

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC , MEMPHIS (137-2586)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA LAWRENCE M. MANDYCK

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SUBJECT: HOMER RAYMER

Dates of Contact 3/26/68; 4/2/68; 4/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
RUFUS HUNTER, Home Federal		91-3610
Unusbs, Woodbine Br., First American		91-3635
MURKING		44-1987
Civil Disturbance, Nashville 4/4-		157-1168
Racial Situation, Nashville		157-127
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
Case Agents re negative info advised by R/S.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Same

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TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA EUGENE DOUGLASS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Unsub abandoned certain toilet articles after the shooting of KING on 4/4/68. One article is a bar of Cashmere Bouquet soap from Friendship Inns with name of motel and town not listed.

Investigation at Memphis reflects suspect ERIC S. GALT driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993, checked into the Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar, Memphis, on 4/3/68 and checked out 4/4/68.

Directory of Friendship Inns reflects Thunderbird Motel, Jackson, Tenn., is a member of the Friendship Inns chain.

LEAD:

MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT JACKSON, TENN.

Will check with the Thunderbird Motel re unsub under the names JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, ERIC S. GALT, and JEROME WALLACE VERNON to determine if any individual using any of these names has registered in this motel between 3/20/68 and 4/4/68.

Also when checking names determine if anyone using a 1966 white Mustang bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 has registered in this motel during the above mentioned period under any other name.

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA JOHN W. BAUER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

On 4/15/68, ELBERT HAYNES, Employment Counselor, Map-South, 138 South Fourth Street, Memphis, advised SA BAUER and SA ROBERT W. GOODWIN that on 4/4/68 he attended a meeting of the Memphis Citizens Committee for the Blind held at the Sheraton Motor Inn, Union Avenue. He stated he arrived at approximately 11:20 A.M. and was seated at a table with a Mr. GRAHAM, a Mr. LATHAN, the president of the Progressive Guild for the Blind (name unknown), Mr. BOB MC KNIGHT, CONRAD LIGGIN, a Mr. WINFIELD, Mr. LIGGETT, and a ROBERT FOLLEY, a member of the House of Representatives for the state of Tennessee. HAYNES stated he did not know the full names of the above persons because he was given a fast introduction to them. He also added that he could not at any future time recognize any of these persons due to the fact that he has been blind all of his life.

He stated during the meeting he overheard bits of a conversation between BOB MC KNIGHT and another person whose name he does not know. He stated that as soon as MC KNIGHT realized that he was overhearing the conversation, he began to speak in muffled tones as if he did not want him to hear what he was saying. HAYNES stated he heard BOB MC KNIGHT, public relations manager for the Workshop for the Blind, say that KING was not going to "carry" that march because he knew a boy from Northern Mississippi who would step him. MC KNIGHT said that the boy would be in a white house across the street from the motel.

HAYNES added that even though he only heard parts of the conversation which MC KNIGHT was having with another person, he feels that the plan for the murder of KING came from the city government because the Memphis Workshop for the Blind is composed

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of persons who are handpæked by City Hall. HAYNES added that he has given the above information to an investigator named HARRIS who was sent to him by Rev. LAWSON.

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DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA VERNE D. GAUBY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re Memo to All Resident Agents, 4/11/68.

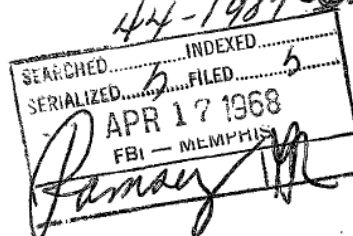
On 4/15 and 16/68 the following laundries located within the Murfreesboro RA Territory, as obtained through listings in the Yellow Pages of the ~~RESPECTIVE~~ Telephone Directories of the respective cities, were telephonically contacted. The following advised that they did not use a thermo seal marking machine:

Model Laundry & Cleaners, Cookeville, Tenn.
Gainesboro Dry Cleaners, Gainesboro, Tenn.
Ideal Laundry, Livingston, Tenn.
Mercury Laundry & Cleaners, Jamestown, Tenn.
Tip Top Cleaners, Sparta, Tenn.
Cumberland Laundry, Crossville, Tenn.
Gothard Cleaners, Smithville, Tenn.
~~Ray~~ Poynter Cleaners, Carthage, Tenn.
Klassid Kleeners, Smyrna, Tenn.
Murfreesboro Laundry Co., Murfreesboro, Tenn.

On 4/15/68 W. R. LAYNE, owner, Layne Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Murfreesboro, Tenn., advised that his company uses a thermo seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Co. but that his company has never used the code "O2B-6" or "D2B-6".

It is noted that no laundries are listed for the cities of ~~the~~ Celina, Byrdstown and Woodbury, Tenn.

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FROM : IC JAMES WILLARD BRADY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 4/15/68

Re Albany teletype to Memphis 2:45 AM dated 4/9/68.

A review of the Auto Registration Records reflects license number K01526 was recently issued to DWIGHT S. HENDERSON and all application papers were sent to headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, during the month of March.

IC ROBERT CALK, Nashville, Tennessee, advised that registration papers had not been received Nashville as of 4/12/68.

The Memphis City Directory reflects that one DWIGHT HENDERSON resides 3556 Kruger Road.

The records at Shelby County Auto Registration Bureau contains no further information at this time other than a listing of one Chevrolet registered to DWIGHT S. HENDERSON.

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on 4-17-68 Mrs. Bessie W. Henderson 3556 Kruger Rd, Memphis

Mrs. Bessie W. Henderson advised her son Thoswell Dwight Henderson now resides at 818 C Hamilton Dr., DeSoto Miss with his wife Donna Sue & 1 yr old daughter Melissa Dawn. Her son has the following description: 6'1", 200 lbs, blond hair, blue eyes, DOB [redacted] Coyne Oak, driving '63 beige Valiant.

Nothing further will be done in this matter since it involves the newspaper's article, composite picture, & said composite does not resemble Murkin Subject.

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FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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RE: INQUIRY RE PEOPLE AT LORRAINE MOTEL

(Rev. SAMUEL B. KYLES, Aka
S. B. Kyles)

On morning of 4/15/68, SA STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON advised SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE that he had obtained a list from WALTER LEE BAILEY, operator of the Lorraine Motel and Hotel, 406 Mulberry, as to those individuals registered into this hotel-motel on 4/3-4/68, the day preceding and the day on which Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was murdered. Among those listed was S. B. KYLES who was staying in Room 312, April 3-4, 1968, and BAILEY stated that he is pastor of the Monumental Baptist Church, 704 South Parkway East and resides at 2215 South Parkway East.

