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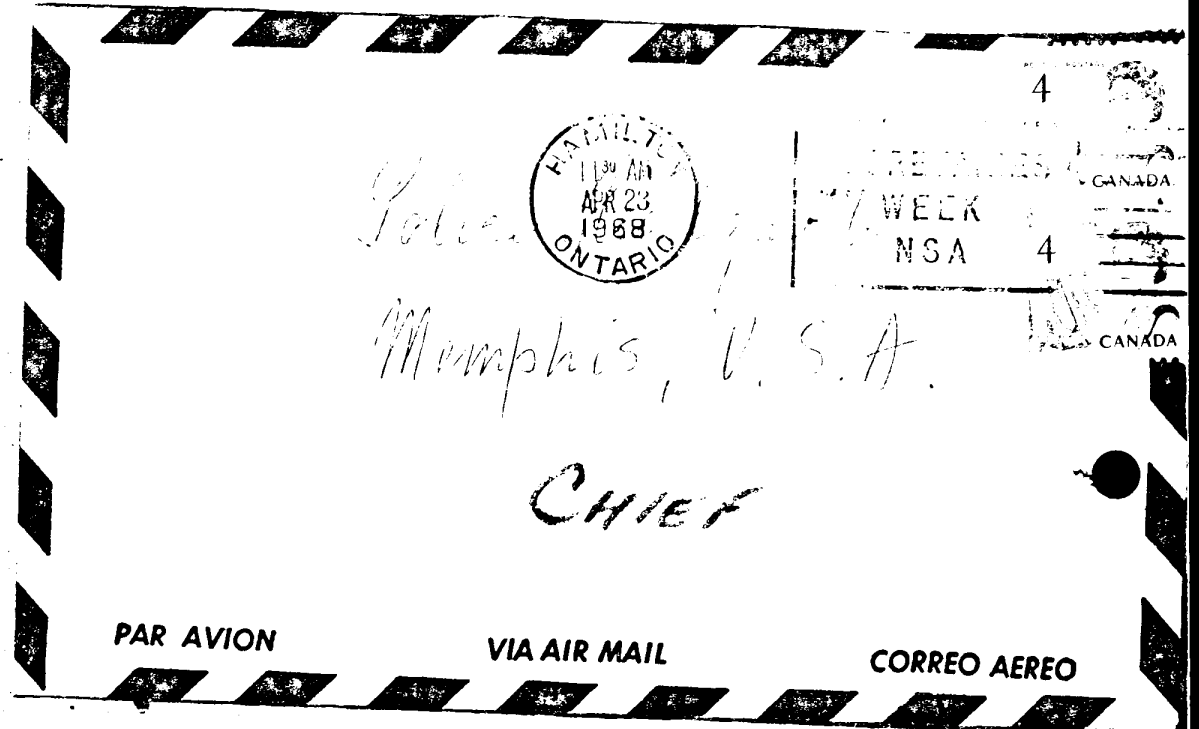
Re: E. Galt

On Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> he was in Mexico City, South,  
Suburb San Pedro, near Hwy 95.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re Springfield teletype dated 5/3/68.

Enclosed for the receiving offices is one copy each of investigative insert reflecting investigation of Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard Branch, records on JOHN EUGENE GAWRON.

This information will be contained in the Springfield report at a later date.

*This is Uncle Jack who lived with mother*

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861) (Enc. 1)
  - 2 - Memphis (Enc. 1)
  - 2 - St. Louis (Enc. 1)
  - 2 - Springfield (44-561)
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Special Agent in Charge

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The following investigation was conducted at Menard, Illinois, on May 1, 1968, by SA JEROLD W. DONALDSON:

Warden MAX FRYE, Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard Branch, made available the prison records of JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, Illinois State Police #25261 (Joliet Penitentiary #489F). The file reflected the following background data:

NAME	JOHN EUGENE GAWRON
ALIASES	JOHN GAWRON JACK DAWSON JOHN GAWROS JACK MOREEY
RACE	White
SEX	Male
DATE OF BIRTH	
PLACE OF BIRTH	Chicago, Illinois
HEIGHT	5'8"
WEIGHT	170 pounds
HAIR	Gray
EYES	Hazel
RELIGION	Catholic
EDUCATION	8th Grade, Chicago
NATIONALITY	Polish
MILITARY SERVICE	U. S. Marine Corps from May 6, 1916, to May 24, 1917. Marine Corps Serial No. 73896
PARENTS	Deceased, father died 1931, mother died 1951.
FBI NUMBER	134334
OCCUPATION	Cook and baker
CHARACTERISTICS	Smokes, chews tobacco, and drinks heavily

The file revealed that GAWRON was originally received at Joliet, Illinois, Penitentiary on November 2, 1934, under sentence of one to life for burglary. GAWRON received Menard Branch, Illinois State Penitentiary on July 25, 1956, from Adams County, Illinois, as a parole violator. GAWRON paroled from Menard on March 21, 1959, to Veterans Administration Hospital,

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Wood, Wisconsin. He remained there three days and left without permission. GAWRON carried at that time in an absconder status until November 16, 1961, when he was returned to Menard Penitentiary. He was paroled on April 11, 1963, to the Soldiers and Sailors Home, Quincy, Illinois, but was never received at this home. GAWRON's address as of April, 1968, was shown as 1807 South 11th, St. Louis, Missouri.

The following individuals were listed as correspondents in GAWRON's file:

Miss MARY MCMICHOLES, cousin, 1010 Park Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri

Miss CAROL MAHER, later shown as Mrs. CAROL PEPPER, a friend, 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Missouri, and ALBERT PEPPER, 1713 Lafayette Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Questionnaires were filled out by the following individuals:

Date of questionair not shown on file. LUCILLE MARY RYAN (friend), who lists an address of 701½ Washington (date not shown) and 527 York, Quincy, Illinois, in July, 1967.

CAROL ANN MAHER (Second cousin), later shown as CAROL ANN PEPPER, 1913 Henry, St. Louis, Missouri

ALBERT BENNY PEPPER (friend), 1015 Allen, St. Louis, Missouri

JOHN LARRY RAY (friend), 1915 Hickory, St. Louis, Missouri.

