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Date: 5/2/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY ON AMERICAN AIRLINES
FLIGHT 122 FROM LOS ANGELES TO EL PASO

Re LA tel to EP, 5/1/68.

Suspect deplaned, El Paso, Texas, and identified himself to Agents as ERNIE M. SNYDER. SNYDER exhibited U. S. Passport and Army Identification Card showing that he was a member of the U. S. Army, serial number RA 16 616 573, and was attached to Headquarters, Third Brigade, Ft. Bliss, Texas, having just returned from Bangkok, Thailand. SNYDER bore strong resemblance to RAY, however, SNYDER was six feet, three inches tall.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau
①-Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
1-Atlanta (Info)
1-Birmingham (Info)
1-El Paso

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

CE 44-1365

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RE: RENE PEREZ ROJAS

By communication of April 25, 1968, the Atlanta Office advised that Eastern Airlines (EAL), Miami, Florida, furnished the name of RENE ROJAS as a passenger aboard EAL Flight 915 on April 6, 1968, New York to Atlanta to New Orleans to Mexico City. The ticket was purchased at the Atlanta Airport on March 23, 1968, paid for in cash, with origin at Greensboro, North Carolina. The ticket was for EAL Flight 629 on April 6, 1968, to Atlanta and transfer to EAL Flight 915 on that same date.

B. M. CRITTENDEN, Assistant Terminal Services Manager, EAL, Atlanta, Georgia, advised on April 25, 1968, that records reflect the contact address for ROJAS as care of W. T. FOISTER, telephone 882-2751, High Point, North Carolina.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DANIEL P. BRADY at High Point, North Carolina:

On April 26, 1968, Mrs. PEGGY FOISTER, 416 Rock Spring Road, advised that RENE PEREZ ROJAS, age 15, resided at her residence from the early part of November, 1967, until he flew back to Mexico City from High Point on April 6, 1968. Mrs. FOISTER said that ROJAS was invited by her and her husband, WILLIAM FOISTER, to come to the United States and stay at their residence during this period of time. She said she and her husband have known ROJAS and his family for a number of years and felt this visit would be a good opportunity for the boy to learn America and to improve his English. He came to High Point on a student visa and attended Northeast Junior High School.

On April 26, 1968, Mrs. MARIE SECHREST, Secretary, Northeast Junior High School, High Point, advised that RENE PEREZ ROJAS, born [redacted], was residing at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM FOISTER, having arrived in this Country during early November, 1967. He attended classes at Northeast Junior High School from approximately November 24, 1967 until April 5, 1968.

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED R.R.R.

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for latent fingerprint examination and typewriting comparison with samples previously submitted in captioned matter are the following:

1. One photograph of **ERIC S. GALT**, taken approximately August 1967 - February 1968.
2. Typewritten letter dated 2/17/68 addressed "Dear Miss:" and signed "ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Calif., 90028, Phone number 464-1131."
3. Typewritten advertisement sent to "Los Angeles Free Press" by ERIC S., with return address 406 So. 2nd Avenue, Alhambra, 91802.

Also submitted to the Bureau is one copy of the 2/2/68 issue of the "Los Angeles Free Press." On page 27, column 7, item 2, appears the advertisement submitted by ERIC S.

The copy of the advertisement submitted to the "Los Angeles Free Press" was furnished to SA's JAMES PAGE and EUGENE B. MC CARTHY on 5/2/68 by GENE TURNER, Accountant, "Los Angeles

- 4 - Bureau (Encls. - 4) (AM - RM) (RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED)
 - 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (AM)
 - 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (AM)
 - ① - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
 - 2 - Los Angeles
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Free Press", 938 North Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles.

It is requested that enclosures 1, 2 and 3 be returned to the Los Angeles Office for return to the respective donors. These enclosures were handled by numerous individuals during the normal course of business, both at the Postal Inspector's office and the "Los Angeles Free Press."

It is to be noted that the address 402 South 2nd Avenue, Alhambra, California, is a mail forwarding service subscribed to by ERIC S. GALT, according to information furnished by G. M. HEDGPETH, owner of this service, on 4/14/68.

Polaroid Corporation, Los Angeles, advised that the number H 716664 on reverse side of film indicates the date of manufacture. H indicates the month of August, and the 7 indicates 1967. Polaroid Corporation advised that they keep no record of distribution of film.

Two witnesses at Los Angeles have viewed the enclosed photograph and stated that it is an extremely good likeness of the subject. The Bureau may wish to consider giving this photograph circulation to other field offices for viewing as to likeness of subject.

Enclosures 1 and 2 were obtained from Mr. L. O. POINDEXTER, U. S. Postal Inspector, Los Angeles, California, on 5/2/68 by SA THEODORE J. A'Hearn. A polaroid copy of enclosure 1 and a photographic copy of enclosure 2 were received at the Los Angeles Office on 5/2/68 from JAMES V. P. CONWAY, Postal Inspector in Charge, Post Office Department, San Francisco, California. He advised the original photograph and letter were furnished his office by PATRICIA E. ANDERSON, 2800 Glenview Avenue, Los Angeles, who had received them via "The Local Swinger", a correspondence club operating from P. O. Box 3842, Downey, California 90242, which club is a subject of investigation of the Postal Inspector's Office.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel 4/25/68, regarding cars stolen
from Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68.

