the above telephone number from a woman who had previously been furnished this number after she called the office of the CCC in the South End of Louisville. After he listened to the above taped message on 4/10/68, he said he also called the office of the CCC and talked to a woman. He asked this woman, whose name he did not obtain, how many members belonged to the CCC and was advised there were 3,000 to 5,000 members. He said he asked how many were Negroes and she stated that at least five of these were Negroes. When he asked for the identities of these five persons, she advised that they were employees of her husband.

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It is noted that the CCC is listed in the telephone book at 414 Kenwood Drive, with telephone 363-4525.

Repeated attempts to call telephone 368-6777 have been unsuccessful, as the line is constantly busy.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS (68-947)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The Memphis Office has requested that in an effort to assist in handling administratively the reams of material being submitted to the Memphis Division as office or origin, that all offices in submission of messages use a caption which will aid in handling paper. For example, should you have investigation to report in connection with a specific suspect, it would aid if before entering into the body of the text you would utilize sub-headings after the reference, such as "SUSPECT - JOHN ALLEN DOE," or another appropriate caption might be "LAUNDRY CHECKS", etc. Suitable sub-headings on communications will greatly facilitate the handling of material.

Please comply with the above instructions.

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FROM DIRECTOR 5P

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PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB MARCH TEN, TWENTY-EIGHT OR TWENTY-NINE, AT DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, END PAGE THREE

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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;
EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT
ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,
M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, OOO OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE
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[REDACTED]. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,
SN [REDACTED] ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY
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DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WHILE
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.

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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB APRIL NINETEEN,
TWENTY-FOUR, FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.

LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY
WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN
SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB MARCH TEN, TWENTY-EIGHT OR TWENTY-NINE, AT DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, END PAGE THREE

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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;
EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT
ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,
M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, OOO OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE
OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC-- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,
SN [REDACTED] ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY
FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL
DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL
DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WHILE
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.
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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB APRIL NINETEEN,
TWENTY-FOUR, FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.
LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY
WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN
SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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SAC, LOUISVILLE (62-678)

4/18/68

SA JAMES E. HATHAWAY

EARL R. BELL
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 4/8/68, at 8:20 A.M., an anonymous male caller advised SA JAMES E. HATHAWAY that he had information concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING but first desired to know if his identity would be kept in complete confidence. He was assured that any information furnished by him on a confidential basis would be treated as such. He then stated that unless the killer of KING had already been picked up, he was reasonably sure that he would be able to obtain information which would identify this individual. He was asked to furnish this information, but stated he believed he would call back at a later time after he considered whether or not he should do so. He declined to furnish his name and pointed out that the Agent would be able to recognize his voice if he called back later.

On 4/9/68, at about 8:20 A.M., the same individual telephonically contacted SA HATHAWAY and stated that a friend of his had obtained a good description of MARTIN LUTHER KING's assailant. When pressed for details, he stated that a process of hypnosis had been used whereby the spiritual part of his friend had been projected to Memphis, Tennessee, and had been placed there in the past at the time of the assassination and in this way, had been able to observe the killer. He stated this was a form of "astro-projection" or "out-of-body travel". He stated that a group in which he is now working has done considerable work in connection with this "astro-projection" and on the evening of Thursday, 4/11/68, he anticipated that this group would be successful in projecting one of the group to the same location and point of time as the assassination of KING, and would then be able to furnish complete details as to the movements and positions of the killer on that date.

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BELL further advised that he is employed at Gamble Brothers and indicated he would report the results of the findings of his group in this matter to the Louisville Office.

The above is being recorded for possible assistance in evaluating the information which may be furnished by BELL to this office in the future. It is being noted that he speaks in a very normal and intelligent manner.

An appropriate card is being placed in the Complaint Box.

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ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

April 7, 1968, to take participants to Dr. King's funeral in Atlanta, Georgia.

The files of the Louisville Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no information concerning Richard Collins or the Louisville Federation of Settlements, based upon the identifying information available concerning them.