SA DARLINGTON stated that for the past several days he has been unable to make contact with KYLES, that he has called his home and his church on frequent occasions, left word for KYLES to return his call and on one occasion KYLES did return the call but SA DARLINGTON was not in the office.

SA DARLINGTON requested that the writer attempt to interview KYLES.

At approximately 12:30 p.m. 4/15/68, SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE attempted to call the church, 704 South Parkway East, and no one answered, called his residence phone 323-0565 and his wife answered the phone. She stated in a rather terse manner after the Agent introduced himself that her husband Rev. SAMUEL B. KYLES, pastor of the Monumental Baptist Church was out of the city and would not return to Memphis until Saturday morning, 4/20/68. She refused to say where he can be located in the interim.

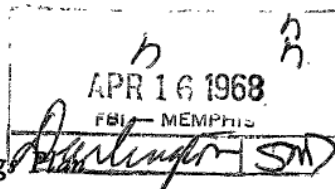
It was emphasized to her by SA LAWRENCE that it

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was of paramount importance that her husband be interviewed as early as possible due to the fact that he was possibly at the Lorraine Motel about the time that Dr. KING was murdered and that he might possibly be of material benefit to this Bureau in identifying the assailant. She stated that she realized this but that she still refused to advise writer as to her husband's whereabouts. She emphasized that she would have Rev. KYLES call SA LAWRENCE on Saturday, 4/20/68 upon his return.

It will be noted that independently on Sunday, 4/7/68, Dr. VASCO A. SMITH, JR., a liaison source advised writer that he and his wife MAXINE SMITH and Rev. KYLES were to have dinner with MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, 4/4/68, the evening which he was murdered at approximately 6:01 p.m. and that the dinner was to have been in the home of KYLES and that he understood that KYLES had been at the motel at the time KING was murdered.

It is of further interest to note that SA DARLINGTON advised that officers of the Homicide Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee PD have advised him that they have made concerted efforts to interview KYLES and that he has steadfastly refused to talk with them.

As further interest it will be noted that the 4/12/68 issue of the Press Scimitar newspaper had story on page one captioned "Negroes Plan New Protest" written by staff writer CLARK PORTEOUS stated that Rev. JAMES M. LAWSON and Rev. SAMUEL B. KYLES both leaders in the Community on the Move for Equality (COME), supporters in the current sanitation strike at a press conference held earlier 4/12/68 made charges of Memphis police brutality including charges of police thefts of money from Negroes stopped for questioning during the recent curfew and reported that KYLES said that many Negroes who were beaten by the police and who needed hospitalization could not get ambulance service from the city and further stated that Negro filling station operators almost in a group were harassed, threatened and in some instances their windows were broken and their help beaten if they remained open only two minutes after the curfew. He claimed that the Memphis Gas, Light and Water Division would not send service trucks into Negro areas, that telephone lines were jammed and that all sorts of things happened and that the

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press refused to print any of this. PORTEOUS reported that LAWSON and KYLES declined to give details on the charges that the police took money and that KYLES said that efforts to get a civilian review board to investigate charges of police brutality have been going on for five years without success.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will attempt to recontact Rev. KYLES on 4/20/68 in and effort to interview him concerning any information which he might possess which would be of benefit in solving captioned case.

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DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA JOHN W. BAUER

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On 3/14-16/68, FREDERICK H. GAULT, 5821 Beauregard Drive, Nashville, Tennessee, employed by Bynswanger Glass Company, Nashville, was registered at the Howard Johnson Motel, 1318 Lamar, Memphis.

Eliminate GAULT as suspect.

Records of Credit Bureau of Nashville disclose GAULT's record in file since June 1947 and continuous residence in Nashville since that date. Employed by Craig-Morris Glass Co., dob [redacted] wife EUNICE HOWELL GAULT. No criminal record. No further inquiry warranted.

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FROM : SA LAWRENCE M. MANDYCK

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/16/68 Mr. LARRY M. ELLIS, Supervisor of Drivers Licenses and issuance, Tennessee Department of Public Safety, Nashville, Tennessee, advised it is possible to program the computer containing Tennessee Drivers License information, and extract a list of all persons born [redacted] that have been issued a Tennessee Drivers License.

Mr. ELLIS made available data processing sheets containing the names of all persons born on [redacted] who have been issued Tennessee Drivers License, and the sheets reveal the following white males, born [redacted] who roughly correspond with the descriptive data contained on an Alabama Drivers License for ERIC STARVO GALT:

Memphis Division

License No.: [redacted]
Name: WILEY C. TEMPLETON
Address: 4411 Scenic Drive,
Nashville, Tennessee
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Weight: 175 pounds
Height: 6 feet

License No.: [redacted]
Name: HAROLD E. WATKINS
Address: 215 West Forest, Jackson, Tenn.
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Weight: 180
Height: 5' 11"

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License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: OWEN A. WRIGHT
Address: Trimble, Tennessee
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Black
Weight: 197 pounds
Height: 6 feet

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: JAMES E. NICHOLS
Address: 843 Louisville Road,
Clarksville, Tenn.
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Weight: 200
Height: 6 feet

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: CARL B. BRIGANCE
Address: 3571 Johnwood, Memphis, Tenn.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Blond
Weight: 175
Height: 5' 10"

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: BILLY M. OLIVER
Address: 213 Davis Avenue, Columbia, Tenn.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Weight: 143
Height: 5' 11"

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: PELLAM POTTS
Address: 221 E. 16th St., Columbia, Tenn.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Weight: 175
Height: 5' 11"

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License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: CLIFF T. BINKLEY
Address: Route 2, Joelton, Tenn.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Blond
Weight: 196
Height: 6 feet

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: COVA E. PRATER
Address: 3218 Creslyndale,
Nashville, Tenn.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Weight: 150
Height: 5' 10"

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: THOMAS C. SWANN
Address: 503 Glenpark Drive,
Nashville, Tenn.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Weight: 205 pounds
Height: 6 feet

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: TROY L. HENRY
Address: Route 1, Sparta, Tenn.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Weight: 165 pounds
Height: 6 feet

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: WAYNE M. LASATER
Address: Box 154 Lewisburg, Tenn.
Eyes: Green
Hair: Blond
Weight: 185 pounds
Height: 5' 11"

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: JAMES E. MALLOY
Address: 3001 Knobview Drive,
Nashville, Tenn.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Weight: 175 pounds
Height: 6 feet

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: SAMUEL T. COREY
Address: 49 Hillsboro Road,
Clarksville, Tenn.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Weight: 155pounds
Height: 6 feet