No vehicles have been recovered in the Philadelphia
Field Division that were stolen in the state of Georgia sub-
sequent to 3/23/68.

3 - Bureau (44-38861)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Atlanta (44-2386)
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, RICHMOND (44-631)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReNY teletype dated 4/30/68 and OC teletype to Director dated 4/26/68. RH (Alexandria RA) telephone call to WFO 5/1/68.

FNU TURNER, area code 703, Telephone Number 481-2948, listed as passenger on American Airlines Flight 338 from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia, Pa., on 4/6/68. RH determine TURNER identified as DONALD E. TURNER, 5650 Gary Avenue, Alexandria, Va., employed as Economist, Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), WDC.

identical Investigation by WFO *determined Turner employed* at USDA since 1957 and is *not* identical with JAMES EARL RAY. TURNER advised he was originally scheduled to fly above flight from Dallas to Friendship Airport, Baltimore, on 4/6/68, but changed plans and returned by earlier Braniff flight.

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No further investigation be conducted by WFO.

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- 2 - Richmond
- 2 - Oklahoma City (AM)
- ① - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 1 - WFO

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Re OTIS MILTON MC NEILL

The following investigation was conducted by SA
DAVID W. WATSON at Wilmington, North Carolina:

On April 25, 1968, Detective Sergeant WILLIE LEWIS, Detective Division, Wilmington Police Department, advised that his department received a telephone call from an unknown individual advising that one OTIS McNEILL, who resided at 1819 Ann Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, an employee of Rea Construction Company on the Hercules Plant Job on Highway 421 North of Wilmington, appeared to resemble JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 25, 1968, Mr. JIM SIMMONS, Personnel Department, Rea Construction Company, Hercules, Incorporated, Plant, Highway 421, Wilmington, North Carolina, advised that their files reflect that OTIS MILTON McNEILL, white male, born [redacted], Harnett County, North Carolina, was an employee at Rea Construction Company. According to Mr. SIMMONS, OTIS MILTON McNEILL is described as being five feet seven inches, 160 pounds, gray eyes, brown hair, Social Security Number [redacted]

Mr. SIMMONS advised that McNEILL's former residence was listed as 308 Wrightsville Avenue, Wilmington, North Carolina, and that McNEILL now resides at 1819 Ann Street, Wilmington, North Carolina.

According to Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. McNEILL is a pipefitter's helper but presently is doing messenger work driving a company trunk as he was recently hurt on the job.

Mr. SIMMONS advised that McNEILL is personally known to him and that McNEILL has been employed with them from August 21, 1967, to the present time, and now earning \$2.15 per hour.

Mr. SIMMONS advised that McNEILL works the 7:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. shift, and reviewed the time sheets for early April, 1968, and advised that on the dates indicated, McNEILL worked the following hours:

April 1	-	ten hours
April 2	-	ten hours
April 3	-	ten hours
April 4	-	ten hours
April 5	-	five hours.

Mr. SIMMONS advised that his company works only one-half day on Friday in order to give their employees a long weekend off and pointed out that a good number of their employees live a good distance from Wilmington, North Carolina.

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

Enclosed for Memphis are nine copies of insert
regarding OTIS MILTON MC NEILL.

In view of the information developed concerning
MC NEILL and the fact that he was employed at Wilmington,
N. C., on 4/4/68, no further investigation is being
conducted.

② - Memphis (Encs 9) *add 10*
1 - Charlotte *red*

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Approved: *My* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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RE: JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE

The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent JOHN C. McCLUNEY:

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

On April 20, 1968, LUCILLE HASSEY, 130 West Patton Street, reported as follows:

RAYMOND M. HILBURN is known to her and her husband. He has visited them but has never actually resided at their address. A brother of HILBURN was formerly married to a daughter of HASSEY which brother was killed in the armed services.

HILBURN visited the HASSEYS for one day on April 17, 1968, but left on April 18, 1968. While there he mentioned that he would probably seek employment at Continental Gin Company at Prattville, Alabama, the following week. She does not know his present whereabouts or any future address for him. He has no relatives or known contacts at Montgomery, Alabama, but only at Chicago, Illinois.

AT PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA.

On April 22, 1968, ROY GOLDEN, Continental Gin Company, reported the following from his records:

RAYMOND M. HILBURN, 150 West Patton Street, Montgomery, Alabama, was employed from April 10-17, 1968, in the machine shop. His last known employment was Bills Standard Station, 3266 West Devon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He resigned and left no forwarding address.

