

CE 44-1365

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RE: JOSEPH LUNCEFORD

By communication dated April 9, 1968, the Savannah Office of the FBI advised that information had been received to the effect that one JOSEPH LUNCEFORD was in Darien, Georgia, on that date and closely resembled the artist's conception of the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. The information also revealed that LUNCEFORD was in contact with someone at Clinton, North Carolina, telephone number 592-9345. He was accompanied by a white female and a small child and was driving a pink Nash or Rambler with a light colored top, bearing 1968, North Carolina license HF-7050.

LUNCEFORD was described as a white male, age 30 to 35, 5 feet 8 inches tall to 5 feet 10 inches tall, medium build, sandy, receding hair.

The following investigation was conducted by IC MARION E. HILLIARD:

AT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 11, 1968, SARA WATSON, Registration Section, North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, advised that MONNIE MATHIS PETERSON, Route 2, Box 150-A, Clinton, North Carolina, is the registered owner of a 1962 Rambler, bearing 1968 North Carolina license HF-7050.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN S. SALSBERG:

AT CLINTON, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 11, 1968, Mrs. MAMIE MATHIS, Route 2, Box 245, Clinton, North Carolina, advised that her daughter, MONNIE LEONE PETERSON, is the owner of a 1962

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Rambler, bearing 1968 North Carolina license HF-7050. She said that on April 5, 1968, her daughter told her she was leaving Clinton in search of employment and said she would call home when she was settled. Mrs. MATHIS stated she believes her daughter is in the company of an individual named JOSEPH LUNCEFORD, and that her daughter has one of her children, a five-year-old boy, with her. She said that on April 6, 1968, she received a telephone call from her daughter, at which time she was in a town near West Palm Beach, Florida.

Mrs. MATHIS said her daughter has talked about JOSEPH LUNCEFORD for the past two or three weeks, and to the best of her knowledge, LUNCEFORD has been employed somewhere in Clinton as a mechanic. He is believed to be originally from Durham, North Carolina. She advised that she never saw LUNCEFORD and knows very little concerning him. Mrs. MATHIS advised that her telephone number is 592-3495.

On April 19, 1968, Mrs. MATHIS advised that she had received no information concerning her daughter's whereabouts or the whereabouts of JOSEPH LUNCEFORD.

On April 24, 1968, Mrs. MATHIS advised that on that date she had received a letter from her daughter, MONNIE, showing her return address as 26-A Garden Apartments, Boca Raton, Florida. She advised that her daughter did not mention JOSEPH LUNCEFORD in the letter.

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Date: 5/6/68

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

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

Re San Diego airtel 4/23/68; and Norfolk airtel
4/26/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith
an original and eight copies of an insert regarding
JIMMY RAY BUNDY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

② - Memphis (Encs. 9) *h*
2 - Charlotte
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RE: JIMMY RAY BUNDY

By communication dated April 23, 1968, the San Diego Office of the FBI advised as follows:

On April 22, 1968, a Mrs. WILLIAMS telephonically advised that approximately one and one half weeks previously a male cousin of a neighbor and another male individual named JIMMY RAY BUNDY visited a neighbor of hers. The cousin was driving a car bearing North Carolina license. Mrs. WILLIAMS stated that she and her husband thought that BUNDY bore a striking resemblance to ERIC STARVO GALT and that his actions while at the neighbor's home were most circum-spect. She said that BUNDY had a peculiar reluctance to converse and that he left rather unexpectedly, hitchhiking his way south.

Upon contact, Mrs. WILLIAMS advised that the neighbor to whom she referred is Mrs. MARJORIE GREGG, who resides directly across the street from her home at 138 Quail Drive, Chula Vista, California. The neighbor's cousin was driving a 1957 Chevrolet bearing North Carolina license HJ-7057.

Mrs. WILLIAMS said that she had determined that JIMMY RAY BUNDY was taken to Alpine, California, by Mrs. GREGG several days previously and was let out at which time he began hitchhiking back to North Carolina.