Also included in the file were 3 re-classification reports dated June 10, 1940; December 2, 1961; and September 2, 1956, which would be of pertinent background value.

DIAGNOSTIC DEPOT  
ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY  
JOLIET

June 10, 1940

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CLASSIFICATION REPORT

JDD No.: Name: GAWRON, John Age: 40 Admitted: 11/2/34  
Crime: Burglary Sentence: 1-Life


1. Transfer.  
2. Classification.  
3. Recommendations

RECLASSIFICATION

1. Stateville Division.
2. Group III: Without psychosis or mental defect. Doubtfully improvable. Inadequate personality. High average intelligence ( C plus 104, Army Alpha score - 1934). Alcoholic tendency. Partial deafness.

This inmate was classified as a doubtfully improvable offender with delinquent attitudes and lack of initiative and ambition. His criminality appeared to be related to his alcoholic tendency. He was recently examined when he wrote a request for transfer to Stateville because of problems of ill health. He claimed that he was disabled in the World War and that his ear drums were ruptured. He now complains of head pains and discharging ears. He feels, rather vaguely, that larger, dryer cells at Stateville would be more conducive to good health. His conduct within the Old Prison has been satisfactory. He has been punished on only two or three occasions. He has a fairly good attitude toward his employment. He shows no evidence of mental disease. Under the new policy he should be classified for Stateville since it is likely he will have to serve a number of years within the institution. In the interests of his general health and to further the present classification policy, resegregation is recommended.

3. Continued medical treatment for the ear condition and work in a dry, inside place is suggested.

  
R. G. Barrick, M.D.  
Chairman  
Classification Board.

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Joliet #489-F

PAROLE VIOLATOR

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST  
MENARD DIAGNOSTIC DEPT. UNIT

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

Menard #25261

December 2, 1961

Admitted: 11-2-34 (Jol.)

Name: GARRON, John

Age: 62

Re Admitted: 11-16-61

Crime: Burglary

Sentence: 1-Life

RECLASSIFICATION REPORT

BEHAVIOR ON PAROLE

This 62 year old white man was paroled from Menard on 3-21-59 to a Veteran's Administration Hospital at Wood, Wisconsin, but remained there only three days and then left without permission. He now says, "I got loaded up on liquor and goof balls, and when I came to I was in the Union Station at Chicago and found I had a ticket to St. Louis so I just went on to St. Louis and stayed there." He says he lived in St. Louis during the entire time he was at large as an absconder, and lived with a cousin at a rooming house at 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis. He says he obtained employment, usually casual and part-time in nature, through an employment agency, and also received a V.A. compensation check amounting to \$61.00 monthly. During his last few months of liberty he also received public aid assistance. He states that on two occasions, from July to September, 1959 and again from October, 1960 to January, 1961, he was a patient at the Cochran V.A. Hospital in St. Louis because of a heart condition. Inmate says he was not arrested at any time while in St. Louis, but about 11-9-61 he and an acquaintance were picked up at Louisiana, Missouri, his identity as an Illinois violator was then discovered, and he waived extradition for return. He says this acquaintance left St. Louis to drive to Quincy, Illinois, asked inmate to go along, and he accepted. He says they stopped at Louisiana, Missouri and were questioned by police about the burglary of a supermarket in that area, but he knew nothing about that offense. Enclosed with reports from the Division of Supervision concerning this inmate is a detailed report of investigation by the Missouri Highway Patrol of the burglary, but we find nothing in this which would suggest that inmate and his companion were suspected of having any connection with the crime, and it seems evident that no charge was filed in Missouri. However, it will be noted that this episode seems to have at least some points of resemblance to the behavior which led to his return as a parole violator in July, 1956.

REVIEW OF SOCIAL FACTORS:

The Reclassification Report of 9-2-56 offers a summary of inmate's background and we would refer to that report. As indicated above, he assertedly lived with a cousin who operates a rooming house in St. Louis after he absconded from his most recent parole. Although he says he was under the influence of liquor and "goof balls" at the time he absconded from parole, he claims that thereafter he indulged only in moderate drinking. He says he worked at various part-time jobs as a janitor, etc., while in St. Louis until he was placed on public relief following his release from the Cochran V.A. Hospital in January, 1961 following a heart attack. He now corresponds with his cousin in St. Louis.

PERSONALITY:

Physically, inmate's appearance suggests his advancing age, and he gives a history of two fairly severe heart attacks in recent years. He has also been hard of hearing for a number of years, and receives V.A. disability compensation. We would refer to the current medical report for further information as to his condition. Recent psychometric test indicates superior intelligence, with a score approximating that previously obtained. Temperamentally, he is a rather beaten, prisonized individual who has in the past had a history of heavy drinking during the occasional interludes when he is not incarcerated, but who claims only moderate indulgence following the binge which led to his prompt absconding from his V.A. Hospital placement. We regard him as a rather dependent institutionalized

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person who has long been an outcast from conventional society and who tends to submerge himself into anonymity whenever he is confronted with the demands of a free community adjustment.


CLASSIFICATION:

Group III: Without evident mental disorder or mental defect. Adult unimprovable offender.

Superior intelligence (AGCT 115). Inadequate personality makeup. High guarded prognosis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Menard general division. Medium or maximum security. Light routine work assignment.

  
R. H. Groff (Member)  
Classification Board

RHG:drc



#1542-Pontiac

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST  
MENARD D. D. UNIT

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

#25261-Menard

September 2, 1956

Name: GAWRON, John

Age: 57

Admitted: 11-19-34-J

Crime: Burglary

Sentence: 1-Life

Sentence: 6-7-46-J(PV)  
7-25-56-M(JPV)

RECLASSIFICATION

- 1. Transfer.
- 2. Classification
- 3. Recommendations

BEHAVIOR ON PAROLE:

This 57 year old white man was paroled from Joliet for the second time on

9-21-54 to placement at the Soldier's and Sailor's Home in Quincy. He remained there until March 1956, then left because he learned the police were looking for him in connection with investigation of an Armed Robbery at LaGrange, Missouri. Reports indicate that inmate had been drinking considerably while at the Soldier's and Sailor's Home, and had also been keeping company with a Mrs. Lucille Ryan, the mother of a Menard parolee, #23737 Ryan. This parolee was also arrested in connection with the armed robbery at LaGrange, Missouri, and is apparently now incarcerated in that state. Records indicate that another parolee, Menard #23686 Cain, was also arrested for questioning in connection with that investigation, but was released. Inmate says he left the home when he learned that police were looking for him, moved to a room in Quincy, and he evidently eluded investigation at that time. Although he refused to reveal where he was living, other information indicates that he was later living with Mrs. Ryan. According to his own story, he obtained employment with a road construction company after he left the home, and it would appear that his whereabouts might have been traced in this manner, had there been sufficient interest. Records indicate that a violation warrant was issued late in March 1956, and that he was then arrested by Quincy police on 6-28-56 as a burglary suspect. Cain, Menard #23686, had been arrested a few days earlier in connection with two burglaries in which inmate does not appear to have been directly implicated, although the loot was apparently taken to Mrs. Ryan's home, where inmate was staying. Cain then admitted some earlier burglaries, and implicated inmate as an associate in at least one of them. Inmate now professes rather naive innocence of any knowledge of these offenses, professes that he did not understand much of the questioning to which he was subjected following his arrest, and is evidently decided on a policy of admitting as little as possible. He does admit considerable drinking while on parole, and his technical violation in failure to send in a few reports. From present information, it would appear that there was a concerted and calculated series of criminal episodes in which two Menard parolees, Cain and Ryan, as well as at least one other associate were involved, and in which inmate was also implicated on the basis of Cain's statements.

REVIEW OF SOCIAL FACTORS:

Subject was born in Chicago on  as the sixth of seven children of a

native-born mother of Polish descent and a German immigrant father. During inmate's youth the family lived in a disorderly and delinquent area on the near northwest side in Chicago. He says his father "had a political job" with the Chicago street department, and the family was evidently of limited socio-economic status. He now says his father died in 1930 and his mother

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST

MEWARD D. D. UNIT

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

Menard #25261

Name: GAWRON, John

Age:

Admitted:

Crime:

Sentence:

RECLASSIFICATION

1. Transfer.
2. Classification
3. Recommendations

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also died in 1951. Inmate says he now has two living brothers, but has had no contact with either of them for a considerable time. He claims to have completed eighth grade in public school. In February 1915 he was committed to St. Charles for stealing auto tires, apparently escaped twice, and it seems to have been during an escape from that institution that he enlisted in the Marines in May 1916. He was medically discharged from the Marines in May 1917. In April 1918 he was committed to Pontiac under one year sentence for larceny. In June 1921 he was committed to Leavenworth under 5 year sentence for altering and passing government obligations. In September 1927 he was sentenced to a six month term in the Chicago House of Correction for burglary. In June 1929 he was sentenced to a 1-15 year term at Folsom for burglary, and was paroled in December 1931. As records indicate, it was in November 1934 that he was originally committed to Joliet under his present 1-Life sentence, and his only period in the free community since have been his recent parole period and one earlier parole from December 1944 until June 1946, during which he worked at the Hines VA Hospital part of the time and was eventually involved in another burglary. His civilian work history has thus been extremely irregular and casual. In previous interviews inmate has stated that he was married in 1932 and was later divorced, but he now denies that he was ever married and says this was a common-law attachment. Leisure activities have centered primarily around drinking. Inmate now has no effective community attachments.

PERSONALITY:

Physically inmate is an aging individual who is apparently somewhat hard of hearing, and he gives a history of chronic ear trouble dating from his Marine service in 1916-17. He has received partial disability compensation for a considerable number of years, and apparently is fearful of giving a history of too satisfactory health because he feels that this might possible be reduced or cut off. Previous psychometric tests have indicated superior intelligence, but his present reactions suggest that he is functioning on a considerably lower level. Temperamentally he is a rather beaten, prisonized individual who has been incarcerated much of his life and who has no goals or constructive motivations. He has been inclined toward heavy drinking when not incarcerated, and apparently this was a problem during his recent parole period even before he became involved in more serious violations. In present interview he attempts to create as much sympathy for himself as possible, professes innocence of any serious wrong-doing, and claims to know nothing of the various new criminal charges for which he was under investigation. He now impresses us as an essentially dependent, institutionalized person who is unable to avoid involvement in criminal activity in the free community, and for whom any hope of satisfactory adjustment now seems remote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST  
MENARD D. D. UNIT

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

Menard #25261

Name: GAWRON, John

Age:

Admitted:

Crime:

Sentence:

RECLASSIFICATION

1. Transfer.
2. Classification
3. Recommendations

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CLASSIFICATION: Group III. Without psychosis or mental defect. Adult unimprovable offender. Superior intelligence. Inadequate personality with alcoholic tendencies. Highly guarded prognosis.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Menard general division. Maximum security seems advisable for the present. Light routine unskilled work assignment.

*R. H. Groff*  
R. H. Groff (Member)  
Classification Board

RHG/bh

5/8/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-1987) (P)  
RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Cleveland 5/7/68.

Chief of Police DONALD COWEN, NA, Alliance, Ohio Police Department, advised on 5/8/68, that he is very familiar with ROBERT COMROY, who has contacted his Department repeatedly in the past with solutions to Alliance police cases. COWEN indicates that COMROY is a "nut" on criminal cases and is constantly supplying police agencies with erroneous information.

Mr. ELMER HUDSON, Pharmacist, Turner Drug Store, Alliance, Ohio, advised on 5/8/68, that he recalled a stranger coming into his drug store at approximately 8:30 P.M., on 5/7/68 and looking over the magazine rack. Since business was slow, he watched the stranger for several minutes and was of the opinion that this man was definitely not JAMES EARL RAY. HUDSON stated that he had seen RAY's picture in the local papers as well as on television and was positive that the man in his drug store was not identical to RAY.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Cleveland

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN-COST DATA

Reurairtel 4/19/68.