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

On April 24, 1968, RAYMOND M. HILBURN was interviewed at 130 West Patton Street, at which time he reported as follows:

On April 19, 1968, he traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana, in his white Corvair, Illinois license DG3109. South of Mobile, Alabama, he picked up a hitchhiker, JOSEPH

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(LAST NAME UNKNOWN). At Pascagoula, Mississippi, they were stopped by an officer of the police department. JOSEPH identified himself to the officer who said he resembled ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 23, 1968, HILBURN left JOSEPH at New Orleans, Louisiana. JOSEPH was employed part-time as a bartender and was residing at the Music Box Lounge, 1900 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

On April 26, 1968, RAYMOND M. HILBURN, 130 West Patton Street, was re-interviewed and reported as follows:

When he and JOSEPH (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) were stopped by the policeman at Pascagoula, Mississippi, on April 19, 1968, the policeman asked JOSEPH if he knew who he looked like. JOSEPH answered, "GALT" and said he had been stopped before in the vicinity of Mobile, Alabama. JOSEPH identified himself with a card of a merchant seaman.

HILBURN does not believe JOSEPH appears identical with subject JAMES EARL RAY.

At New Orleans, Louisiana, HILBURN left JOSEPH at the Music Box Lounge on Canal Street. JOSEPH was staying in an old school bus parked at the rear of the Music Box Lounge. The bus was owned by a white male about 60. That man had a wife about 20. The wife wore bluejeans, cowboy boots and appeared to be retarded mentally. This couple had a room at the rear of the lounge.

JOSEPH was a "wino". He did work part-time as a bartender at the lounge. He was working as a bartender when last seen by HILBURN at 4:30 a.m., April 21, 1968.

JOSEPH is known to DALE HALEY, white male, about 28, who resides at the hotel located next door to the Music Box Lounge.

HILBURN furnished the following description of JOSEPH:

Race	White
Sex	Male

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Age	35 or 36
Height	6'
Weight	175-180 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Blond or straw colored; uncombed and worn long
Occupation	Seaman; had Merchant Marine card as identifica- tion
Build	Muscular
Characteristics	Stutters
Marital Status	Unknown
Scars and Marks	None noted
Employment	Unemployed but reportedly drawing unemployment at New Orleans, Louisiana, about \$40 a week

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
RE: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE: JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE

Reference is made to Mobile airtel to Memphis 4/23/68, New Orleans teletype to Mobile 3:27 P.M., 4/25/68 and Mobile teletype to New Orleans 1:30 P.M., 4/26/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are twenty-five copies and for New Orleans two copies of insert reflecting investigation Mobile Division concerning MONTAGNE.

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②-Memphis (Encs. 25) *net*
2-New Orleans (157-10678) (Encs. 2)
2-Mobile
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Approved: *WMA* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)

MURKIN -
 COST DATA

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

The following figures are submitted for the
 Knoxville Division through 4/30/68:

- | | | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1) | <u>Man-Hours</u> | <u>Regular</u> | <u>O.T.</u> |
| | Special Agent - 590 Total | 491 | 99 |
| | Clerical - 539 Total | 529 | 10 |
| 2) | Total Mileage - 4,933 miles | | |
| 3) | No unusual or out of ordinary costs | | |
| 4) | 43 Special Agents | | |

② - Memphis (AM)
 2 - Knoxville

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

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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627-SF2) (P)
 RE: MURKIN
 CR
 (OO: ME)

COST DATA

Re MEairtel 4/19/68.

Following cost data submitted for the month of April, 1968:

1. Number of Manhours

A. Special Agents
 Regular time
 VOT

1007½ hours
 239 ¾ hours

B. Clerical
 Regular time
 VOT

136 hours
 6 hours

2. Total Mileage

8,292 miles

3. Unusual Costs

None

4. Peak Number Agents Working Case

34

2-Memphis
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Approved: W M A
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : *WJG*
SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/1/68

ReButel to Los Angeles, 4/26/68.

Referenced teletype advised HAROLD J. THOME, a possible mental case, had been attempting to have an audience with MARTIN LUTHER KING in Atlanta. He had reportedly threatened a neighbor in the past with a shotgun. The Bureau instructed that although subject RAY had been identified as the assailant, investigation should be conducted to determine if THOME might be implicated as a conspirator.

A review of Los Angeles files reflects HAROLD J. THOME had advised the Los Angeles Office on 4/19/67 he had observed a pickup truck and dune buggy in a ravine near Tujunga, California, and the occupants of the vehicles were apparently burying something. He brought this to the attention of the FBI because he thought it was of possible interest in the YOUNG kidnapping case.

In September, 1967, THOME's son, STEVEN THOME, 355 West Acacia, Glendale, California, was interviewed at the residence of his father, 10520 Hillhaven Street, Tujunga, and advised his father had written President JOHNSON and the Pope on numerous occasions, voicing opposition to the war in Vietnam. He stated his father had been arrested in the past for pulling a gun on police officers who were attempting to stop some hippies from marching through a canyon area.

In September, 1967, Mrs. HAROLD THOME, former wife of THOME, stated she did not know his current address, but said he had been confined to mental wards in various hospitals in the Los Angeles area. She said besides having a mental problem, she considered THOME an alcoholic.