Knoxville Division

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: HAROLD E. BALLARD
Address: Grace Street, Cleveland,
Tennessee
Eyes: Green
Hair: Brown
Weight: 154 pounds
Height: 5' 10"

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: JERRY A. JENKINS
Address: Route 6, Cleveland, Tenn.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Weight: 140 pounds
Height: 6 feet

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: JOHN W. CHRISTIAN
Address: Route 20, Knoxville, Tenn.
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Weight: 190 pounds
Height: 6 feet

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License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: ALVIN C. COBBLE
Address: Route 11, Greeneville, Tenn.
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Weight: 135 pounds
Height: 5' 11"

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: JACKIE G. WILLIAMS
Address: 440 Mauldeth Road,
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Blond
Weight: 165 pounds
Height: 5' 10"

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: THOMAS D. ENGLEMAN
Address: 1839 Clearview Drive,
Chattanooga, Tennessee
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Weight: 170 pounds
Height: 5' 11"

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: LOYD W. MORRIS
Address: Route 10, Greenville, Tenn.
Eyes: Green
Hair: Blond
Weight: 155 pounds
Height: 5' 11"

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: EVERETT CRABTREE
Address: Winfield, Tenn.
Eyes: Hazel
Hair: Brown
Weight: 140 pounds
Height: 5' 10"

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License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: L. D. OLIVER, JR.
Address: Harrison, Tennessee
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Weight: 165 pounds
Height: 6 feet

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: PATTON GRIFFITH
Address: Robbins, Tenn.
Eyes: Hazel
Hair: Brown
Weight: 170 pounds
Height: 6 feet

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: LONNIE D. SWEETON
Address: Route 2, Charleston, Tenn.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Weight: 175 pounds
Height: 6 feet

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: JAMES R. CALLOWAY
Address: 100 Tower Drive,
Knoxville, Tennessee
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Weight: 174 pounds
Height: 5' 11"

License No.: [REDACTED]
Name: RAY L. HELLER, JR.
Address: Route 1, Russell Road,
Rockford, Tennessee
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Weight: 155 pounds
Height: 5' 11"

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DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA LEONE J. FLOSI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO Memphis)

Re memo to all Resident Agents dated 4/11/68.

On 4/15/68 Mr. TED MURRAY, Vice President, Yarbrough Laundry Supply Co., 2610 Charlotte Ave., Nashville, Tenn., advised that he maintains regular contact with all the laundries in the Nashville metropolitan area. He said that he is familiar with the marking machines used by them, and that none of them used a thermosteal laundry machine. Mr. MURRAY continued that the following list of laundries reflects those that have purchased the tape used in the thermosteal marking machine from his company:

McMinnville, Tenn., Malloy Laundry

Murfreesboro, Tenn., Lane Cleaners

Huntsville, Ala., Burns Laundry,
3704 Governors Dr.; West Huntsville
Cleaners, 2604 Triana Blvd.; Oakwood
College Laundry, Oakwood College

Gadsden, Ala., Gieger Laundry

Decatur, Ala., Ideal Laundry

Florence, Ala., One Hour Cleaners,
1220 North Woods

Franklin, Ky., Franklin Laundry

Murray, Ky., Boone Laundry

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In view of the fact referenced memo indicates that all offices have been requested to contact laundries in their respective field divisions, leads to contact the above laundries will be left to the discretion of the case Agent.

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FROM : SA LAWRENCE A. POLTROCK

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 4/17/68

Re Memo to All Resident Agents dated 4/11/68.

On 4/15/68 laundries in the territory covered by the Dyersburg RA at Dyersburg, Tennessee, were contacted, and all advised that they did not use a Thermoseal marking machine manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, and did not know any laundries in the area that did.

Several of the individuals contacted advised that this type of marking machine is only used in large laundry operations and that to their knowledge no such large operations were in the Western Tennessee area with the possible exception of Jackson and Memphis, Tennessee.

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FROM : SA LEONE J. FLOSI

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
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Re memo to 44-1987 dated 4/10/68.

On 4/15/68 Mrs. CHARLES FABER, 6720 Darden Place, Nashville, Tenn., advised that she is acquainted with Mr. J. E. PULLEN as her next door neighbor. She said that PULLEN is a salesman for the Pillsbury Flour Company and has two automobiles; both are late-model Fords, neither of which is a Mustang.

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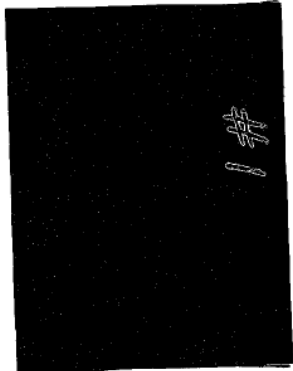
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FROM : SA FRANKLIN L. JOHNSON

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RE: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY MEMPHIS PD
INFORMANT 4/14/68 ALLEGING THAT
SOMEONE BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH
ERIC STARVO GALT IN MEMPHIS RECENTLY
AND ASSOCIATED WITH TOMMY ELLIS PIKE,
GORDON FORBES, ET AL

The rather detailed information set out hereafter
has no value except insofar as we may pursue information
furnished by Memphis PD informant concerning a stranger
in Memphis alleged by PD informant to be GALT and who is
allegedly associated with GORDON FORBES, TOMMY ELLIS PIKE,
et al.

On 4/15/68 PCI JAMES OSCAR STUART, JR.,
telphonically furnished the following information.
(Note, should it ever become necessary to include any
of this information in a report, it will have to be
paraphrased. The information furnished by STUART as to
his own dealings and associations with the various persons
mentioned is being openly reported below for clarity.
This information may be of assistance in any interviews

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 - 1-91-3627 - GORDON FORBES, BB SUSPECT
 - 1-91-3088 - WILLIAM EUGENE SIDES, BB SUSPECT
 - 1-91-3492 - JACK CONNOR BOLAND, ET AL; BB; ITSP - CONSPIRACY
 - 1-26-30685 - WILLIAM EUGENE SIDES, ET AL; ITSMV
 - 1-87-11232 - JIMMIE LEE PARKS, aka - FUGITIVE, etc.; ITSP
 - 1-91-3439 - CLIFFORD HAROLD DAVIS, et al
 - 1-91-3487 - GERALD OLIN KEITH, BB SUSPECT
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we have to conduct here in the event the information furnished by the PD informant is pursued.)