MILTON GRAY MANNING, temporary resident at 138 Quail Drive, advised he is the cousin of MARJORIE GREGG, the owner of that residence. He said about April 9, 1968, he and a friend, JIMMY RAY BUNDY, left Greenville, North Carolina in his Chevrolet en route to California. He said they were in California for about one and one half weeks, and when BUNDY departed he was hitchhiking to Greenville, North Carolina or Portsmouth, Virginia.

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BUNDY was employed by his father, who operates his own real estate company in Portsmouth. His mother, Mrs. IDA SAWYER, lives in the Village Grove Section of Greenville, North Carolina, and is married to RUDELL SAWYER.

Mrs. MARJORIE GREGG verified the information furnished by MANNING and advised that she took BUNDY to Alpine, California, on April 19, 1968, where he began hitchhiking to North Carolina.

Mrs. GREGG advised she has known BUNDY and his family for many years, and when shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, she stated there was no resemblance between BUNDY and RAY.

MANNING also advised that there is no resemblance between BUNDY and RAY.

They described BUNDY as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	31 years
Height:	5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet
Weight:	180 pounds
Hair:	Dark
Eyes:	Blue
Marks:	Knot on back of neck.

By communication dated April 26, 1968, the Norfolk Office of the FBI advised as follows:

JAMES L. BUNDY, owner of Bundy Realty Company, 5000 Portsmouth Boulevard, Portsmouth, Virginia, advised that his son has not worked for him for some time and stated he has not seen his son for over a month. He said that his son has moved to Greenville, North Carolina, to live with his mother.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES G. AKERS at Greenville, North Carolina:

On April 26, 1968, Mrs. RUDELL SAWYER, 410
West Village Drive, Greenville, North Carolina, advised
that her son, JIMMY RAY BUNDY, returned to Greenville
on that date from Chula Vista, California.

On April 26, 1968, JIMMY RAY BUNDY advised
that he left California on April 19, 1968, and hitch-
hiked to Greenville, North Carolina. He advised he
is not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY, has no information
concerning him, and was in no way implicated with RAY
or anyone else in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING,
JR.

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AIRTEL

PKS
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtels to All Continental Offices,
dated 4/19/68 and 4/25/68.

On 5/1/68, NORMAN BUCHANAN, General Manager,
Paw Paw Laundry, Paw Paw, Michigan, advised that prior to
4/68, his company used the code similar to that contained
on pillow case and bed sheet found in vehicle registered to
GALT. He informed no yellow tapes were used in 1968, but had
one orange tape issued with this code on 1/25/68 which came
out of sub-station known as the Norge Cleaners, 1614 West
Main Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan. BUCHANAN informed this
was a bundle of six shirts belonging to one "GRIFFIN", 1206
Summit, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Enclosed herewith is one handkerchief containing
colored samples of tape with the printing of the machines
utilized by the Paw Paw Laundry.

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory compare
the printing found on the markings of sheet and pillow case
with the samples appearing on the enclosure. In the event
there is no direct comparison, the material may be destroyed.
It is requested that the results be furnished to Detroit and
Memphis.

Investigation continuing Kalamazoo for further
identity of "GRIFFIN".

3 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (AM) (RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
Attention: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith are 22 pages of handwriting as obtained from USP, Leavenworth, Kansas and one copy of a form dated 4/4/58, signed by JAMES EARL RAY obtained from the U.S. Probation Officer, Kansas City, Missouri.

The 22 pages of handwriting-handprinting are mostly that of the subject, however, some of the writing under the heading "disposition" maybe that of a supervisor or official.

The form obtained from the Probation Officer just bears the subject's signature and this is the only handwriting by the subject in the file of the U.S. Probation Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

All the above documents are to be returned to the Kansas City Office when they are of no further use to the FBI.

These samples are being forwarded to the Laboratory for comparison with other known handwriting specimens submitted in this matter.

3 - Bureau (Encs. 2) RM
① - Memphis
2 - Kansas City
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AIRTEL

TO : SAC, NEWARK (44-854)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Newark airtel to Chicago 5/2/68.