- (2) - Memphis (Encls 59) (AM) *54 rec'd*
(2) - Atlanta (Encl 61) (AM) (Info) (44-2386)
(2) Birmingham (Encl 61) (AM) (Info) (44-1740)
(2) - Los Angeles

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On 1/4/67, TIM THOME, son of HAROLD J. THOME, advised this office his father was attempting to travel to Washington D. C. to see President JOHNSON.

Subsequent investigation of the dune buggy incident established the people working around the automobile were attempting to tow it out of an area in which it had been stuck and there was no apparent relationship to the Young kidnapping case.

The Atlanta Office advised that THOME had appeared at SCLC Headquarters, Atlanta on 11/6/67, insisting upon having an interview with MARTIN LUTHER KING for an unknown reason.

On 11/7/67, TIM THOME (above), advised his father had a history of mental difficulties, frequency of suicide and had been in and out of Camarillo State Mental Hospital.

On 9/14/67, KENNETH C. MERRYHEW, U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles, advised his department had investigated HAROLD JAMES THOME after receipt of a letter he had written President JOHNSON at his ranch in Texas, dated 12/21/66. MERRYHEW stated the letter in essence warned President JOHNSON he was "in grave danger" and set forth THOME's opposition to the United States involvement in Vietnam. MERRYHEW stated the letter indicated THOME had written the President on two previous occasions. Mr. MERRYHEW stated the records of Camarillo State Hospital reflected THOME was a patient from 1/30/64 to 5/2/64 and from 10/2/64 to 12/10/65. He was classified as a schizophrenic paranoid, disorganized, troublesome and unapproved. No further investigation was conducted by Secret Service.

Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) records reflect that on 3/13/66, THOME was arrested for threatening a neighbor with a gun. No disposition of this arrest was shown. On 6/4/67, THOME was arrested for drunk driving and at the time of arrest had a .410 shotgun on the dashboard of the car which was unloaded. No disposition for this arrest was shown.

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FD-302s concerning THOME are attached.

The following description of THOME was obtained from the records of the LAPD:

Name	HAROLD JAMES THOME
Birth Data	in Chicago
Height	5' 10"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue (wears metal rim glasses)
CII No.	294-617
LAPD No.	787-450T
Social Security Number	

THOME SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: *[Handwritten initials]* SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA
CR
OO: Memphis

Re Louisville airtel dated 5-1-68.

The following additional cost data for SA O. JAMES HOLBROOK who had been assigned to the MURKIN case on special assignment during the month of April is being submitted. SA HOLBROOK informs me that these figures had not previously been furnished the Memphis Office:

NUMBER OF MAN HOURS SPENT ON CASE:

Regular	81 hours
Overtime	57 2/3 hours
Travel time	17 1/2 hours
Total	156 hours, 10 minutes

TOTAL MILEAGE IN BUCAR: 260 miles

PER DIEM AND TRANSPORTATION
COSTS BETWEEN MEMPHIS AND
LOUISVILLE AND RETURN: \$266.60

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1 - Louisville
CAK/ds
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

4/1/68

ALP:AS

To: SACs, St. Louis
Memphis

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re: Lett to Bureau dated 4/23/68.

You will hold in abeyance the interviewing of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] until Bureau instructs otherwise.

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Los Angeles (44-1574)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel 4-26-68, submitting a white envelope, Q296, and a piece of paper with attached mailing address sticker, Q297.

Two latent fingerprints of value developed on the envelope. No latent impressions of value developed on Q297.

The two latent fingerprints on the envelope are identical with the fingerprints of SA William J. Nolan.

Results of laboratory examination and disposition of Q296 and Q297 separate.

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Airtel

To: SAC's, San Antonio (44-1241)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re San Antonio teletype 5-1-68.

Latent fingerprints previously reported in case entitled "Unsub.; The First State Bank, Kesse, Texas, 1/29-30/68; BB," Bufile 91-29193, latent case #89423, are not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

There has been no evidence for latent print examination received to date in the case entitled "Unsub.; First National Bank, Streetman, Texas, 4/4-5/68; BB," Bufile 91-29794.

- 1 - San Antonio (91-2432)**
- 1 - San Antonio (91-2552)**

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AIRTEL

To: SAC, New York (44-1609)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN

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Circularization*

Re New York teletype to Bureau dated April 30, 1968.

Enclosed for New York are two copies of the mat and proof concerning subject James Earl Ray.

You should contact the appropriate officials of Avis and Hertz Car Rental Agencies and provide a copy of each mat and proof to them for inclusion in their magazine which will be circulated on a world-wide basis to their agencies.

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① - Memphis

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☒ **Radio**

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☐ **Teletype**

TO: MEMPHIS

FROM: HONOLULU

MURKIN - COST DATA.

FOLLOWING COST ITEM FOR APRIL LAST.

1 - 64 AGENT AND 10 CLERICAL HOURS.

2 - 150 MILES.

3 - \$6.00 TELEPHONE CALLS.

4 - PEAK NUMBER OF AGENTS 5.