JAMES OSCAR STUART, JR., the PCI, is a white male, age 35, who works with his father, JAMES OSCAR STUART, SR., at the J. O. Stuart Auto Parts Company, 2510 Jackson Avenue, telephone 452-7316, and who now is living with his parents at 4170 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, phone 683-6545. STUART is known to the Memphis PD and to Agents of this office as an associate of a number of local burglars, check passers, and other small-time Memphis police characters, and his father's place of business has been a hangout and contact point for some of these individuals. STUART is divorced from his wife, by whom he has two children, and his ex-wife has recently remarried. STUART is a rather flighty individual, who does not always furnish information freely and frankly until he is pinned down. STUART furnished the following information concerning his knowledge of TOMMY ELLIS PIKE, GORDON FORBES, and others in Memphis since GORDON FORBES showed up in Memphis in about January 1968:

GORDON FORBES is originally from Memphis, his entire family having moved from Memphis some 7 or 8 years ago to Panama City, Florida, where FORBES' father owns and operates two late-model, large, expensive, ocean-going commercial vessels (according to story told to STUART by FORBES). Sometime in January, FORBES showed up at STUART's father's junk yard where STUART works. He was driving a new 1968 maroon Chevrolet Malibu bearing Florida plates. He was alone. He told STUART that he had "busted up" with his wife. Since FORBES had nowhere to stay in Memphis, STUART let FORBES stay at his (STUART's) father's home at the above Poplar address. FORBES slept there for between one and two weeks. FORBES did not have much money and STUART had to buy all the drinks and eats when they were going from one lounge to another in Memphis during this period. At one point STUART loaned FORBES \$25, which was not repaid.

During this period, the only person FORBES was known to be associated with was BUD MASON, a used car dealer, well known to the police and to this office, and

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stated by STUART to reside in the area east of Airways between Lamar and the airport in the same general area where TOMMY PIKES' parents reside. STUART gained the impression that FORBES stayed with MASON for perhaps a week or two.

During this period when FORBES was residing at the home of STUART and at the home of MASON, TOMMY PIKE was not in town. After FORBES had been in town perhaps three or four weeks, TOMMY PIKE showed up in Memphis after having been out of Memphis for several weeks, so far as STUART knows. STUART is sure PIKE was out of town during this period because he had been continually calling PIKE's father trying to locate PIKE without success. Several people had been asking STUART where PIKE was, including the police and the FBI. BILLY EUGENE SIDES and GERALD OLIN KEITH had both been inquiring about PIKE's whereabouts. STUART is fond of PIKE and was trying to get in touch with PIKE to have PIKE contact the police and the FBI. (One reason this office and the police were trying to locate PIKE was in order to interview him concerning the whereabouts of VERN MAC THOGMARTIN, a fugitive in a BB - Bond Jumping case, Memphis file 91-3439, STUART having furnished us information that it was PIKE who was instrumental in disposing of THOGMARTIN's furniture in Memphis after THOGMARTIN jumped bond in late November 1967.)

After FORBES had been in town for around a month, TOMMY PIKE showed up in Memphis and was seen by STUART in the red Chevrolet with FORBES on a number of different occasions. After PIKE got into town, PIKE was constantly in the company of FORBES. STUART does not know where FORBES was staying during this period. Both PIKE and FORBES were constantly drinking and were frequenting numerous bars in town, mostly those on Jackson Avenue, but including, so far as STUART can recall, the Falcon, the Ching Chong, Crown Lounge East, the Psycho, and the Manhattan. It is the custom of PIKE and FORBES to go from one bar to another, and undoubtedly they have been to numerous other bars in town.

For perhaps a month to a month and a half, FORBES and PIKE were together periodically. For a period of a week or two, however, both were out of town and they told STUART they had gone to Panama City where FORBES was.

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was going to talk with his father in regard to working with his father on the two boats his father operates.

At a later time during the association of PIKE and FORBES, PIKE went out of town and was gone for a week or two, FORBES remaining in town. STUART stated that he could place the time that PIKE returned to town on this latter occasion as two or three days before PIKE and FORBES were involved in their wreck. On reflection, he stated he remembered that he (STUART) was at the Ching Chong Lounge the night of the big snow (3/22/68) at which time TOMMY PIKE came by the Ching Chong. Sometime prior to this, PIKE had been by the junk yard to see STUART but STUART was not there. STUART asked PIKE, "Where in the hell have you been?" He went on to tell PIKE that everybody was looking for him. PIKE replied that he had been in the trucking business. STUART pressed him in this regard and PIKE said that he had been working for SAM TANKERSLY (phonetic) at East Prairie, Missouri, driving a truck for TANKERSLY.

On the above occasion at the Ching Chong the night of the snow, FORBES was not with PIKE. STUART and PIKE agreed at this time to do some drinking around town this same night. STUART went back to his father's place of business, and an individual named LARRY JACKSON, who formerly worked for the Memphis Paving Company but now employed by some trailer concern in Millington, drove PIKE to PIKE's mother's home where PIKE cleaned up, PIKE and JACKSON later meeting STUART, all three of them going to the Psycho Lounge and later to the Manhattan Lounge where they drank until 4:00 or 5:00 a.m. (this being the night of 3/22/68). STUART left JACKSON and PIKE at the Manhattan Club. PIKE did not have a car but was depending on JACKSON for transportation that night.

STUART may have seen PIKE and/or FORBES the next couple of days but he simply cannot be sure. The next thing he recalls about PIKE and FORBES was on the morning after PIKE and FORBES had their wreck. A prostitute named ANN FOX, who can always be located through the Falcon Lounge on Jackson (located on Jackson near Breedlove), telephoned STUART and asked him if he had heard what happened to PIKE and FORBES. STUART had not. FOX told him they had been involved in a serious

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wreck either that morning or perhaps the night before. FOX also told him that sometime just prior to the wreck PIKE and FORBES had been at Carey's Lounge. STUART stated that ANN FOX makes all the lounges. FOX told him that both PIKE and FORBES were drunk at Carey's Lounge, indicating that this was sometime just prior to the wreck.

STUART does not know any other "punks" that FORBES and PIKE were closely associated with during the period that they were together in Memphis prior to the wreck on about 3/25/68. LARRY JACKSON, above, is just another man around town that knows PIKE and accommodated PIKE by giving him a ride because PIKE had no "wheels." BUD MASON definitely will have information concerning the activities of FORBES in Memphis, and PIKE and MASON have been close in the past, although there was a rift between them after MASON repossessed an old Lincoln Continental which PIKE purchased from MASON in late 1967 and did not pay for.

As to GERALD OLIN KEITH, several weeks ago, perhaps a month and a half ago, KEITH came by STUART's father's junk yard asking STUART as to the whereabouts of PIKE. At the time PIKE was out of town and STUART was calling PIKE's father about every other day trying to find him, and STUART so informed KEITH.