Re: Contacts by subject's brother
JERRY RAY with MARJORIE FETTERS,
Camden, New Jersey

For the information of the Newark Division,
the photographs of the individual enclosed with referenced
airtel are of JERRY RAY.

The photographs were taken on the grounds of the
Sportsman Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois, where he is
employed.

For the further information of Newark, JERRY drives
a 1960 light green DeSoto, bearing 1968 Illinois license tags
KX 5820.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Newark
② - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Chicago

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)

MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Los Angeles teletype to Director, 5/3/68.

RE: LOCAL SWINGER CORRESPONDENCE CLUB

Investigation was instituted 5/4/68 to locate and interview individuals, Sacramento Division, who were listed as individuals on correspondence list:

CONNIE RIAL, 339 Roosevelt, Manteca, Calif.;

PATRICIA TEVES, 244 Oak St., Chico, Calif.;

CHRISTINA RIVERS, 1137 Tuoline, Fresno, Calif.;

JEAN SLATON, 2827 W. Clinton, Fresno, Calif.

AT MANTECA, CALIFORNIA:

Mrs. MARIAN MELLGREN, aka. Connie Rial, 339 Roosevelt, advised that sometime in 1966 letters began

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
 - ① - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
 - 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (RM)
 - 1 - San Diego (RM)
 - 1 - San Francisco (RM)
 - 2 - Sacramento
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arriving at her home and have been coming to her home since; however, she denies having participated in this correspondence in any way. She has saved all letters received and displayed them for review. None of the letters viewed were from RAY under any of his known aliases. She claimed she was not acquainted with RAY or any of his known aliases. She was left a copy of the I.O. on RAY and advised she would immediately contact the FBI if she received any contact from RAY or anyone with a picture resembling him.

AT CHICO, CALIFORNIA

Owner of dwelling at 244 Oak St., Chico, advised has owned dwelling at this address since January, 1965, and does not recall PATRICIA TEVES. A neighborhood resident remembers name of TEVES; however, possesses no information. The 1964 Chico "Polk's City Directory" lists a GERALD and PATRICIA TEVES at 419 West 6th St., Chico. Occupation listed as U. S. Army. Subsequent directories negative re TEVES family. U. S. Post Office, Chico, has no address in records under TEVES name. Forwarding addresses cleared every two years by U.S. Post Office, Chico. No record Chico PD re TEVES family.

It would appear PATRICIA TEVES would not have received correspondence from "Swinger Correspondence Club" in view of U. S. Post Office clearing forwarding addresses every two years and Sacramento contemplates no investigation re TEVES.

AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

CONSUELO RIVERA, 1137 Tuolumne Avenue, Fresno, sister of CHRISTINA RIVERA, advised CHRISTINA has been married 3 years and previously belonged to Swinger Correspondence Club and all mail received from club during past 2 years destroyed by CONSUELO at CHRISTINA's request since CHRISTINA has a jealous husband and mail was vulgar in content. CONSUELO does not recall any correspondence from GALT or ERIC and added all mail received was destroyed without attention to sender. She advised no mail was forwarded to CHRISTINA and CHRISTINA has no knowledge of contents of mail.

SC 100-427

JEAN STATON, aka. Jean Slaton, 1184 N. Marks Avenue, Fresno, advised she formerly resided in trailer court at 2827 W. Clinton. She advised she may be listed as member of club but never signed up for membership. She has, however, received a quantity of mail as result of joining two other clubs. She stated most of mail vulgar in content and she could recall no correspondence with anyone named ERIC or GALT and photograph of GALT not familiar to her. A review of correspondence in her possession failed to reflect any correspondence from ERIC or GALT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

5/3/68

SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

MURKIN
CR

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Springfield airtel dated 4/17/68 and Memphis airtel to all offices dated 4/25/68.

Re laundry checks.