TOR: 2:10 P.M. JDT

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Gyle *HET*

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

FROM : IC ROBERT M. CALK

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CR

DATE: 5/3/68

On 4/29/68 Miss VERA MC DONALD, Chief Clerk,
Driver's License Division, Tennessee Department of Safety,
Nashville, Tenn., was furnished with the true name, JAMES EARL
RAY, and known aliases of RAY, and was requested to place a
stop in the records of that office.

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mjh

*Stop
placed
RM*



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)
RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Pursuant to your telephonic request there is enclosed one copy of Birmingham report submitted in this matter on 4/17/68.

Due to limited number of copies available to Birmingham, it is requested that this report be returned to Birmingham when it has served its purpose.

2 - Chicago (Enc. 1)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)
1 - Birmingham

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To: SAC, New Orleans

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re: Teletype to Bureau April 30, 1968.

The Bureau under separate cover is forwarding 8,000 identification orders regarding subject Ray for the purpose of New Orleans to circulate all harbor shops in Louisiana, bakeries and confectionery establishments as well as firms doing business at the Port of New Orleans, including steamship lines and barge lines.

Armed and dangerous.

1 - Memphis

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(Attn.: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-604) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Albany airtels to Bureau, 4/11/68 and 4/12/68.

LAUNDRY MARKS

Enclosed herewith for examination by the FBI Laboratory are samples of laundry marks obtained from Thermo-Seal machines of laundry establishments within the Boston Division, which are described and itemized as follows:

Item #1

Post Exchange Laundry
Newport Naval Base
Newport, Rhode Island -
machines SN 33137
and SN 33138

Item #2

U. S. Naval Exchange Laundry
U. S. Naval Air Station
Quonset Point, Rhode Island -
machines SN 33431
and SN 33296

3 - Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)
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Airtel

To: SAC's, Philadelphia (44-1369)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Philadelphia airtel 4-26-68, submitting one gin bottle for examination.

Four latent fingerprints of value were developed on the bottle. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405042G.

Philadelphia requested to submit fingerprints or identifying data re owner bottle John J. O'Donnell for elimination purposes.

Bottle destroyed, as requested.

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6-2-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Los Angeles (44-1574)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel 4-26-68, submitting envelope, Q293, and accompanying message signed Eric S. Galt, Q294 for examination.

Five latent fingerprints of value developed on the envelope and one latent fingerprint of value developed on the message. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. These latent fingerprints were compared with latent prints previously reported in this case, but no identification effected.

Result of laboratory examination and disposition of Q293 and Q294 furnished separately.

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Date: 5/2/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 RE COST DATA

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

The following information is submitted in accordance with instructions in captioned tel:

Number of man hours spent on instant matter:

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Overtime Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
SAS	2312	1109	3421
Clerical employees	136	---	136
Total	2448	1109	3557

Total mileage travelled by Bucars on instant matter - (estimated) - 1,000.

Unusual or out of the ordinary costs - None

Peak number of SAS working on instant case during
 March or April - 358

SUBJECT, RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2-Memphis
 1-New York

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Approved: *JFS*
 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5-2-68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

RE: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany, 4-19-68.

q Following is cost data for St. Louis Division for
month of April, 1968:

1. Man Hours Spent:

A. Special Agents

Regular	Overtime	Total
1303 hours	850 hours	2153 hours

B. Clerical

Regular	Overtime	Total
282 hours	14 hours	296 hours

2. Total Mileage - 8,296 miles

3. Unusual costs - \$184 per diem

4. Peak number of Special Agents on case during month - 44.

2 - Memphis
1 - St. Louis
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Date: **5/2/68**Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68.

The following cost data of the Minneapolis Office is submitted for costs through April 30, 1968:

1. Number of man hours spent on case:

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. Special Agent	659	205½	864½
B. Clerical	389	4	393

2. Total mileage traveled by Bureau car:

5,987 miles

3. There were no unusual or out-of-the-ordinary costs except for long-distance telephone calls which figures are not yet available.

4. It is estimated the peak number of agents working on instant case during the month of April was 32.

2 - Memphis
 1 - Minneapolis
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re MEairtel 4-19-68.

Following is the cost data for the Birmingham Division
 for the month of April, 1968:

1.	MAN HOURS SPENT ON CASE:	<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>OVERTIME</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
	A. SPECIAL AGENTS	3433:00	1948:00	5381:00
	B. CLERICAL	<u>1444:00</u>	<u>307:00</u>	<u>1751:00</u>
	TOTALS	<u>4877:00</u>	<u>2255:00</u>	<u>7132:00</u>
2.	TOTAL MILEAGE BUCARS:			20,112
3.	OTHER COSTS:			
	Transportation (Common Carrier)			\$416.00
	Per Diem			<u>494.00</u>
	Total			\$910.00
4.	PEAK NUMBER SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING CASE:			58

2-Memphis
 1-Birmingham
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 Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (157-61)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

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

The following information regarding cost data has been compiled thorough 4/30/68:

	<u>Regular Hours</u>	<u>Over-time Hours</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. Special Agents	102	18	120
B. Clerical Employees	30	0	30
Total	<u>132</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>150</u>

- Total mileage (estimated) 240 miles.
- Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs - none.
- Peak number of Special Agents working on case - 6.

