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NEW ORLEANS

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PHOENIX

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (41-38861)
 FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau 5/14/68; setting forth a letter written by Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX, of Los Angeles, California, who published the Tuskegee Tribune in Tuskegee, Alabama, 1964 and 1965. She suggested the possibility that some of the people who subscribed to the Tuskegee Tribune during that time might have been implicated in the murder of Dr. KING.

Mobile files reflect a LHM submitted to the Bureau 11/12/64, reflecting that LOMAX moved to Tuskegee, Alabama, in late 1964, and published the Tuskegee Tribune. It was set forth that Dr. JULIAN GILES, Director of the VA Hospital, Tuskegee, regarded her as a "mentally sick" person.

In this same file Los Angeles LHM dated 1/18/65, IA file 100-51442, set forth that CS IA 3184-S advised on 1/14/65, that LOMAX was considered untrustworthy by most all the various Negro organizations and groups in the Los Angeles area, and none of them would give her financial backing. This source said that many people acquainted with her questioned her mental capacity.

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In view of the above information, and inasmuch as referenced airtel does not indicate any real reason for her statement that the persons named by her might bear checking out in the assassination of Dr. KING, UACB the persons set out for interview by the Mobile Division are not being interviewed regarding MURKIN.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

P. O. Box 1467
Louisville, Kentucky
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To All Newspapers In Kentucky:

There are enclosed herewith a copy of a press release and a mat prepared for same concerning James Earl Ray, whose "immediate apprehension" is desired by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The contents of this release are self-explanatory.

It would be appreciated if you would afford this matter wide-spread publication in an effort to effect Ray's early arrest.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,
I am

Sincerely,

Palmer M. Baken Jr.

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TWO PIERCE AND WILBURN SAID TO BE RELATED.

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

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

FIVE. RAY NOW WEARING BIFOCALS.

SIX. WHITE MUSTANG BELONGING TO RAY WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS ON DAY OF KING SLAYING, AND HE DID NOT ESCAPE IN IT.

PRESUMABLY IT NEVER LEFT GEORGIA IN APRIL.

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

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

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

PAGE THREE - LOS ANGELES.

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

TWO. LAMONT WHITE, WHO WORKS FOR WESTERN UNION IN LOS ANGELES. HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA,
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TENN., WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. BRICKLEY SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.

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

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

PAGE FOUR - MORE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

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

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

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

END PAGE EIGHT

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NO GARAGE, DIRT DRIVEWAY, SINGLE STORY AND HAS A LARGE FREEZER IN THE LIVING ROOM.

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

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

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

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HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN
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SET FORTH FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES ARE THE NOTES AS TYPED UP BY THOMAS CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW OF "BOB".

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

THREE. AFTER SHOOTING KING, RAY WALKED TWO OR THREE BLOCKS TO THE GETAWAY CAR, ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL AND A GUY. THE CAR IS A NEW BLUE BUICK, WITH ALABAMA PLATES. FIRST DIGITS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ONE FOUR. CAR IS OWNED AND WAS DRIVEN BY EDDIE WILBURN OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A POLICE
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SEVEN. PLANE IN WHICH RAY WAS FLOWN IS OWNED BY A WILLIAM PIERCE, A WEALTHY MAN WHO OWNS OR OPERATES AN AIRPORT IN BELLE GLADE, AND ONCE OWNED A CONTRACTING COMPANY IN CUBA.. NOT KNOWN WHETHER PIERCE FLEW THE PLANE. PIERCE ALSO OWNS MOTEL IN BELLE GLADE AND COTTAGES ON THE LAKE IN NEARBY OKEECHOBEE PAREN OR MAYBE ON NEARBY LAKE OKEECHOBEE PAREN. PIERCE SAID
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ALLEGEDLY IS IN LOS ANGELES AREA AT THIS TIME ACCORDING TO INFO
FURNISHED BY "BOB" TO THOMAS.

ATLANTA REVIEW YOUR FILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO FOUR ONE TWO FOR
LEADS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRICKLEY.

KNOXVILLE WILL INTERVIEW RELATIVES AND KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF
BRICKLEY IN CHATTANOOGA AREA.