Remaining laundries checked in Springfield Division regarding laundry tags 02B-6 and 20B-3 (prior to receipt of referenced Memphis airtel) with negative results.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Springfield (44-561)
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (157-380)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CR
ME OO

Re Portland letter to Memphis, 5/1/68.

Memphis is now awaiting Bureau approval of a letter to all offices with instructions as to what disposition they should make of negative investigation in this matter. Pending receipt of such letter, Portland is requested to retain the results of such investigation and to furnish Memphis only information which would assist in locating the subject, which would offer additional proof that he is the murderer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, or which would indicate that the subject was part of a conspiracy.

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2 - Memphis

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles letter to Memphis dated 5/1/68
with 302's enclosed reflecting your investigation concerning
HAROLD J. THUNE.

The FD-302's which were sent in referenced letter
to Memphis are being returned herewith. Inasmuch as Los
Angeles was instructed by the Bureau to conduct the
investigation regarding THUNE, it is suggested that you
include this in your next report in order that the Bureau
may have benefit of your investigation.

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AIRTEL

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

Re WFO teletype to Memphis 4/22/68, one copy of which is enclosed for Richmond.

Tennessee license DP-5296 mentioned in referenced teletype is registered to ROBERT E. KEMPFER, 4101 Wadsworth Circle, Apt. 101, Annandale, Virginia, for a 1966 Ford two-door.

LEAD

RICHMOND

AT ANNANDALE, VA.

Interview KEMPFER to identify look-alike who was seen in this automobile at Washington, D. C., on 4/22/68, and eliminate.

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2-Richmond (Enc. 1)

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: ME

Re St. Louis teletype to Memphis, 4/23/68,
requesting Memphis to check out 1964 green Chevrolet
bearing 1965 Tennessee license BG 3013.

CHARLES HOLMES, supervisor, Title and
Registration Section, DMV, Nashville, Tennessee,
advised IC ROBERT H. CALE on 4/29/68 that Tennessee
license BG 3013 is listed to LOTTIE O. DOUGLAS,
4230 Hilldale, Memphis, Tennessee, for a 1966 Pontiac
GTO, VIN 24L16K139010.

LOTTIE O. DOUGLAS, 4230 Hilldale, Memphis,
advised on 5/1/68 that she owns a 1966 Pontiac GTO,
black over white in color, bearing 1965 Tennessee
license BG 3013. She stated that she was at her
place of employment on 4/16 and 4/17/68 and was
driving the above described car. She advised that
she has not loaned her car to anyone since she
purchased the car in 1966, and that she has never
been to St. Louis, Missouri, and the car has never
been driven to St. Louis. She stated that license
BG 3013 was assigned to her when she purchased the
car in 1966, and that she has never had a license
plate stolen from the car.

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Ramsey

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It was noted from personal observation that a 1966 Pontiac GTO, bearing Tennessee license BG 3013, was parked in the parking lot of the Dennis Beauty Salon, 4826 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, place of employment of LOTTIE OL DOUGLAS. It was further noted that Tennessee license plates reflecting the number BG 3013 were attached to both the front and rear of the car.

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AIRTEL

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to Bureau dated 5/3/68.

For information Houston, Rock Island, Illinois,
handled by Springfield Division.

Enclosed herewith for the Springfield Division are
two (2) copies of referenced airtel. Springfield should
handle investigation at Rock Island, Illinois, as requested
on page 2 under Chicago leads.

- 2 - Springfield (Encls. 2)
- ① - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Houston (44-1509)
- 1 - Chicago

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Date: 5/6/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)
MURKIN

Re New Orleans airtel to Knoxville dated 5/1/68.

DAVIDSON TEXADA LANDERS, a divinity student at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, interviewed 5/3/68 and eliminated as suspect. LANDERS at time of interview in possession of 1965 Mustang, Louisiana license 8L 794 which he stated was given to his wife by her father just prior to her marriage to LANDERS in December, 1966.