As to WILLIAM EUGENE SIDES, STUART expressed the opinion that SIDES is definitely "hot" and that SIDES is presently pulling burglaries. Roughly two months ago, SIDES was in town, called STUART and had STUART meet him at Raino's Lounge on Lamar. STUART has known SIDES a long time, and SIDES trusts STUART. The general idea as to meeting at this remote area was the fact that SIDES did not want to be seen by the police. STUART met him. With SIDES at the time was SIDES' brother, ELBERT SIDES. SIDES was driving an old model 1962 or 1963 Cadillac. SIDES wanted to know about the "heat" in Memphis. STUART told him that he (SIDES) was "hot," as the police had been asking about SIDES and PIKE. SIDES commented that he was not out on bond on any charges but he did not furnish STUART any information as to exactly what he was doing, with whom he was associated or where he had been staying recently.

STUART expressed the opinion that SIDES at the time was either operating out of Louisville, Kentucky, or possibly Biloxi, Mississippi. From either SIDES or some of SIDES' associates he has heard references made to someone named "Red," who is supposed to be a safe man from the state of Alabama. He is under the impression that SIDES may be working with "Red" but he has no facts in this regard.

STUART advised that sometime between a month and a month and a half ago, SIDES called him, stating that he was calling from some restaurant, name not recalled, on Third around Jefferson, as STUART recalls. SIDES inquired as to the whereabouts of PIKE, and STUART told SIDES he had no idea as to PIKE's whereabouts.

STUART was asked whether he knew anyone named ELLMAN recently associated with FORBES, PIKE, and others. He immediately stated that he is acquainted with RONNIE ELLMAN, to whom he sold a car in about 1952. He last saw ELLMAN about three months ago when ELLMAN came by the above junk yard, accompanied by a tall white male with dishwater blond hair and buck teeth, whom STUART had never seen before and whose name is unknown to him. STUART characterized ELLMAN as a con man who has been "pushing credit cards." ELLMAN was traveling in a new white Chevrolet Impala at the time. He has not seen ELLMAN since and had not heard that ELLMAN had been arrested.

STUART stated he had never heard of anyone named CLIFTON BROUTEN COKE.

(RONALD EDWARD ELLMAN, white male, age 32, Memphis address 3511 Walnut Grove Road, and CLIFTON BROUTEN COKE were arrested by Memphis PD 4/1/68 on forgery charges and later released on bond. ELLMAN professed to be cooperative and was interviewed by this Agent for any information he might have concerning fugitive VERN MAC THOGMARTIN (Memphis file 91-3439). In substance, ELLMAN stated he had known PIKE about two years, had seen PIKE in the fall of 1967 at a used car lot in Louisville operated by BILLY EUGENE SIDES, and after ELLMAN returned to Memphis, he went by the hospital and visited with PIKE. He had also seen PIKE and SIDES together at an automobile auction in Baldwyn, Mississippi, in the fall of 1967, having helped them drive some used

cars from Louisville, Kentucky, to Baldwin, Mississippi, where the cars were sold at auction. ELLMAN stated he does not know GORDON FORBES and had not heard of him until he learned that PIKE was in a wreck with FORBES. While ELLMAN was not interviewed in great detail as to his background, Agent does recall that ELLMAN mentioned he had been in California recently, having spent considerable time in California. It would appear that possibly the individual seen by STUART with ELLMAN about three months ago was CLIFTON BROUTEN COKE. Complete descriptive data and photographs are available at the Memphis PD concerning ELLMAN and COKE if we reach the point where we are attempting to identify the unknown individual mentioned by the Memphis PD informant as being in town looking for PIKE and others.)

During the interview with STUART on this occasion, no reference was made to the name GALT or a white Mustang or anything else associated with MURKIN until he had furnished the above information, STUART being generally questioned as to the identity of all persons who had been with or expressed any interest in PIKE, SIDES, FORBES, and their associates, since FORBES has been in town.

STUART was then asked whether there was anyone named "STEVIE" who was associated with FORBES to his knowledge, and he stated he knows of no associates of FORBES, PIKE, SIDES, and others by this name.

He was then asked whether he knows anyone by the name of ERIC who has been in any manner associated with this group. He stated the only person by the name of ERIC known to him is ERIC POMEROY, a professional wrestler from Alberto, Canada, a close personal friend of STUART, a very large man weighing over 250 pounds who does not drink and who has been staying in the home with STUART until Saturday, 4/13/68, when POMEROY caught a plane to Omaha, Nebraska, at 12:30 p.m., POMEROY being scheduled to fight in Omaha. He stated that POMEROY is in no way associated with any of the above-mentioned "punks," but this is simply the only "ERIC" known to STUART.

As to the name GALT or any similar name, STUART stated that he has read the newspaper accounts concerning ERIC STARVO GALT in detail, but he has never known anybody

by that name and has heard no conversation of any kind on the part of anyone indicating that GALT is known in Memphis. He stated that because of the nature of his associates and the places which he frequents, he believes if anyone named ERIC GALT had been around the bars where he has been or knew any of the persons he knows, then he (STUART) would have heard it.

STUART remarked that he had seen the description of ERIC GALT as set out in newspaper accounts and added he had absolutely no idea as to anyone meeting that description. Asked whether he knew anyone meeting this general description who had a rather unusual smile or who talked out of the side of his mouth who had been hanging around bars in Memphis, STUART stated that the only possibility he could think of along this line was as follows:

Some time ago, and possibly as long as two or three months ago, STUART was at the Psycho Lounge when a total stranger engaged him in conversation. The stranger began by telling STUART that someone else in the lounge, identity unknown to STUART, had told the stranger who JIMMY was and the stranger remarked that he knew some people in California that were known to STUART. STUART did not know the man and had no interest in conversing with him, and therefore excused himself and left the Psycho Lounge as quickly as he could to so after very brief conversation with this individual. He described this individual as follows:

Name Used	"CHICK" OWENS (?)
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	35 to 40
Height	5'10"
Weight	160 to 170
Hair	Dark or black, definitely curly
Peculiarities, etc.	Man had peculiar smile and did appear to talk out of one side of his mouth
Background	Man mentioned knowing someone in California that STUART knows (but never identified in conversation) and man remarked that he was "just back from Mexico."

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STUART stated that he knows of no association whatever between this man and TOMMY PIKE and associates. The man was alone in the above lounge at the time and STUART knows nothing further whatever about him.

STUART has never heard of anyone named "Duke" or JIM RUBINO (names mentioned by the Memphis PD informant).