2 - Memphis
 1 - San Juan
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 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: **May 2, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)
MURKIN - COST DATA

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

Cost data for the Jackson Division from 4/4/68
to 4/30/68 is as follows:

- 1- A. Special Agents

Regular Man Hours	1,741 (hours)
Overtime	632 (hours)
- B. Clerical Employees

Regular Man Hours	274 (hours)
Overtime	None
- 2- Total Mileage (Estimated) 13,513 (miles)
- 3- Unusual or out-of-the-ordinary Expenses None
- 4- Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case at Anytime During the Month 82

- ② - Memphis
1 - Jackson

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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/23/68

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JAMES H. LAUE, 8231 Chauncey Court, Fairfax County, Virginia, advised he was a guest at the Lorraine Motel, in Room 308, in Memphis, Tennessee, from April 1, 1968, through April 5, 1968, in connection with his duties as Acting Director, Program Evaluation and Development, with Community Relations Services, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

On April 4, 1968, according to LAUE, at approximately 6:00 p.m., he was in his room at the Lorraine Motel and heard what appeared to be a loud report of a firecracker from the direction of the motel court. Upon opening his door, he noted the prostrate form of Dr. KING lying on the motel balcony.

LAUE further stated he immediately went to Dr. KING's aid and upon arriving, he noticed upon viewing the body, a three inch in diameter wound between the right ear and jaw of Dr. KING, and there was much blood around the body.

LAUE further stated he immediately returned to his room and obtained a towel and returned to Dr. KING and placed the towel under Dr. KING's head in an effort to absorb the blood. He then attempted to find a pulse beat of Dr. KING.

LAUE further stated he noticed no one leaving the scene and could furnish no further pertinent information, except that he recalls the following individuals were present upon his first arriving at the prostrate form of Dr. KING:

Reverend ANDREW YOUNG;

Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY;

Reverend JESSE JACKSON.

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On 4/14/68 at Fairfax County, Virginia File # Richmond 44-657

by SA JOHN GORMAN: ddm Date dictated 4/18/68

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

Re JAMES H. LOUE - guest at Lorraine Motel 4/4/68.

RE: Memphis teletype to Richmond, 4/13/68.
Richmond teletype to Memphis 4/14/68, setting
forth results of interview of JAMES H. LOUE.

Enclosed for Memphis are 30 copies of FD 302
of interview with JAMES H. LOUE, a guest at the Lorraine
Motel, Memphis, Tenn., on 4/4/68, it being noted LOUE
indicated he heard the shot that killed KING and thereafter
observed KING lying on the motel's balcony.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Atlanta, Georgia
December 14, 1965

HOLT CHEW; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS

At 2:43 p.m., December 13, 1965, Lieutenant MORRIS REDDING, Racial and Subversive Unit, Atlanta Police Department, advised that a few minutes previously he had been telephonically contacted by Miss DORA MC DONALD, Secretary to Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

MC DONALD informed Lieutenant REDDING she had just completed receipt of a long distance telephone call from a male individual who stated he was "Mr. CHEW" (phonetic) residing 800 Washington Street, Denver, Colorado. MC DONALD said that CHEW stated "Tell Dr. King to be careful, someone is going to assassinate him. When is he going to make another appearance?"

MC DONALD told Lieutenant REDDING she had furnished no information to this individual but was concerned because Reverend KING was scheduled to speak at 7:30 p.m., December 13, 1965 at the St. James Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

At 2:50 p.m., December 13, 1965 Miss DORA MC DONALD, Secretary to Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., telephonically contacted the Atlanta Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and furnished essentially the same information as Lieutenant REDDING advised Miss DORA MC DONALD had furnished him. Miss MC DONALD requested that Special Agents of the FBI be present at the St. James Baptist Church, Birmingham during the evening of December 13, 1965 because of possible danger involving Reverend KING. MC DONALD was informed that Special Agents of the FBI were not authorized to afford protective service to any individual but that the information she had furnished would be immediately made available to the Birmingham Police Department.

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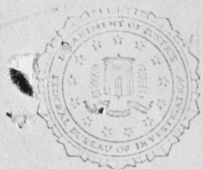
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WOLFE CHEN; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
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December 14, 1965

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HOLT CHEW; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS

On December 13, 1965, a confidential source advised that DORA E. MC DONALD, Secretary to Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was contacted by an individual who informed her that his name was "HOLT CHEW" (phonetic) and that his address was "800 Washington", Denver, Colorado.

"CHEW" inquired of MC DONALD "When does KING go out again." MC DONALD asked what he meant by this question and "CHEW" said he wanted to know when Reverend KING would appear in public. MC DONALD said that Reverend KING was scheduled to make a public appearance in Birmingham, Alabama during the evening of December 13, 1965.

"CHEW" with reference to his contact of MC DONALD said he thought "in all fairness" he should contact her. He told MC DONALD to "take it for what it's worth." MC DONALD thanked "CHEW" for contacting her.