The following are estimated totals through 4/30/68:

	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Total
1. A. Special Agents	100	40	140
B. Clerical Employees	<u>10</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>110</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>150</u>
2. Estimated mileage:	300 miles		
3. Unusual Costs:	None		
4. Peak Number of SAs:	55		

2 - Memphis  
1 - Buffalo

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Special Agent in Charge

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**AIRTEL**

**AIRMAIL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI**  
**ATTENTION: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

**FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-778)**

**RE: MURKIN**  
**CR**  
**OO: ME**

It is requested that the unidentified latents in the following case be compared with the available prints of **JAMES EARL RAY, aka, FUGITIVE; FBI # 405 942 G; IO # 4153; WF 442-A,** subject of this case:

**UNKNOWN;**  
**FUNNY STATE BANK**  
**FUNNY, MO., 2-8-68**  
**ME**

**OO: SL**  
**MOBILE: 91-20677**  
**SLFILE: 91-4243.**

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

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Via A I R T E L \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: *RS/vjl* SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Memphis airtel 4/19/68, and Jacksonville airtel 4/30/68.

On 5/7/68, Mrs. RAY MORRIS, 2052 Lake Osborne Dr., Lake Worth, Fla., advised SA ROBERT SCHACHNER her husband owns a 1965 Ford Mustang, navy blue in color bearing Fla. license, number not recalled. Mrs. MORRIS advised her husband is a former teacher at Lake Worth High School, Lake Worth, Fla., but changed jobs during the recent teacher strike in Fla.

Mrs. MORRIS advised her husband is now employed by the Career Academy, Nashville, Tenn. She stated that she is in the process of moving the family to Nashville. She advised her husband went to Nashville about April 2, 1968. She stated that she believes he is residing in Nashville in a room at 115 Blue Hills Ct., telephone number 615-883-5663.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS:

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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2 - Miami  
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*Nashville lead*

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Special Agent in Charge

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Will locate RAY MORRIS and determine if he is identical with subject.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: *AS* SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) P  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: Memphis

Re Recontact Of Laundries Using Code "20R-3."

Re Memphis airtel to all continental offices,  
4/19/68.

All laundries have been recontacted in the Albuquerque  
Division operating thermo-seal marking machines in an effort  
to locate the laundry using Code "20R-3" with negative results.

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2 - Albuquerque  
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*Boyle*  
*Ramsey*

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/6/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: *ALB* SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: Memphis

Re "Look Alike" Of Subject RAY On American Airlines Flight 338 From Dallas to Philadelphia.

Re El Paso telephone call to Albuquerque, 5/2/68.

On 5/2/68, EARL C. MORRISON was interviewed at 1025 Larry Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico, by Special Agent PAUL R. FARRELL. MORRISON advised that he and his wife GLADYS boarded a plane on 4/6/68 at El Paso, Texas, and left at 6:00 AM for Dallas, Texas. At Dallas, they had to change planes and boarded an American Airlines plane about 9:00 AM for Baltimore.

Mr. MORRISON recalled sitting near the rear of the plane because the kitchen was opposite his seat.

IO No. 4182 was displayed to MORRISON and he said that the photographs meant nothing to him as he did not recall any passengers resembling these photographs.

Mr. MORRISON stated that his wife is staying at the Park Lane Hotel in Albuquerque and she is going to undergo medical treatment tomorrow.

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2 - Albuquerque  
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Special Agent in Charge

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On 5/2/68, Mrs. EARL (GLADYS) MORRISON was interviewed at the Park Lane Hotel, Room 18, 1701 Central, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico, by Special Agent DONALD W. KUSULAS. Mrs. MORRISON advised that she and her husband flew from El Paso, Texas, on 4/6/68, to Baltimore, Maryland. They left El Paso about 6:00 AM and changed planes in Dallas, Texas, boarding an American Airlines plane around 9:00 AM. She said they sat near the center of the plane over one of the wings. She said that she recalls sitting in either 14-B or 15-B.

Mrs. MORRISON viewed IO No. 4182 and stated that the photographs did not resemble anyone she knew or had ever seen before. She said the photographs did not resemble any of the passengers. She stated that she recalls a man sitting either in front of her or next to her on the aisle who chewed his fingernails just like her husband. This man did not resemble the photograph of RAY.

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Date: 5/6/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Remyairtel, 5/2/68.

Enclosed with reairtel was a list of approximately 300 calls made, 12/15-17/67, Houston Division to Louisiana. These numbers were obtained through equipment programmed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Set forth in this airtel are an additional 75 phone calls, 12/15-17/67, Houston to Louisiana which were obtained by a physical review of telephone records by agents of the Houston Division.

New Orleans should have each call checked out.

DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8358	504-282-6540	New Orleans
12/16/67	835-9094 Beaumont	504-8999-4323	New Orleans
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9725	318-439-8584	Lake Charles

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
10 - New Orleans  
2 - Houston  
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*Boyle* *OTD*

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Special Agent in Charge

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/15/67	Houston 682-9208	318-433-9279	Lake Charles
12/17/67	Houston 682-9102	318-433-8125	"
12/15/67	Orange 886-9907	318-477-9568	Lake Charles
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8194	318-433-2857	"
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8194	318-436-1275	"
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8098	318-477-0207	"
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8140	318-433-8445	"
"	"	"	"
12/16/67	Vidor 679-9103	318-436-6693	Lake Charles
12/16/67	Vidor 769-9103	318-477-4226	"
12/16/67	Vidor 769-9104	318-439-9328	"
12/16/67	Houston 673-9557	318-433-2620	"
12/16/67	Houston 673-9557	318-433-3273	"
12/16/67	Houston 673-9557	318-433-2620	"
12/17/67	468-9039 Houston	318-477-0616	Lake Charles
12/16/67	Orange 886-9708	318-436-2505	"

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8334	318-433-3724	Lake Charles
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8351	318-436-0494	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9369	318-433-5103	"
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9292	318-882-1916	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9243	318-433-8445	"
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9040	318-439-9031	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9094	318-477-4586	"
12/16/67	Houston 468-9857	318-235-3161	LaFayette, Louisiana
12/17/67	673-9008 Houston	318-235-0908	"
12/15/67	Houston 468-9032	318-232-7113	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8347	318-235-8325	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9243	318-942-6835	Opelousas
12/17/67	Houston 673-9112	318-948-8857	"
12/16/67	Houston 673-9557	318-948-8153	"