On April 5, 1968, Major Priest M. Fry, Chief of Detectives, Louisville, Kentucky Police Department, advised that a source of the Louisville Police Department, identity of whom he was not at liberty to disclose, had advised that Carl and Anne Braden of Louisville, Kentucky, plan to attend Dr. King's funeral in Atlanta. Further, that the source had said that representatives, not identified, of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated (SCEF), in Louisville had indicated they were planning to have some of their representatives travel to Memphis, Tennessee, in the immediate future by private automobiles.

Information concerning the SCEF and Carl and Anne Braden is set forth in the appendix of this memorandum.

An article in the April 9, 1968, issue of the Courier-Journal, a daily Louisville, Kentucky, newspaper, reported that some 230 "Freedom Pilgrims" from Louisville, Kentucky, traveled from Louisville by six buses to Atlanta, Georgia, to attend Dr. King's funeral in Atlanta on April 9, 1968. The article reported that almost all of the individuals going to Atlanta from Louisville were Negroes, but there were a few Caucasians and that the individuals appeared to represent a coalition between the young, those interested in civil rights causes, those against the Vietnam War and the poor. One participant described those participating as ". . . preachers,

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teachers, a lot of the poor, and a few of the rich. There are some black powerists and some Uncle Toms. Generally, it is a pretty good cross section."

The article further reported that most of the bus riders interviewed had said that they felt a deep debt to Dr. King.

The above article further noted that Dr. King's brother, the Reverend A. D. Williams King, is pastor of the Zion Baptist Church located in the West End of Louisville, Kentucky.

APPENDIX

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF)

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) was cited as a Communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 12, 1947. In the same house report, "The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the SCHW.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW dated April 26, 1946, changed its name to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated (SCEF) and stated its purpose to be to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern People in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions and ideals.

The masthead of the April, 1967, issue of "The Southern Patriot" indicates that it is the publication of SCEF, editorial and business offices of which are located at 3210 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, Eastern office of which is located at Suite 412, 799 Broadway, New York City, New York. "The Southern Patriot" is published once each month, except July. SCEF is stated to be dedicated to ending discrimination based on race, creed, color, sex, national origin or economic condition.

Carl Braden is identified as Executive Director of SCEF and Anne Braden is editor of "The Southern Patriot".

Mrs. Alberta Ahearn, 2311 Payne Street, Louisville, Kentucky, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party (CP), Louisville, Kentucky, testified on December 11, and 13, 1954, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Criminal Court in a State sedition prosecution against Carl James Braden. She identified Carl Braden and his wife, Anne McCarty Braden, as having been known to her as members of the CP from January, 1951 to December, 1954.

The SCEF is self-described as having deep roots in the South where it began as the educational wing of the SCHW, organized in 1938 to work for economic and political reform. When the SCHW disbanded in the late 1940's, SCEF

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SCEF (Continued)

continued as an independent organization, rallying support for integration and democracy and helping to stimulate and nurture new movements of the early 1960's. The SCEF maintained headquarters in Louisiana for twenty years, but in 1966 moved its headquarters to Louisville, Kentucky.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that Claude Lightfoot, a Communist Party functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 3, 1966, that during the time that the SCHW was in existence, members of the Communist Party were members of and worked actively in the SCHW; however, since the formation of the SCEF, Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial issue.

A third source advised on May 25, 1965, that George Meyers, a Communist Party functionary, expressed great admiration for Carl and Anne Braden and the SCEF, with which they are affiliated, and expressed the view that the SCEF is the best organization in the South as far as doing effective work is concerned and that they have a better idea of what they are doing, where they are heading, and influence other organizations for the better.

The second source also advised on June 3, 1966, that many people who are officials and supporters of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means Communists.

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Date: 4/19/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-630) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Louisville airtel dated 4/5/68.

Pursuant to Bureau Routing Slip of 4/11/68, enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies and for Atlanta and Memphis two (2) copies each of a letterhead memorandum incorporating the data in referenced Louisville airtel.

The unidentified source furnishing data regarding scheduled departure of Greyhound buses from Louisville, referred to in the enclosed, is RUSSELL WILSON, Sales Manager, Greyhound Bus Lines, Louisville, Kentucky, who

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- (1 - 100-3346) (CARL BRADEN)
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