Source observed that "CHEW" spoke to MC DONALD in a rambling and incoherent manner.

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Atlanta, Georgia
December 11, 1965

FD 323

Title	WILLIAMS; HARRY ELMER WILLIAMS, JR. - VICTIM
Character	EXTORTION - RICHARD WILLIAMS
Reference	Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above, at Atlanta, Georgia.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished
reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Denver, Colorado

December 20, 1965

HOLT CHEW; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS

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The foregoing information was presented to Assistant United States Attorney RICHARD T. SPRIGGS, Denver, Colorado, on December 14, 1965.

Mr. SPRIGGS declined prosecution, stating in his opinion there is no violation of the Extortion Statute, the statement made by HOLT CHEW being and could be considered as a warning.

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HOLT CHEW

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-44568)
FROM: SAC, DENVER (9-1537)RUC
SUBJECT: HOLT CHEW;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS

Re Bureau airtel 2/18/66 and memorandum from Mr. JOHN DOAR, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division.

Xerox copies of Denver Post article dated 1/21/66 previously furnished to the Bureau and Xerox copies of a Denver Post article dated 2/22/66, and Rocky Mountain News article dated 2/22/66, enclosed herewith.

Denver Office has carefully considered the request of Mr. DOAR for the interview of HOLT CHEW and is of the opinion that such an interview at this time would be highly undesirable in view of CHEW's currently being charged with Assault with a Deadly Weapon by local authorities and his contention that he was legally insane at the time he shot JAMES THOMAS JACKSON on 1/20/66.

Information obtained from Denver Criminal Informants who are acquainted with CHEW, indicates that CHEW is a highly irascible and unpredictable individual, an alcoholic, and a possible user of narcotics. This borne out by newspaper articles which indicate CHEW had a breathalyzer reading of 2.2 following his shooting of JACKSON.

The Bureau's attention is directed to Atlanta's LHM dated 12/14/65, which indicates CHEW spoke in a rambling

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and incoherent manner when he talked to DORA E. MC DONALD, Secretary to Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING on 12/13/65. It is interesting to note that no mention of a threat is made by the Confidential Source who furnished information contained in this LHM as contrasted to the information furnished to the Atlanta Police Department by DORA MC DONALD.

Bureau should also note CHEW has been under the care of a psychiatrist since the shooting and has been a patient in Mt. Airy Hospital, a private mental institution in Denver.

CHEW will not be interviewed, UACB.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Robt. Frank Rogers
SAs.

Denver, Colo. 80
March 8, 1968

HOLT CHEW;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. - VICTIM
EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS

Records of the Denver Police Department, Bureau of Identification and Records, Denver, Colorado, reflect that Holt Chew, Denver Police Department #588884, was arrested for investigation of aggravated assault on January 20, 1968, at 10:00 P.M. at his residence, 300 Washington Street, Denver, following the shooting of James Thomas Jackson. He was released on bond January 21, 1968, with a capias hold charging Assault to Murder. Denver Police Department records reflect Chew was examined by a physician at Denver City Jail on January 21, 1968, prior to his release, at which time the examining physician indicated Chew was affected by an acute alcoholic withdrawal syndrome and characterized Chew as a chronic alcoholic.

As attachments hereto are the following newspaper articles concerning Chew:

"Denver Post," Denver daily newspaper,
January 21, 1968;

"Denver Post," February 22, 1968;

"Rocky Mountain News," Denver daily newspaper,
February 22, 1968.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 21, 1968, that Chew is a highly irascible and unpredictable individual, an alcoholic and a possible user of narcotics.

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HOLT CHOW;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. - VICTIM

Since Chew is currently charged by local authorities on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, has a history of alcoholism and mental treatment and is under the care of a psychiatrist, Chew is not being interviewed.

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Ex-Convict Shot — Denverite Questioned

An ex-convict was on the danger list at Denver General Hospital Friday after being shot three times Thursday night in his 12th floor office of a Denver apartment house, Detective Jack Groginsky said.

The detective said Holt Chew, 36, a former auto dealer, was called for investigation of aggravated assault in connection with the shooting.

Chew, who lives in Apt. 1001 at 800 Washington St.—the address at which the shooting occurred — is part owner of the building, Lanai Apartments.

The shooting victim was identified by Groginsky as James Thomas Jackson, 33, of 2655 Ace St. A DGH spokesman said Jackson suffered gunshot wounds in the chest and abdomen. He underwent surgery early Friday.

After the shooting, the detective said, Chew helped Jackson down stairs. The victim was out in a parking lot when police arrived at 9 p.m.

Patrolmen Casey J. Simpson and Z. T. Teska said Chew surrendered to them without resistance in the first-floor lobby of the apartment house.

SHOTS FIRED

Groginsky said the weapon, a .38-caliber revolver, was found in a sand urn in the lobby of the building. Four shots had been fired, he said.

Groginsky said the two men gave conflicting accounts of the shooting.

He said Chew told him that Jackson, whom he thought he had seen before, walked in uninvited, tried to take some money from him and attacked him.