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12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8264	318-948-1613	Opelousas
12/16/67	Orange 886-9954	318-589-6207	Vinton
12/15/67	Orange 886-9900	318-589-7748	Vinton
12/15/67	886-9844 Orange	318-589-7682	Vinton
12/16/67	Orange 886-9844	318-589-7682	"
12/16/67	886-9714 Orange	318-589-7592	Vinton
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9700	504-388-3298	Baton Rouge
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9631	504-355-0013	"
12/16/67 (Four calls same date)	Beaumont 892-9920	504-921-2744	"
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8111	318-335-9050	Oakdale
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9208	318-335-9056	"
12/15/67	Vidor 769-9103	318-239-6602	Leesville
12/16/67	886-9750 Orange	318-578-2315	Leesville
12/17/67	Orange 886-9989	318-527-3477	Sulphur
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8275	318-625-3723	Sulphur
12/15/67	Vidor 769-9103	318-457-9175	Eunice

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12/15/67	Houston 468-9156	318-457-5869	Eunice
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8347	318-824-2443	Jennings
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9319	318-824-1445	Jennings
12/15/67	Houston 673-9979	318-635-5974	Shreveport
12/17/67	Houston 468-9009	318-686-6338	"
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9522	318-872-4056	Mansfield
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9658	318-363-3598	Ville Platt
12/17/67	Houston 673-9050	318-247-8851	<u>Grmsimbo</u>
12/15/67	Houston 468-9182	504-386-3576	Ponchatola
12/17/67	Houston 683-9332	318-292-6387	Marion
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8051	318-256-5372	Many
12/17/67	886-9873 Orange	318-256-3767	Many
12/17/67	Houston 682-9059	318-922-3731	Plaucheville
12/15/67	Orange 886-9777	318-743-5370	Starks
12/17/67	Houston 673-9076	318-783-5208	Crowley



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12/17/67	Houston 673-9501	318-377-0160	Minden
12/17/67	Orange 886-9727	318-684-2435	Church Point
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8111	318-634-7297	Elizabeth
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8027	318-786-3231	DeQuincy
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8127	318-786-4131	"
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-8104	318-725-3277	Ragley
12/17/67	Orange 886-9754	318-334-5524	Rayne
12/16/67	Orange 886-9900	318-442-3547	Alexandria
12/15/67	452-9133 Houston	318-893-2363	Abbeville
12/17/67	Houston 468-9898	318-325-1726	Monroe
12/16/67	Houston 673-9407	318-777-3588	Dubach
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8070	504-257-3148	White Castle
12/16/67	Vidor 769-9136	318- 697-4840	Logansport

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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
MURKIN

Re Kansas City Airtel to Director 5/7/68, re TOM  
BRITTON.

One copy of each enclosure to Memphis with  
reference Airtel enclosed for assistance of Birmingham in locating  
BRITTON in Birmingham area.

2 BIRMINGHAM (Enc. 3)  
1 KANSAS CITY (Info)  
1 MEMPHIS

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611 (Transcript of record from Missouri  
Dept. of Corrections Reception-  
Diagnostic Center Report)

612 ( KC airtel to Director 5-7-68)  
TOM BRITTON

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**RECHARGE**

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**AIRTEL**

**AIRMAIL**

**TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)**

**MURKIN**

**OO: Memphis**

Re Bureau airtel to Indianapolis, Birmingham, and Mobile, 4/30/68, copy to Memphis, regarding Mrs. **RYTH HANNEY - COMPLAINTS**

The following investigation was conducted by SAs **HERBERT T. BRADSHAW** and **WILLIAM S. LISTON**:

On May 6, 1968, Mrs. **RYTH HANNEY**, 601 East Adams Street, Muncie, Indiana, advised as follows:

All the information which she has furnished by letter to FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C., was obtained by her and her daughter, Mrs. **BARBARA WALLER**, St. Johns Street, at Daleville Road, Daleville, Indiana, by use of a ouija board, a device which mystically spells out words when questions are asked of it. Also, she stated that at about the time of the Pueblo incident, she began hearing signals over her television set which sounded like Morse Code being transmitted, and she thought the Russians were doing this.

Mrs. **HANNEY**'s letter to the Bureau was orally acknowledged and she was asked not to furnish additional letters to the Bureau based on information she obtains from her ouija board.

In view of the foregoing, no further investigation should be conducted concerning information furnished by Mrs. **HANNEY**.

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1 - Birmingham (Info.)  
① - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Mobile (Info.)  
1 - Indianapolis

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**Airtel**

**To:** SAC's, Omaha (44-310) - Enc. (2)  
Memphis (44-1987)

**From:** Director, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**

Re Omaha airtel 4-30-68, submitting a white envelope, Q302, and accompanying handwritten message, Q303, for examination.

No latent impressions of value found or developed on Q302 or Q303, which are enclosed to Omaha.

Laboratory reporting separate.

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**Airtel**

**To: SAC's, Denver (157-203) - Enc.  
Memphis (44-1987)**

**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

**Re Denver airtel 4-29-68, submitting a registration card for room #32, Q307, for examination.**

**No latent impressions of value found or developed on the registration card, which is enclosed to Denver.**

**Laboratory reporting separate.**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re SA airtel to the Bureau, 5/3/68.

RE: TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY ENROUTE  
 FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Referenced airtel sets out information to the effect that there was no such place as Fratt, Texas, telephone number 512-655-1196.

On 5/6/68, SA JACK KEMMY, San Antonio Office, was advised of the following by FTS telephone call:

It had been determined that the telephone call made on 12/17/67, from Van Horn, Texas, had been directed to San Antonio, Texas, and not Fratt, Texas, the telephone number in San Antonio being 512 655 1196.

SA KEMMY advised that the San Antonio Office would check out this telephone number.

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 ②-Memphis (44-1997)  
 1-Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)  
 2-San Antonio (44-1242)  
 1-El Paso

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

MURKIN

**RE: MOTOR VEHICLES AND LICENSE  
PLATES STOLEN IN ALABAMA**

Reference is made to Bureau airtel to Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile, and Savannah, 4/26/68.

Transmitted to Mobile and Birmingham was a list of motor vehicles and license plates stolen in Alabama, as compiled from information retained in NCIC.