It is believed that ANN FOX, the prostitute who called STUART, has formerly been used by us as a PCI or CI, possibly assigned to SA CARL S. LESTOR. There is another prostitute in town by the name of GYPSY, with whom SA JOE C. HESTER may be familiar, who may have some of the same type of general information as the PD informant in this case. It would be interesting to know whether the Memphis PD informant in Memphis file 26-30685 (with regard to an automobile ring case centered around a farm in Alabama and involving PIKE and others) is the same informant as in this case, or is receiving her information from substantially the same sources (drunks in bars, etc.)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-1987)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SAC GAMBLE of the Birmingham Office, advised as follows with regard to the complaint filed against ERIC STARVO GALT today at Birmingham:

On or about March 29, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, in the Northern District of Alabama, ERIC STARVO GALT and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., a citizen of the United States, residing in Atlanta, Georgia, in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States, namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. In furtherance of this conspiracy, ERIC STARVO GALT did on or about March 30, 1968, purchase a rifle at Birmingham, Alabama, all in violation of Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and the complainant states this complaint is based on: the purchase of the weapon used to carry out the conspiracy in Birmingham, Alabama, on or about March 29, 1968; identification of the gun used by defendant found at the scene of the crime; and investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.


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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
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DATE: 4/18/68

Re Indianapolis teletype to Memphis and Bureau dated 4/4/68, 11:02 P. M.

JOHN BUTLER BARNES, 2966 Brewer Ave., Memphis, Tenn., advised SA STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON and EUGENE A. MEDORI on 4/16/68 that he was the driver of the airport limousine which picked up a number of passengers at the Sheraton-Peabody Hotel at 11:40 A. M. on 4/3/68 and arrived at the Memphis Metropolitan Airport at 12:10 P. M. He advised that he formerly drove Taxicab No. 89 in Memphis. BARNES said he did not recall making any threatening remarks about Dr. KING on 4/3/68, but said he did not like Dr. KING and might have made some remarks in a "joking" manner about Dr. KING, and someone might have taken his "joking" comments seriously. Mr. BARNES said he most definitely had no information concerning Dr. KING's assassination. He said if he made any remarks about Dr. KING on 4/3/68 in the limousine, he was only "joking" and definitely had no information concerning the assassination. Mr. BARNES said he was incapable of killing anyone and that he was very sorry for making such an indiscreet remark about Dr. KING.

Mr. BARNES furnished the following physical description for himself:

Race	White	44-1987-Sub 100
Sex	Male	
DOB		
POB	Pittsburg, Texas	
Scars and Marks	None	
Residence	2966 Brewer Ave., Memphis, Tenn.	
Relatives		
Wife	EDITH BARNES	
Son	KERRY BARNES, 2966 Brewer Ave., Memphis, Tenn.	
Military Service	USN retired, June 30, 1962, # [redacted]	

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It is recommended that no further investigation be conducted on BARNES as of this date, subject to being reopened by request for comparison of fingerprints through military records with prints found on evidence left by UNSUB at Memphis, Tenn.

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JOHN SCOTT CANDRIAN was interviewed in the Memphis Office of the FBI. Prior to interview CANDRIAN was advised of his rights as indicated in a voluntary appearance "Advice of Rights" form, which he read and signed a waiver.

CANDRIAN stated that he is a sophomore at Memphis State University. He stated that he planned to leave Monday, April 8, 1968, to visit Mazatlan, Mexico, with a friend of his from the University of Arizona for about a week. He stated that on Wednesday, April 3, 1968, at approximately 4:00 P.M., he went to the Mexican Consulate in Memphis, Tennessee, in order to obtain what he thought was a visa to visit Mexico. He stated that in order to obtain this visa one had to be twenty one years old or over, or have a letter from one's parents giving permission to go to Mexico. He stated that he did not have written permission from his parents to go, although he had verbal permission, and since he was under twenty one years of age and did not have written permission, he presented a Chicago, Illinois, voter registration card which he has had in his possession for almost a year. He stated that he had previously filled in his name and a fictitious address of 1339 Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, in order that he could use this card as an indication of his being twenty one years old if the need ever arose.

CANDRIAN stated that when he went to the Mexican Consulate on April 3, 1968, he was driven there by another student, WILLIS JACKSON, in JACKSON's car, but JACKSON did not apply for a visa since he did not plan to go to Mexico.

He stated that when he received the visa he intended to leave for Mexico on April 8, but subsequent events made it possible for him to leave a week earlier. He stated that on April 4, 1968, he had classes at Memphis State University from 8:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., the last class being Latin American History. He stated after 2:30 P.M. he returned to his room to practice a speech which he had to give in a speech class at 7:30 P.M., April 4, 1968. He stated that his roommate, JACK CONNELLY, was in and out of the room while

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he was there. He stated that he went to dinner at the cafeteria in the building at approximately 5:00 P.M. and started eating at approximately 5:10 P.M. He stated that while he was eating another friend, WENDELL WILLIAMS, also a student, came in and sat with him at about 5:30 P.M., and when CANDRIAN finished eating he waited for WILLIAMS to finish. He stated that WILLIAMS finished eating at approximately 6:00 P.M., and he, CANDRIAN, returned to his room with JIM DONAHUE, another student, and he and DONAHUE watched television for about fifteen minutes or so. He stated that at approximately 6:30 P.M. he, DONAHUE and WILLIAMS went out in WILLIAMS' car, a 1964 or 1965 Pontiac GTO, to have a few beers. He stated that on the way to get the beer they heard a news bulletin over the car radio that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot. He stated that they got the beer and parked the car near the Field House, and while WILLIAMS worked out in the Field House, CANDRIAN and DONAHUE sat in the car drinking beer and listening to the stereo in the car.

He stated that he then went to his speech class at about 7:30 P.M. but found that the class was not being held.

CANDRIAN stated that there was considerable excitement at the school because of the murder and allied events, and that the school was being let out for those reasons. He stated that numerous students were leaving the campus because there was going to be no school for awhile, so he decided that he would go to Mexico the next day.