He quoted Chew as saying Jackson pushed him too far. At the hospital, Jackson told detectives Clyde Shaw and Bert Shaughnessy that he had

gone to Chew's office at Chew's invitation to talk about a contract business Jackson, a construction company employee, wanted to start. Jackson said he had been introduced to Chew and talked to him about the same matter last summer.

OPENED DRAWER

Villano and Shaughnessy said Jackson told them Chew asked him to have a drink and then opened his desk drawer. Jackson said he thought Chew was

going to give him the money he wanted to borrow, but instead pulled out a gun and shot him, knocking him to the floor.

"That will teach you to try to rob me," Jackson said Chew told him then and some bills were thrown down on the floor beside him.

He said he lay on the floor for some time before Chew helped him to the elevator and out the building. He said Chew dropped him there and he managed to get to his car in the parking lot before he collapsed.

Groginsky said evidence indicated that Jackson was sitting on the couch when he was wounded and that the shooting occurred some time before police were called.

INTOXICATION TEST

He said Chew had a breathalyzer reading of 2.2. A reading of 1.5 is considered evidence of intoxication under Colorado law.

According to Groginsky, Jackson was paroled from the New Mexico State Penitentiary in 1953 after serving part of a 20-year sentence for second-degree murder.

Jackson was sentenced for the Sept. 12, 1949, shooting of Mrs. Viola Lee Lewis, 19, in Gallup, N.M.

His local record was said to

Colorado State Penitentiary sentence for burglary and County Court fines on drunk and disturbance charges.

Chew was convicted of careless and drunk driving and resisting arrest in 1957. He was fined \$325 and given a one-day jail term. His record also includes arrests for vagrancy and prohibition violations in the 1930s.

Chew last received public attention when he appeared as a lecturer at an Oct. 16 Statehouse grounds rally urging a halt to the war in Viet Nam.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

THE DENVER POST
DENVER, COLORADO

Date: 1/24/66

Edition: HOME

Author:

Editor: PALMER HOYT

Title: HOLT CHEW; JAMES THOMAS JACKSON-VICTIM

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: DENVER

☐ Being Investigated

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Businessman Pleads Insanity in Shooting

A 53-year-old Denver businessman, accused of assault to murder in the shooting of an ex-convict, pleaded innocent by reason of insanity Monday in Denver District Court.

Judge Mitchell B. Johns ordered Holt Chew, 800 Washington St., examined by psychiatrists as an outpatient. Chew is to report back to court March 30.

Chew also is charged with assault with a deadly weapon in the shooting of James Thomas Jackson, 38, a construction worker, in Chew's apartment Jan. 20.

Police said Chew claimed Jackson tried to steal money from him. He dozed off and awoke to discover Jackson going through his pockets and told police.

Chew said he took a .38-caliber revolver from his desk drawer and fired four times at Jackson.

Jackson told police he was invited to Chew's apartment to discuss a certain business. Jackson wished to start with Chew's money.

Jackson said Chew opened the desk drawer and suddenly displayed the gun. "I thought he was going to loan me the money, instead he shot me," Jackson told police. Jackson, 5'11", 170 lbs., said, was shot twice, once in the abdomen and once in the chest.

During Monday's hearing, wife A. Gross, Chew's attorney, protested to Judge Johns that Jackson has refused to discuss the case with him.

Gross filed a motion with the

court requesting that Jackson be ordered to give a deposition. Judge Johns said he would rule on the motion when Chew returns March 30.

Jackson was convicted of second degree murder in Santa Fe, N. M., in 1949. He was paroled from a 20-to-99 year sentence in 1953.

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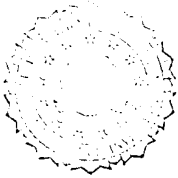
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Records of the Denver Police Department, Bureau of Identification and Records, Denver, Colorado, reveal that Holt Chew, Denver Police Department Number 58534, was placed on probation April 24, 1967 after conviction for shooting James Thomas Jackson, a Negro on January 20, 1966.

On April 29, 1968 and April 30, 1968, Chew was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. He was asked if he recalled he made a telephone call to the office of Martin Luther King in Atlanta, Georgia on December 18, 1965. He reflected for a few moments and then said he was not about to lie about the situation, especially to the FBI. He said that he has no love for Martin Luther King and is glad he is dead. He stated King was not the non-violent civil rights leader he claimed to be. Wherever he went, violence followed and he was responsible for 27 deaths in the United States. He added that, as a personal matter, King was directly responsible for the destruction of the business career of one of his sons, Bill Chew of Saint Augustine, Florida. He estimated his son's financial loss at \$400,000.00.

Chew stated that his son was head of a hotel and motel association in Saint Augustine, Florida a few years ago when King and his followers came down to Florida and started efforts to integrate the industry. His son was also operating a motel in Saint Augustine at the time. Bill Chew was taken into Federal Court by these people for refusing to integrate his establishment and as the result of an unfavorable court decision, he ended up resigning his position with the association and selling his motel at a