LANDERS described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Birth:	
Place of Birth:	New Orleans, Louisiana
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	183 lbs.
Eyes:	Blue
Marital Status:	Married
Wife:	CAROL LANDERS
Residence:	University Quadriplex Sewanee, Tennessee
Drivers License:	1968 Louisiana drivers license ■■■

- ② - Memphis (AM)
1 - New Orleans (Info.) (AM)
2 - Knoxville

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Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Airtel

To: SACS, Atlanta (44-2386)
Birmingham (44-1740)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
OO: ME

If not already being done, Atlanta and Birmingham should check records of access to safety deposit boxes at banks in each of those cities for the date 4/5/68. Any individuals who made entry into such safety deposit boxes on this date should be eliminated as possibly being subject. This can primarily be done on the basis of length of time the box was rented or on the basis of the renter of the box being known to bank employees. Any questionable eliminations must be run out.

This is being suggested in light of the possibility that subject may have rented such a box and then while fleeing may have made entry for the purpose of withdrawing valuables.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Dallas teletype to the Director and Louisville,
5/3/68.

Re telephone calls of subject RAY en route from
Los Angeles to New Orleans.

Louisville telephone 636-1053 is now disconnected
and during 12/67 was issued to CHARLES E. HORNEY, formerly
of 965 Charles St., Louisville. HORNEY, upon interview,
states call made from Alpine, Tex., to Louisville around
12/15/67 was personal in nature and from his wife's parents,
Mr. & Mrs. FRANK MIRANDA, who resided in Alpine, to his wife
MARY. HORNEY's wife formerly resided at Alpine.

HORNEY stated that JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to
him and that above call was not in connection with RAY or had
anything to do with instant case.

In light of the above, no further action being
taken.

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1- Dallas
1- Memphis (44-1987)
2- Louisville
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Date: 5-2-68

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CR

RE: RELATIVES OF SUBJECT JAMES E RAY

Investigation at Springfield has determined the following relatives of subject JAMES E RAY, now residing in this Division:

SISTER: MELBA MARIE RYAN
 534 North 2nd
 (Virginia Hotel)
 Quincy, Illinois

EX-SECOND WIFE
 OF SUBJECT'S
 FATHER:

RUBY CARPENTER
 630 North 6th St.
 Quincy, Illinois

UNCLE & AUNT:

WILLIAM and MILDRED MAHER
 712 Brown St.

AUNT:

Alton, Illinois
 Mrs. FRANK (MABEL) FULLER
 2601 Chestnut
 Quincy, Illinois

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 2 - Chicago
 2 - St. Louis
 2 - Springfield (44-561)
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 Special Agent in Charge

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The following are relatives living outside Springfield
Division:

BROTHER:	JERRY WILLIAM RAY Chicago, Illinois
SISTER:	SUSAN DONIAN Chicago, Illinois
BROTHER:	JOHN LARRY RAY St. Louis, Missouri
SISTER:	CAROL PEPPER St. Louis, Missouri
FATHER:	JERRY RAYNES Center, Missouri

The following are relatives determined to be deceased,
or not being contacted at this time:

BROTHER:	FRANKLIN RAY or RYAN (deceased)
SISTER:	MARJORIE RYAN (deceased)
AUNT:	SADIE FITZSIMMONS (deceased)
UNCLE:	EARL EVERETT RAY (deceased)
MOTHER:	LUCILLE RYAN (deceased)
GRANDMOTHER:	MARY MAHER (deceased)
BROTHER:	[REDACTED]

In the event any additions or deletions are necessary
for the above information, Chicago and St. Louis are requested
to advise Memphis of such.

5/6/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CR

Re Kansas City airtel to Memphis, 4/24/68,
requesting Memphis to check out 1965 Volkswagen bearing
Tennessee License JO-0987.

A check of Tennessee Automobile Registration Bureau,
Nashville, Tenn., determined that Tennessee License No. JO-0987
was registered to a 1965 Volkswagen, VIN 115127096, in the
name of JESSE BLAKELY, 3507 Ashford, Memphis, Tenn.