LOUISVILLE AT LEXINGTON AT GREYHOUND OFFICE, EIGHT ZERO ONE
LIMESTONE, REVIEW COPIES OF AUDITORS STUBS OF TICKETS ISSUED AT
KNOXVILLE, TENN. TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF TICKET AGENT
SELLING TICKET NO. THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO
ZERO SPACE FOUR TWO ON APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT
KNOXVILLE FOR TRANSPORTATION KNOXVILLE TO LOS ANGELES VIA
MEMPHIS AND EL PASO AND FOR ANY OTHER DATA AVAILABLE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.
END

JMR
FBI LOUISVLE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

DATE: May 16, 1968

FROM : SA T.F. KELLERMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: ME

Re Bureau Airtel to all offices May 9, 1968.

LEWIS BUSH, Director, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Dept. of Health, Frankfort, Ky. stated on May 16, 1968 there are no central records maintained on unidentified deceased in the State. He stated that death certificates are eventually filed for unidentified dead in the Frankfort Office, but the information contained thereon will reflect only the Sex, Race, and approximate age of the deceased along with the cause of death and the County where the death is believed to have occurred. However, he stated that as unidentified bodies are held by any of the 400 or more funeral homes in the State or at a morgue in cities such as Louisville, the death certificate does not end up in file at Frankfort for some three or four months.

LEWIS stated that a great many of the unidentified bodies found in the State end up at the Medical Schools of the University of Louisville or Kentucky.

LEWIS stated he would glad to furnish the list of the 400 or more funeral directors in the State if it is desired that they be circularized in connection with instant matter.

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Date: May 20, 1968

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), KNOXVILLE (44-696),
MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN

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

ON INSTANT DATE, C. M. BAYHI, AUDITOR, GREYHOUND BUS
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ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE FOUR TWO, DATED APRIL
SEVEN, LAST, FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS TO EL PASO TO LOS ANGELES
IN AMOUNT OF SEVENTY DOLLARS AND THIRTY FIVE CENTS WAS ISSUED
BY AUGUSTA NICHOLS, DIE NO. THREE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE. THE NUMBER
ONE ON ABOVE IS A PRINTED NUMBER, THE REMAINDER OF THE NUMBERS
APPEAR TO BE CARBON NUMBERS. TICKET WAS USED APRIL SEVEN, LAST.
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EIGHT, LAST. BUS DRIVER WAS JESSE G. BROWN, NASHVILLE.

CC - El Paso (AM - Enc. 1)
LS 44-947

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JRS:pab

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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DIR - 2:53 A.M.

KX - 3:53 P.M.

ME - 3:07 P.M.

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DRIVER OF BUS - BERNARD FOSTER, MEMPHIS.

TICKET IS STAMPED "PACKAGE CHECKED."

ORIGINAL FURNISHED IS BEING RETAINED BY LOUISVILLE.

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OTHER OFFICES TO BE ADVISED

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FBI MEMPHIS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

FROM : SA C. ADDISON KINCAID

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/20/68

RAY JOHN FALVEY, lookalike pursuant to St. Louis teletype dated 5/13/68, 7917 Columbine Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, was located and appeared at the Louisville Office on the afternoon of 5/14/68. FALVEY admitted he had been in St. Louis, Missouri, over the previous weekend at which time he stayed at the Holiday Inn. He related that his mother CONSTANCE Y. JOHNSON had furnished him her Gulf credit card to pay driving expenses on this trip.

It was observed upon personal contact with FALVEY that FALVEY who is a white male, 25 years of age, and a native of Jefferson County, and concerning whom Bureau Agents in the Louisville Office had previous information and contact, that he bears no resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY. A check of FALVEY's fingerprints also eliminated him as a suspect in this case.

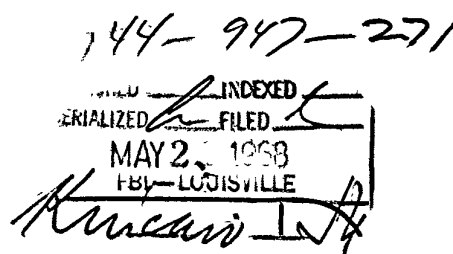
Bureau, St. Louis, Houston, and Memphis were advised on 5/14/68.

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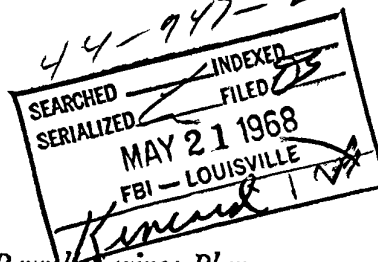
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