SA MYRON G. TURNER, on 4/30/68, 5/1, 2, and 3/68, reviewed the files concerning these stolen licenses and automobiles which were listed on the enclosure from the Bureau. The information reviewed by him was made available by MICHAEL SULLIVAN, Investigator, Investigation and Identification Division, Alabama Dept. of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama.

Information concerning each offense was recorded in handwriting on a separate sheet. Enclosed herewith for Birmingham are 96 sheets reflecting information concerning licenses and automobiles stolen in that portion of Alabama recovered by the Birmingham Division.

Mobile is instituting investigation concerning the licenses and automobiles stolen within that portion of Alabama, covered by Mobile to develop any information indicating whether or not subject RAY may have been involved in any of these thefts.

Details of these investigations are being handled in Subfile one of Mobile File 157-2627, and any pertinent information developed will be reported to the Bureau, Memphis, and Atlanta.

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- 2 - Bureau
  - 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)(Info)
  - 2 - Birmingham (44-1740)(Enc.96)
  - ② - Memphis (44-1987)
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
 FROM: *JWA* SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
 THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 RE: JOHN C. MEDIZER

Re Chicago teletypes to Bureau dated 4/25 and 5/2/68, Dallas teletype to Bureau dated 4/26/68 and Springfield teletype to Chicago and Dallas dated 5/3/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 9 copies each of FD-302s setting forth interviews with JOHN C. MEDIZER and BILL DAVIDSON, his former employer.

In view of the fact MEDIZER has been in the Dallas area during period 4/1 - 12/68, no further investigation being conducted by Dallas regarding this suspect.

2 - Memphis (Enc. <sup>16</sup>18) *JWA*  
 3 - Dallas (2 - 44-2649)  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 5/7/68

Mr. **BILL DAVIDSON**, Foreman with the Leroy Roberts Construction Company, 4031 Mission Street, Dallas, advised that his payroll records reflect that **JOHN C. MEDIZER** was employed by his company as an assistant fork lift operator continually from April 1, 1968, through April 12, 1968. He stated that he well recalls **MEDIZER** working there during the above period with a friend of his by the name of **EDDIE CRANFIELD**. Mr. **DAVIDSON** did not have any Social Security Number for **MEDIZER** and stated that he left his employment to go to work for the Texas Nameplate Company, Dallas.

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On 5/6/68 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 44-2649  
Memphis 44-1987

by SAS JAMES W. ANDERTON & FRANCIS H. HENWOOD JWA/cc Date dictated

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Date 5/7/68

**JOHN C. MEDIZER** was located at his place of employment, Texas Nameplate Company, 1900 South Ervay Street, at which time he was interviewed.

**MEDIZER** stated that he left Chicago, Illinois, on March 31, 1968, by way of Greyhound Bus, directly to Dallas, Texas, with an approximate 2-hour layover at St. Louis, Missouri, on the same date. He stated that he arrived in Dallas early on the morning of April 1, 1968, and immediately contacted a friend of his by the name of **EDDIE CRANFIELD**, who lives at 5506 East R. L. Thornton Freeway.

**MEDIZER** stated before leaving Chicago he lived at 4601 Belmont and worked for the Rotop-Print Company.

He stated that while in Chicago he was a member of the American Nazi Party (ANP) and plans to continue his membership with the ANP by paying his dues to the ANP headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. **MEDIZER** further stated he does not plan to contact any of the ANP members in Dallas, Texas, since he is becoming inactive in the ANP inasmuch as he is getting married shortly to a Dallas girl by the name of **CHARLENE HARRIS**, who works at the Coca Cola Bottling Company, Dallas.

**MEDIZER** stated that on April 1, 1968, he obtained a construction job through his friend, **EDDIE CRANFIELD**, with the Leroy Roberts Construction Company, 4031 Mission Street, Dallas. He stated that he worked continuously at this construction company with **EDDIE CRANFIELD** until approximately April 12, 1968, at which time he left that company because he did not like construction work. **MEDIZER** stated that he then began working for the Texas Nameplate Company on April 18, 1968, and has been so employed to the present date.

**MEDIZER** then stated that in regard to the murder of **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**, he does not recall ever making any threats against the life of **KING**, however, since he is a member of the ANP, he does not agree at all with the policies followed by **KING** or his successors. He stated, however, that as a member

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On 5/6/68 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 44-2649  
Memphis 44-1987-605

by SAS JAMES W. ANDERTON & FRANCIS M. HENWOOD JWA/cc Date dictated 5/6/68

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of the ANP he does not believe in violence and the present policy of the ANP is against physical violence.

MEDIZER stated that since he is getting married in the near future, he plans to stay in the Dallas area and purchase a home and become inactive in the ANP.

He further stated that Mr. LEROY ROBERTS or his foreman, BILL DAVIDSON, could vouch for his whereabouts from April 1 to April 12, 1968.

The following is a description of JOHN C. MEDIZER as obtained from interview and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth data	<input type="text"/> Chicago, Illinois
Height	5'10"
Weight	145
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond
Selective Service #	11-128-40-55 (Classified 1-A with the Benton, Illinois, Selective Service Board).

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**AIRTEL**

**AIR MAIL**

**TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)**  
**FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**  
**(OO: MEMPHIS)**

Reference is made to Atlanta teletype to the Bureau, Memphis and Mobile, dated 5/2/68.

Enclosed herewith for Atlanta are 25 copies and for Memphis 2 copies, of insert reflecting investigation conducted by Mobile at Greenville, Ala., pursuant to request in referenced teletype.

It will be noted that Mr. LOWNIE DANIELS, JR., Manager of the Raid Motel, Greenville, Ala., advised that if he were furnished the color of the watch book found in Atlanta, and the writing thereon, he might be able to pinpoint the month or the approximate time the book was dispensed at that motel. It is noted the investigation does not reflect any information that subject has ever stayed at this motel.