JESSE E. BLAKELY, 3507 Ashford, Memphis, advised on
5/3/68 that he owns a 1965 Volkswagen, blue in color, bearing
Tennessee License JO-0987. He stated that he purchased this
vehicle during December of 1967 and further stated that this
car had never been to Kansas City, Mo. He advised that he
has never loaned his car out to anyone since purchasing it
and that the only person driving the vehicle other than
himself was LARRY BLAKELY, his 20-year-old son.

It was noted from personal observation that a
1965 Volkswagen, blue in color, bearing License No. (Tennessee)
JO-0987 was parked in the driveway of 3507 Ashford, Memphis,
on 5/3/68. It is further noted that JESSE BLAKELY is a Negro
male, age 51.

Airtel 2 - Kansas City
2 - Memphis

Teletype GMR:mjh
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A.M. mjh

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: *WV* SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re Dallas teletype, 4/27/68, containing results of
interview of BILLY BROWN AEBY,

Enclosed herewith are nine copies of FD-302, setting
forth results of interview of BILLY BROWN AEBY, at Dallas, Texas,
on 4/27/68.

2-Memphis (Enc. 9)
1-Dallas
WBH:nc
(3)

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BILLY BROWN AEBY, Stark Road, Seagoville, Texas, phone AT 6-3042, interviewed in the Dallas Office, advised he is unemployed and his wife, **MARY**, works at the General Office of Gibson Products Company, Seagoville. **AEBY** advised he has five brothers as follows:

AUBREY, an inmate at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas;

KEAL, an inmate at the Texas State Penitentiary;

OTIS, a shampoo salesman residing in Houston, Texas;

FRANKLIN, engaged in the lumber business in Wisconsin;

JAMES, a Dallas, Texas businessman who operates a Mobil Station, Lovers Lane and Preston Road.

AEBY stated he is on bond at this time in connection with possession of narcotics charges in Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas. He said he expects to plead guilty to these charges if he can get an agreement on about eight years in the penitentiary as a sentence. He desires to begin serving his sentence as soon as possible. These are state charges.

AEBY said he entered Missouri State Penitentiary in 1961 to serve three concurrent nine year sentences for armed robbery out of St. Louis, Missouri. He was transferred to a prison farm in 1964. During the period of 1961-64 he was acquainted with **JAMES EARL RAY**, whom he knew as **JIMMIE RAY**. Both were employed in the prison bakery where **RAY** was considered a good worker. **RAY** worked both in the pastry crew and bread crew and in the latter capacity was a bread slicer and packager. **AEBY** speculated that if **RAY** were to seek a legitimate job on the outside, it might be in the bakery field since he would appear to be qualified to some degree in this area.

AEBY classed **RAY** as being "money hungry" and he dealt extensively in the sale of amphetamine powder and benzadrine to other inmates, such items apparently being obtained by **RAY** through prison guards. **RAY** used amphetamine on a restricted basis himself, but **AEBY** thought he was more interested in the money derived from sales. The amphetamine

On 4/27/68 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 44-2649
by SA 'S MANNING C. CLEMENTS & JAMES J. SHERMAN:MCC:JW Date dictated 4/29/68 HIS

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powder is injected in solution in the human body.

ABBY stated RAY kept to himself a great deal and did not attempt to meddle in other peoples' business. The only inmate with whom RAY was apparently associated to any degree, was a man, name not recalled, 50 years old or more, who got caught with bullets in his pocket and was sent to an isolation ward as a result. ABBY recalled that one occasion, RAY had an inmate named GREEN beaten up by two other inmates because of non payment to RAY for amphetamine powder. One of the inmates who beat GREEN up was recalled as (first name unknown) WABE from Kansas City. ABBY mentioned that one EARL HARRIS, a Negro "kingpin" from St. Louis, sold amphetamine powder to Negroes and was believed to have known RAY. He recalled also one RALPH GERTON would possibly have known RAY, but not intimately.

The only relative RAY ever spoke of was a brother in St. Louis who was apparently a middle man for money paid by relatives and friends of inmates for amphetamine powder. This was a dangerous device by which persons on the outside would pay for the powder on behalf of their relatives and friends. RAY'S brother, in turn, was believed to have turned the money over to a lawyer who was trying to get an appeal on RAY'S robbery conviction. ABBY believed RAY'S brother was undoubtedly in the hoodlum element.