He stated that he left Memphis via American Airlines at 4:15 A.M., Friday, April 5, 1968, and flew to Tucson via Dallas. When he arrived at Tucson he contacted his friend, STEVE JOHNSON, at the University of Arizona, and both drove to Phoenix, Arizona that night in JOHNSON's car and stayed in Phoenix Saturday and Sunday, where JOHNSON played in a golf tournament. They drove back to Tucson Sunday night, April 7, 1968. They drove that night to Nogales, Arizona, in JOHNSON's car and stayed in Nogales, Arizona, the night of Sunday, April 7, 1968. On Monday morning, April 8, 1968, they drove on into Mexico. Their destination was Mazatlan, Mexico, but instead of going on to Mazatlan they stopped for a couple of days at Guaymas (phonetic), Mexico, near San Carlos. They arrived back in Tucson, Arizona, Thursday night, April 11, 1968. He stayed with JOHNSON in JOHNSON's fraternity house

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CANDRIAN stated that he knew nothing about the shooting of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING except what he read in the newspaper, and that he had received considerable publicity because of the fact that he had left Memphis for Mexico the day after the murder and had given the Mexican Consulate a fictitious address.

The following description was taken from observation and interrogation:

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Date of Birth:	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth:	Chicago, Illinois
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Height:	6'2"
Weight:	180 pounds
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Medium brown
Build:	Slender
Scars:	Slight scar at each eyebrow; 4-inch scar on left shoulder.
Occupation:	Student, Memphis State University, Memphis, Tennessee.
Local Address:	Highland Towers, 410 Highland Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.
Permanent Address:	1339 Portland Avenue, Park Ridge, Illinois.
Father:	WILLIAM J. CANDRIAN, same address, employed as sales manager, American Science Center, 5700 Northwest Highway, Chicago, Illinois.
Mother:	MARTHA CANDRIAN, same address.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA ORVILLE V. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Memphis PD, telephonically contacted the writer at approximately 2:30 A.M., 4/8/68, and said he had received some information from some people in Somerville, Tenn., that might be of great value to instant case. He asked the writer to accompany him to the Peabody Hotel to interview these people.

Inspector ZACHARY and the writer subsequently went to the Peabody Hotel arriving there approximately 3:15 A.M., 4/8/68 and went to a room occupied by JOHN MC FERREN, an active civil rights leader from Somerville; BASTON BRYANT, of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations; and Attorney DAVID E. CAYWOOD. MC FERREN furnished information which he claims he received about unsub and which might identify him. Particular attention should be given to the description of the unsub furnished by MC FERREN noting that it has no resemblance whatsoever of the description obtained for unsub. The story furnished by MC FERREN does not seem to be logical. In addition to this, the Memphis Division has in past years received numerous complaints from MC FERREN and a great number of these complaints were purely fabrications. The writer is of the impression that MC FERREN is merely trying to interject himself into the investigation of the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and trying to attract some attention. It should be noted, however, that BAXTON BRYANT and DAVID CAYWOOD evidently believe MC FERREN and showed great interest in all phases of MC FERREN's story.

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LOUIS E. PAUL, JR., 592 East Gage, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that on April 3, 1968, he saw a man he believes was JAMES EARL RAY.

Late in the afternoon on April 3, 1968, PAUL drove his mother, MARY PAUL, to the Harlow Doughnut Shop at 2369 South Bellevue, Memphis, Tennessee. Mrs. PAUL went into the doughnut shop to make a purchase, and PAUL stayed outside the shop in the car. While he was waiting for his mother to return, he saw a man who was dressed in a black suit and wearing a white shirt and tie get out of a dark colored automobile and start toward the doughnut shop. The man stopped just before he got to the shop, turned around, and went back to his car. He sat in the car for a few minutes, then got out and came back to the doughnut shop. Again he stopped in front of the doughnut shop, turned around, and went back to his car. This was repeated approximately three or four times. Then PAUL's mother returned to the car and they left the doughnut shop and returned home.

PAUL discussed the man with his mother, and she had seen him also. She suggested that since PAUL was a fairly good artist, he should draw a portrait of the individual because he did seem to be acting so strangely. PAUL agreed and did draw a portrait of the individual and it is presently in his mother's possession. He feels the portrait looks very much like the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY that he has seen in the newspapers.

PAUL described the individual as a fairly tall person with short receding hair that was brushed straight back. He had a pointed nose and a square chin.

PAUL advised he had never seen this individual before and has not seen him since.

PAUL reiterated that the car that the individual was getting into was a dark color but he does not know the make of the car. PAUL advised that his mother would be glad to turn the drawing that he had made over to the FBI.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 4-19-68
2:35 a.m.

FROM : DANNY N. DOWNUM, CLERK

SUBJECT: MURKIN, CR.

LOUIS E. PAUL 592 EAST GAGE, 948-1721, requested that an agent call the above number at 9:00 a.m., this date, to see if his wife is home and not gone to work. If home, MARY PAUL has some information re a man that was acting strange the day of the King murder and would like to give the information to the FBI.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

DATE: 4-18-68

FROM : SA ROBERT T. MORAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN resident
CR Rememo to all/agents dated 4-11-68.

Attached hereto is a RD insert reflecting results of investigation conducted in the counties handled by the writer. Note that both SA Perrigan and SA Moran contacted laundries in Jackson, Madison Co., Tenn., and separate insert will be submitted by Perrigan. ~~ix~~

This investigation was conducted in reference to rememo.

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44-1987 RD INSERT MURKIN

RE: THERMAL SEAL MARKING MACHINE
LAUNDRY MARKS "O2B-6 or "D-2B-6"

The foll. inves.cond. by SA Robt T.Moran.

AT JACKSON, MADISON CO., TENN.

On 4-16-68 W. B. CLEMMONS, Mgr. Star Laundry and ~~Index~~ Jackson Cleaners, 300 S. Highland Ave., advised that this company does not use ~~the~~ a thermal seal marking machine of similar laundry marks and that this company does use various colors of crayons for marking. He stated that this company does laundry for the following places as they do not do any laundry of their own whatsoever and that this company puts laundry marks on for these places:

Camden Dry Cleaners, Camden, Tenn.

Bruceton Cleaners, Bruceton, Tenn.

Trezevant Dry Cleaners, Trezevant, Tenn.

Medina Cleaners, Medina, Tenn.

Peoples Cleaners, Henderson, Tenn., (this cleaners does some of their own

laundry, but most done by Star Laundry and

Jackson Cleaners.)

Lexington Dry Cleaners, Lexington, Tenn.

The following were contacted on the dates indicated and all advised that they do not use such a machine or laundry mark.

DECATUR COUNTY, TENN.

Mr. Phil Roberts, Mgr., Modern Cleaners and Hatters, Parsons, Tenn. contacted on 4-16-68 advised this is the only firm doing laundry business in Decatur County with exception of coin operated places which of course do not have any markings.

BENTON COUNTY, TENN.

Mrs. Helen Terry, Benton Cleaners, ~~and Mrs. xxx~~ Mr. Glen Allen, Modern Laundry and Mrs. Virginia Conyers, Camden Cleaners, Camden, Tenn., all contacted on 4-15-68 and advised do not use such a machine or laundry marks.