2 - Atlanta (Enc. 25)  
② - Memphis (44-1987)(Enc. 2)  
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MATCH BOOK FROM REID MOTEL,  
GREENVILLE, ALABAMA, FOUND BEHIND  
107-113 14TH STREET, N.E., ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The following investigation was conducted on  
May 3, 1968 by SA DANIEL W. MC ALLEN, III, at Greenville,  
Alabama:

Mr. LONNIE DANIELS, SR., Manager, Reid Motel,  
Highway 31, advised that he has been working at this motel  
for the past two years, and presently is managing same in  
the absence of the owner, Mrs. ETHEL B. DYKES. He said that  
he normally checks guests in and out of the motel and feels  
certain he would recognize individual guests from photographs.  
DANIELS said he was a law enforcement officer for 16 years  
and has had experience in identifying people from photographs.

DANIELS was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and  
could not identify any of the photographs as anyone having  
stayed at this motel in the past. In addition he made avail-  
able records of the motel which were examined by SA DANIEL W.  
MC ALLEN, III, but no registration for Subject RAY, under his  
true name or aliases, was found. This check covered the  
period from April, 1967 to date.

DANIELS stated that match books at this motel are  
not kept out in the open where anyone could pick them up, but  
are given out to persons only on request. He said that the  
motel has used several different colored match books, and  
the printing on the match books have differed at times. He  
stated that if the color of any particular match book and the  
writing thereon were made known to him, he would possibly be  
able to pinpoint the approximate time the match book was  
dispensed at that motel. DANIELS advised that numerous persons  
from the Atlanta, Georgia, area frequent this motel.

Mrs. MARY OWENS, maid, Reid Motel, was shown photo-  
graphs of RAY, but could not identify the photographs as anyone  
having stayed at that motel in the past.

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**TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)**  
**FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)**  
**MURKIN**

Re Columbia teletype 4/26/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are nine copies and for the Bureau and Columbia one copy each of an administrative insert concerning NICHOLAS NATHANIEL CAULDER.

This insert is being designated as administrative inasmuch as CAULDER is a former informant of the Columbia, Savannah and Richmond offices.

- ② - Memphis (Encs 9) *ly*  
 1 - Bureau (44-38861) (Info) (Enc 1)  
 1 - Columbia (Information) (Enc 1)  
 1 - Charlotte

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Re NICHOLAS NATHANIEL CAULDER

By teletype dated 4/26/68, the Columbia Office advised as follows:

For information of Charlotte, NICHOLAS NATHANIEL CAULDER, who resided at Camden, South Carolina, in 1966, was formerly SV 472-R (PROB), CO 48M-4, and RH 294-R. In 1965 he was described as Imperial Klexter of UKA, Inc., KKKK, and was dropped as an informant when he left the Klan. He told a Special Agent in 1965 that he hated Negroes and would gladly take part in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which information was reported to the Bureau.

CAULDER's last known address in February, 1967, was Route 1, Laurel Hill, North Carolina. Charlotte was instructed to conduct investigation to determine if CAULDER might be indicated as a conspirator in the assassination of KING.

The following investigation was conducted at Charlotte, North Carolina:

On April 24, 1968, Lieutenant C. Y. ROSS, Charlotte Police Department, advised that NICHOLAS NATHANIEL CAULDER had been arrested by the Charlotte police earlier on that date while in the process of burglarizing Lowe's Hardware Store. He gave his address as Route 1, Laurel Hill, North Carolina, and was driving a 1966 Dodge convertible.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EMANUEL R. JOHNSON at Charlotte, North Carolina:

On April 28, 1968, CAULDER was interviewed at the Mecklenburg County Jail, at which time he stated that on April 4, 1968, he was at his mother's residence in Laurel Hill, North Carolina. He said his mother, ELOISE CAULDER, can verify the fact that he was there on that date. He stated he could not recall where he was on March 29 and 30, 1968. He denied killing MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. or being

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a participant in connection with the shooting. He denied purchasing a rifle at Birmingham, Alabama. CAULDER also denied ever making a statement indicating that he would gladly take part in the killing of KING.

The following physical description of CAULDER was obtained from the records of the Charlotte Police Department and through observation and interview:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	29
Born	
Height	5'11"
Weight	220 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT M. STEVENSON at Laurel Hill, North Carolina:

On May 2, 1968, Mr. DAN CAULDER and his wife ELOISE CAULDER, mailing address Route 1, Box 228, residence Springfield Mill Village, were interviewed separately and they both advised substantially the same information, which information is as follows:

Their son, NICHODAS NATHANIEL CAULDER, whom they refer to as "Nick" and "Sonny," had been working as an electrician for the Bryant or Bryan Construction Company on the construction of the Hercules Plant at Wilmington for about one year until he was laid off during the latter part of February or the first part of March, 1968, when he returned to their home to stay and seek employment in the vicinity. He was unsuccessful in getting local employment and he then traveled to an unknown place in the State of Mississippi to get employment at an unknown company. They furnished him sufficient money for his travel to Mississippi, which he performed in his personally owned automobile. He stayed away from home about three days and returned saying that he found

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the company employees were on strike and he did not want to cross the picket lines. They could not furnish specific dates on which he made this trip but thought it was during the middle part of March, 1968.

They advised that CAULDER was at their home the evening that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was shot and killed because they specifically recalled that Mr. DAN CAULDER and their son were watching television the evening of April 4, 1968, and shortly after the news broadcast from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., they saw a special bulletin flash on the screen that KING had been shot and DAN CAULDER and their son called for Mrs. CAULDER to come to watch the television. They said several minutes later they saw on television that KING had died.

Mr. and Mrs. CAULDER were emphatic that their son was at their home the evening of April 4, 1968, and stated that he stayed at their home continuously for at least two weeks prior to April 4, 1968, but could not state definitely as to his specific whereabouts on March 29-30, 1968, other than the fact that he was at their home at night on these dates.

They advised their son has never been in trouble before and they are completely heartbroken to learn that he had been arrested in Charlotte for burglary.

They both advised they work at the Springfield Textile Mill near Laurel Hill. Mrs. CAULDER works on the first shift and her husband works on the third shift.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Richmond telephone call and airtel dated 4/26/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an original and eight copies of an insert regarding EARL FREEMAN DAVIS.