ABBY recalled RAY as having the general appearance, except for hair, of the 1960 photos of RAY which appear on the FBI Identification Order No. 4182. He said RAY normally wore his hair medium length, possibly with a part which was believed on the left side. ABBY stated he would not have recognized RAY from a stand up photo which appeared in some newspapers and would not have recognized him from a 1968 photo of RAY under the name of ERIC STARVO GALT. This name is unknown to ABBY.

ABBY described RAY as having a normally modulated voice, possibly having a midwestern accent. He said RAY had clean personal habits, did not use profanity or vulgar language to any marked degree, is likely a good dresser, and would likely have the general appearance of a businessman on the outside. He said it appeared to him RAY probably has a high school education.

ABBY said RAY was not recalled to have had any special

interest or to have ever commented regarding Negroes, Ku Klux Klan, his army service, sports, foreign travel, women friends, homosexuality, clubs, drinking, and the outside world in general. He liked to play poker and AEBY considers he was a good player. He is not a braggart, is usually mild mannered and might appear timid to persons who do not know him well. AEBY has no knowledge that RAY had any interest in "hard narcotics".

AEBY said he considered RAY'S normal criminal occupation as apparently armed robbery, based on conversation, that he would be of the "hit and run" type covering wide areas. He said he cannot conceive that RAY would have killed MARTIN LUTHER KING except for money. He said since RAY was "on the lam" he would only be asking for trouble to have killed KING except for money.

AEBY said he does not specifically recall anything unusual regarding RAY'S features or personal nervous habits. He said he would not know where to begin looking for RAY if it was his job to find him. He said he does not anticipate RAY will attempt to contact him, although RAY unquestionably knew AEBY was from the Dallas area. He stated he expects to be "on the street" for a week or more at best, but would cooperate if RAY should contact him or should other information of value comes to his attention.

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(Priority)**TO SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)****FROM SAC, NEWARK (44-854)****SUBJECT MURKIN - COST DATA****Re Memphis airtel to Albany 4/19/68.****The following reflects cost data from the Newark Division during April, 1968:****(1) Man Hours****Special Agents****Regular hours 1197**
Overtime hours 223**Total 1420 hours****Clerical Employees****Regular hours 145**
Overtime hours 5**Total 150 hours****(2) Total Mileage (estimated)****2582 miles****(3) Unusual Costs****None****(4) Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case****107 Special Agents****2 - Memphis**
2 - Newark
HHR/can
(4)

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN - COST DATA

ReMEairtel to Albany, 4/19/68, and Butel to ME,
4/17/68.The following is the info requested in re communica-
tions compiled through 4/30/68:1. A. Number of regular hours spent by Agents on
this case, 583. Number of overtime hours spent on this case
by Agents, 175.B. Number of regular hours spent by clerical
employees on this case, 414.2. Total mileage traveled by Bu cars on this case,
2,811.

3. None

4. Peak number of SAs working on case during month
of April, 35.2 - Memphis
2 - Detroit
WJH/jmd
(4)

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel, 4-19-68.

The following statistics pertain to the Cleveland Division for the month of April, 1968:

1. Number of man hours:

Special Agents:
Regular hours - 891
Overtime hours - 182

Clerical Employees: 170

2. Mileage: 4,546

3. None

4. 49 Agents

2 - Memphis
2 - Cleveland

JJJ:ral
(4)

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel, 4/19/68.

COST DATA, BALTIMORE DIVISION, APRIL, 1968

1. Man Hours
 - A. Special Agents
521 regular
53 overtime
 - B. Clerical
116
2. Total Mileage Estimated
2311 miles.
3. Unusual Cost
None.
4. Peak Number of Agents Working Case
90.