They stated that they are only ones in this county doing this type of business.

CARROLL COUNTY, TENN.

Mrs. Stewart Rhodes, Rhodes Cleaners, Huntingdon, Tenn., advised on 4-15-68 they are only cleaners this county using laundry marks and that they do not use such a mark or machine.

FERRY COUNTY

Sheriff Van Dodson, Linden, Perry Co., Tenn., and Sgt. Gus Steele, Tenn. Highway Patrol, Linden, Tenn., advised on 4-16-68 that there are no laundries in this county, the only ones being self service/laundries. They stated that the persons in this county take cleaning and laundry to surrounding areas.

HENDERSON COUNTY, TENN.

Mr. Harold Cross, Cross Laundry, Lexington, Tenn., ~~and that~~ advised on 4-16-68 that he does not use such a laundry mark or machine. He advised that the only other laundry in this county is the Lexington Dry Cleaners. It is noted that Star Laundry and Jackson Cleaners handle cleaning for this company.

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TO : SAC (44-1987) (P)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM M. PERRIGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/15/68 Sgt. ALLEN CHALKER, Dispatcher, THP, Jackson, Tenn., checked the registration for Tennessee license SD2471. He advised that this license was issued to JAMES TOMPLINSON, Route 4, Jackson, Tenn., for a 1966 Ford pickup truck. Inasmuch as this license was issued for a pickup truck no additional investigation is being conducted.

The following laundries in the Jackson, Tenn., Resident Agency were contacted by SA WILLIAM M. PERRIGAN, but none of the following laundries utilized a Thermo Seal marking machine:

JACKSON, TENNESSEE

JOHN LUMLEY, Boone Laundry, 121 Farrar Street;
TOMMY WILLIAMS, Clean Linen Service, 225 North Highland Avenue;
JAMES MILES, Elite Cleaners, 456 East College Street;
Mrs. T. EAVER, Ideal Laundry and Cleaners, 533 East Chester Street;
ANNIE HOWELL, Park Laundry, 935 Campbell Street.

HENDERSON, TENNESSEE

THOMAS SMITH, Peoples Cleaners, 314 West Main Street.

SELMER, TENNESSEE

JAMES HAMILTON, Hamilton Laundry, 127 West Court Avenue.

ADAMSVILLE, TENNESSEE

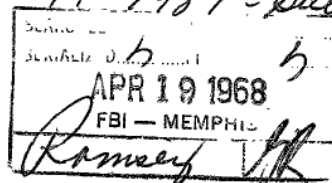
ELVIN STEWART, Adamsville Laundry and Cleaners.

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DICK MILLER, C and M Laundry and Cleaners,
1212 Wayne Road;
Goodmans Laundry and Cleaners, 402 Belmont
Street.

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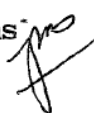
FROM : SA HOWARD D. TETEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ME)

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The information obtained from the records of St. Joseph Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, concerning the admittance and treatment of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on 4/4/68, at St. Joseph Hospital were obtained from J. LUTON, Assistant Administrator, St. Joseph Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. These records are confidential, and should it be necessary to utilize these records in Federal Court, a subpoena duces tecum must be directed to J. LUTON.

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TO : SAC(44-1987)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. HAROLD TAYLOR, who is employed at Hull Dobbs phoned the PM of the above date. He advised as follows;

He grew up in Dyer County, Tennessee with James Ray and his brother Billy Ray. He saw James Ray there as late as two years ago. James was a drifter, had been in the Merchant Marine and was in California.

Inasmuch as James Earl Ray was in the Missouri State Penitentiary as late as a year ago he felt the Rays he knew were probably not identical. However, if the Rays he knew proved to be relatives he wanted it known he would help the FBI in any manner possible.

For information.

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CR

DATE: 4/20/68

The following dancing schools were contacted re subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka, and their records failed to reveal any listing for subject under true name or aliases:

Dorothy Ansmith Dance Studio,
5079 Park Avenue,
Memphis, Tennessee;

Peggy Armstrong School of Dancing,
3579 Park Avenue, and
3689 N. Watkins;

Art Linkletter-Totten Dance Studio,
1605 Getwell;

Art Linkletter- Totten Dance Studio,
3509 $\frac{1}{2}$ Summer Avenue;

Arthur Murray Dance Studio,
5 N. 3rd Street;

Fred Astaire Dance Studio,
3355 Poplar;

Marjorie Duckett School of Dancing,
1562 Union Avenue;

East Memphis School of Dance,
5245 Poplar;

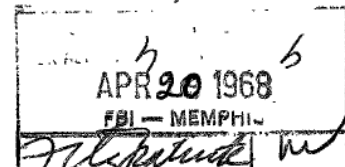
Elizabeth Ann Garner School of Dancing,
2944 Austin Peay Highway;

Elyse Holland School of Dancing,
3231 Summer Avenue;

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Eddie Hyde School of Ballroom Dancing,
3383 Summer Avenue;

Barbara Koehler School of Dancing,
3806 Lakeview Road;

Burney Lyons School of Dancing,
5365 Knight Arnold Road;

Mc Millan and Thomson School of Dancing,
3636 Lamar;

Shirley Moral School of Dance,
3390 Macon Road;

Ann Nell School of Dance,
3464 Summer Avenue;

Doris Schaferman's School of Dance,
3214 Thomas;

Martha Scott School of Dancing,
3971 Rhodes Road;

Margaret Smith School of Dancing,
5245 Poplar Avenue;

Patricia Williams School of Dancing,
983 Berclair.

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Memorandum

TO :SAC, Memphis (44-1987) -P-

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM :SA Walter W. Dunkling

SUBJECT:MURKIN

This date Frank Cutolo contacted the Nashville RA and advised that FBI agents from the Knoxville Office had attempted to contact his wife, Jacqueline, while they were on a business trip for Imperial Imports of Miami, Fla.

He stated his wife was formerly an employee of a dance studio in New Orleans, La., and had a suitcase containing old photographs, possibly including that of Eric Galt, based on a photograph of him observed in a local paper.

He stated that arrangements had been made for him to contact his employer in Miami, Fla., and the suitcase would then be forwarded to him at his current location. He stated that he is a traveling salesman for the company and would be in Nashville for a week to ten days.

He advised that should he have to be contacted concerning King he could be reached at the following address:

Hix Motor Court
200 Crutchfield Ave
Nashville, Tenn
256-2348

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*Cutolo in interview
& Miami notified!*

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