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2 - Memphis (Encs. 9) *yr*  
2 - Charlotte  
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RE: EARL FREEMAN DAVIS

By communication dated April 26, 1968, the Richmond Office of the FBI furnished the following information:

Chief of Police ROBERT ELLISON, Colonial Heights, Virginia, advised on April 26, 1968, that he had received a telephone call from EARL DAVIS, Route 1, Box 265, Wilson, North Carolina, telephone number 234-5967. He said that DAVIS desired that he (ELLISON) travel to Wilson, North Carolina and take him (DAVIS) into custody for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Chief ELLISON described DAVIS as a white male, about 45 years of age, who is employed as a road grader operator, and who is a heavy drinker. ELLISON said some time ago DAVIS was employed in the Colonial Heights, Virginia, area and was arrested several times by the Colonial Heights Police Department during that time.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES E. CALLAHAN, JR., at Wilson, North Carolina:

On April 26, 1968, JOHN TEAL, Identification Officer, Wilson Police Department, made available the arrest record for EARL FREEMAN DAVIS indicating numerous arrests from 1945 to date for drunkenness. He was shown as a white male, age 25 (1945), Route 1, Wilson, North Carolina, 5 feet 11 inches tall, 150 pounds, brown hair, and blue eyes.

On April 26, 1968, BERNICE DAVIS, the brother of EARL DAVIS, advised that EARL is presently employed by the S. T. Wooten Construction Company of Stantonsburg, North Carolina.

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On April 26, 1968, Mrs. MOORING, Wooten Construction Company, advised that DAVIS is presently working on a road project in Nash County, North Carolina. She advised that her records show that DAVIS was employed by that company and was at work on April 3, April 4, and April 5, 1968.

EARL FREEMAN DAVIS advised that on April 24, 1968, he made a telephone call to an unknown dispatcher at the Colonial Heights, Virginia, Police Department. He explained that on that date it was raining, and for this reason he did not go to work, and as usual when he is not employed, he got drunk. He said he formerly worked for seven years for the city of Colonial Heights, Virginia. He denied recollection of any mention of the MARTIN LUTHER KING assassination and stated to the best of his knowledge he had never killed anyone in his life. He said he could not recall having made any statements regarding killing anyone and does not recall having spoken to Chief of Police ROBERT ELLISON. He advised he has no information which would assist in identifying the assassin of KING.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

4/12/68. Re WFO teletype 4/6/68, and Charlotte teletype

There are being furnished Memphis herewith the original and eight copies of an insert regarding JAMES EARL RAY.

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RE: JAMES EARL RAY

By communication dated April 6, 1968, the Washington Field Office of the FBI advised as follows:

Doctor NORMAN FORRESTER, Dentist, 212 M Street, Southwest, Washington, D. C., advised that the artist's sketch of the suspect in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which appeared in a local newspaper, looks like an individual who accompanied a patient of his by the name of RONNIE CHRISTBERRY, 202 27th Street, Hickory, North Carolina, whom he treated on April 6, 1968.

He described the individual he considers a suspect as being a white male, 20 years of age, blond hair, and wearing a red sweater..

The following investigation was conducted by SA J. RALPH JONES:

AT HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 8, 1968, Mrs. JEAN CHRISTENBURG, 202 27th Street, Southwest, Hickory, North Carolina, advised she is the mother of RONNIE CHRISTENBURG, who left home on April 2, 1968, leaving no word as to his whereabouts. She said in the past RONNIE has associated with JOHN POWELL, who lives in Burke County, North Carolina, and that on April 2, 1968, POWELL jumped from the courthouse in Morganton, North Carolina, where he was to be tried for drunk driving and hit and run.

On April 9, 1968, Deputy Sheriff GERALD POTEAT, Sheriff's Office, Morganton, North Carolina, advised that JOHN POWELL did jump and run from the courthouse on April 2, 1968, and his whereabouts are unknown.

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Deputy Sheriff POTEAT described POWELL as a white male, six feet tall, 145 pounds, dark skin and hair, one slightly cocked eye, and about 20 years of age.

On April 12, 1968, AVERY C. ERVIN, North Carolina Probation Officer, advised that JOHN POWELL is on probation under his supervision. He said information had been received indicating that POWELL, after he ran from the courthouse on April 2, 1968, went to Virginia looking for employment. He advised that POWELL was born

On April 18, 1968, Sergeant BILL PAYNE, Hickory Police Department, advised that RONNIE CHRISTENBURG had returned to Hickory, and it was learned that he had been in the company of JOHN POWELL.

On April 24, 1968, North Carolina Probation Officer AVERY ERVIN advised that POWELL had been with RONNIE CHRISTENBURG and was reported to have returned to that county. He said he has known POWELL for several years and is aware of his family and background. He said POWELL could not be identical with or involved with JAMES EARL RAY in connection with the assassination of KING.

On April 24, 1968, HUGH HUTCHINS, Valdese, North Carolina, Police Department, advised that POWELL is a native of that city, is married to a local girl, and is well known to the police, who have arrested him on numerous occasions. He said POWELL does not resemble in any respect the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.



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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Savannah airtel to Charlotte dated 4/9/68;  
Charlotte teletype to Miami dated 4/24/68; and Miami  
teletype dated 4/25/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an  
original and eight copies of an administrative insert and  
the original and eight copies of an investigative insert  
regarding JOSEPH LUNCEFORD.

By referenced teletype of 4/25/68, Miami advised  
that JOSEPH LUNCEFORD was located at Boca Raton, Florida,  
on 4/25/68, and eliminated as a suspect through  
fingerprints.

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RE: JOSEPH LUNCEFORD

The individual who furnished the information regarding JOSEPH LUNCEFORD at Darien, Georgia, on April 9, 1968, is BOYD GAULT, Boyd's Hardware Store and Western Union Office, whose identity should be protected.

GAULT advised that LUNCEFORD inquired about a Western Union money order which was to be forwarded to him at New Smyrna, Florida. He asked GAULT if he could contact the appropriate Western Union office in Florida to determine if this money order had been received, and if so to have the money order forwarded to Darien, Georgia. GAULT telephonically contacted New Smyrna, Florida, and ascertained that the money order had not been received by that office.

LUNCEFORD then placed two calls to Clinton, North Carolina, concerning this money order with directions to have it sent elsewhere. GAULT believed the second number LUNCEFORD called may have been 592-9345.

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