② - Memphis (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Baltimore
JJG:jtk
(3)

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN -
COST DATA

The following are the cost data figures re this
matter for the Springfield Division from 4/4/68 - 4/30/68:

HOURS

A. Special Agents -

Regular Hours - 1172

VOT Hours - 412

Total 1584

B. Clerical Employees -

Regular Hours - 350

OT Hours - 20

Total 370

MILEAGE

Total - 7,900 miles

OUT-OF-ORDINARY COSTS

None

AGENTS ON CASE

56

2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Springfield (44-561)
WR:blw
(4)

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-
 MURKIN - COST DATA

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

Set forth below is cost data on captioned matter
 for 4/68, as incurred by the Richmond Office, as requested
 in referenced airtel:

(1) Man Hours Expended:	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>
A. Special Agents.....	758.....	162
B. Clerical Employees.....	50.....	4
Total	808	166

(2) Total Mileage (Estimated).....4,354 miles

(3) Unusual Costs:

Expedite Photo Work.....\$30.00

(4) Peak Number of Special Agents
 Working on Case During 4/68.....68

2 - Memphis
 1 - Richmond
 REB:mfh
 (3)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

DATE: 5/2/68

Re your airtel to Albany, 4/19/68.

The following costs were incurred in the New Orleans Division in April, 1968, on captioned matter:

1. <u>NUMBER OF MAN HOURS</u>	Regular	Overtime	Total
A. Special Agents	1,706	523	2,229
B. Clerical	<u>625</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>801</u>
	2,331	699	3,030
2. <u>TOTAL MILEAGE TRAVELED</u>			12,581
3. <u>UNUSUAL COSTS:</u>			
Communications			\$25.90
Rental of photographic equipment			<u>6.24</u>
Total			\$32.14
4. PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS ASSIGNED			47



②-Memphis
2-New Orleans
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(4)

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: *gm* SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA
 OO-MEMPHIS

Set forth below are estimated items of cost in the
 Dallas Division during April, 1968:

1.	MANHOURS	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Agent	1629	331	1960
	Clerical	139	0	139
		<u>1768</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>2099</u>
2.	MILES DRIVEN	11,061		
3.	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF AGENTS	50		
4.	UNUSUAL EXPENSES:			
	Telephone		\$105.00	
	Teletype		205.00	
	Per Diem		<u>48.00</u>	
	TOTAL			<u>\$358.00</u>

2-Memphis
 1-Dallas
 FFJ:nc
 (3)

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Date: 5/2/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: ~~SAC~~ SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)
 RE: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany 4/19/68.

(1)	<u>Special Agents</u>	<u>Clerical Employees</u>
Regular Hours	434	162
Overtime hours	65	7
Total man hours	499	169
(2) Total mileage - 3569		
(3) Unusual costs - none		
(4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during 4/68 - 39		

Above cost data compiled by the Albany Division in captioned case for the period ending 4/30/68.

2-Memphis
 2-Albany
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 (4)

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are 6 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning one JOSEPH FORRESTER, a possible suspect in this matter, which LHM should be furnished to the Legat, Ottawa, in order that FORRESTER may be eliminated.

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3-Bureau (Encls. 6)
2-Memphis
JCH:wp
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Toronto, Ont.,

April 16. 62.

Mayor Lindsay
New York City
and
Police Chief
Memphis

F.B.I. - ~~NY~~

Info.

Dear Sir,

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war and generally in the lunatic fringe.

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South USA (according to his own stories)

and is very pro war and has said
"a person once killed is nothing more
than a hunk of meat."

He seems a dual personality and holds
deep grudges, resentments and is vindictive.
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the face who he had not seen for 15 years
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Please investigate this clue, as it may
lead to something. I cannot sign this as
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Memphis, Tennessee
May 6, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;
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CIVIL RIGHTS

An anonymous letter dated April 16, 1968, at Toronto, Ontario, was addressed to Mayor Lindsay, New York City, and to the Police Chief, Memphis. A copy of this letter, which indicates that one Joseph Forrester should be considered a suspect in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is attached,

6-Bureau
②-Memphis (44-1987)
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