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The following investigation was conducted by SA
JOHN M. NICKOLS:

AT KINGMAN, ARIZONA

On April 12, 1968, the Kingman City Directory and Telephone Directory were reviewed for the names GALT and LOWMEYER or LOWMYER with negative results.

On April 15, 1968, Mrs. LOU DE LONG, Secretary, Mohave County Sheriff's Office, and Mrs. HELEN HART, Secretary, Kingman Police Department, both advised their respective files showed no listing for any of the above-mentioned names.

On April 15, 1968, Mrs. PEGGY SMITH, Mohave County Recorder, advised voter records for this county list nothing for the names mentioned above.

On April 15, 1968, Mrs. MELINDA VINCENT, Credit Bureau of Kingman, advised her files have no information on these names.

On April 15, 1968, RICHARD REIDEL, Assistant Manager, First Navajo National Bank, Kingman Branch, advised his institution has no record of the GALT name.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
HENRY F. GRADY:

On April 15, 1968, the following persons were contacted for information regarding ERIC STARVO GALT and HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER. All advised that their records were negative regarding these names:

Sheriff ELDON JONES, Gila County,
Globe, Arizona

RODNEY J. WEINBERG, Chief of Police, Globe

JEANNETT ORTEGA, Clerk, Credit Bureau of
Gila County, Globe

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ROBERT STITELER, Chief of Police,
Miami, Arizona

Mrs. DONNA KELLY, Identification Division,
Police Department, Mesa, Arizona

BRUCE G. BROWN, Manager, Credit Bureau Services,
46 West Main, Mesa

The following investigation was conducted by SA
WALTER E. PETERS:

The following records were searched in an effort
to determine a record under the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER
or HARVEY LOWMYER or ERIC STARVO GALT. No record was found
on any of these names.

JOAN LANE, Coolidge, Arizona, Police Department,
contacted April 17, 1968

LOIS UTT, Pinal County Sheriff's Office, Florence,
Arizona, contacted April 17, 1968

EVA VINIEGRA, Eloy, Arizona, Police Department,
contacted April 18, 1968

HAZEL KENZER, Casa Grande, Arizona, Police De-
partment, contacted April 18, 1968

The following investigation was conducted by SA
DANIEL C. PELTON:

AT PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

On April 17, 1968, checks of the records of Local
Board 16, Selective Service System; Prescott Credit Bureau;
Prescott Police Department, Yavapai County Sheriff's Office
and past and current city directories were all negative
regarding the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

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AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA

On April 15, 1967, records of the Flagstaff Police Department, Coconino County Sheriff's Office, Flagstaff Credit Bureau were checked with negative results regarding ERIC STARVO GALT. All past and current city directories available were also checked with negative results.

The following investigation was conducted by SA LYNN W. BEDFORD:

AT FLORENCE, ARIZONA

On April 15, 1968, Mrs. LOIS MARTIN, Record Clerk, Pinal County, advised that they had no arrest record for HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER or for ERIC STARVO GALT. The Pinal County Sheriff's Office covers the police records for all of the small towns in eastern Pinal County.

Investigators LLOYD BRAMLETT and HOWARD CRISLER, Pinal County Sheriff's Office, advised that they had no laundries or dry cleaning business in Florence, and all of the small towns in eastern Pinal County were handled by delivery and pickup service out of Tucson, Arizona, or Casa Grande, Arizona. The only credit bureau in Pinal County is located in Casa Grande. The Tucson Credit Bureau and the Casa Grande Credit Bureau cover all credit reports.

The Arizona State Bureau of Criminal Identification records were checked April 15, 1968, and no record of ERIC STARVO GALT or HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER could be located.

AT MESA, ARIZONA

The Mesa and Chandler, Arizona, Police Departments were telephonically checked April 10 and 15, 1968, and no record of GALT, LOWMEYER or LOWMYER could be located.

ALMA GOSS, Mesa Credit Bureau, had no record of these two individuals; and there was no listing for them located in the Mesa or Eastern Pinal County telephone books.

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The following investigation was conducted on
April 12, 1968, by SA J. VERNON TUCKEY:

The following persons were contacted in connection
with ERIC STARVO GALT and all stated they could furnish no
information concerning this individual:

At Peoria, Arizona

Chief of Police L. R. JOHNSON,

At El Mirage, Arizona

Chief of Police ARTHUR MORENO,

At Surprise, Arizona

JOHN M. WILDER, Town Marshal

At Glendale, Arizona,

JOHN ROSE, Police Department

E. R. OVERBY, Thunderbird Bank,

R. A. GOODSON, Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Office,
who also checked the records of the Police
Department.

It should be noted that there is no credit bureau
covering the above areas other than the Credit Bureau of
Phoenix, Inc., Phoenix, Arizona.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
LESTER R. WALTHERS on April 11, 1968:

The following individuals contacted regarding the name
of ERIC STARVO GALT advised their records contain nothing
identifiable with the name ERIC STARVO GALT:

Chief of Police (COP)
ROBERT CHIAVERINI
Gila Bend, Arizona

Deputy CLIFF BOOTHE
Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Gila Bend, Arizona

JOE STONE
Buckeye, Arizona Police Department

LORRAINE VOSE
Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Buckeye, Arizona

COP WAYNE WATSON
Tolleson, Arizona

COP JOHN LOPEZ
Avondale, Arizona

COP J. G. SHERRILL
Goodyear, Arizona

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The following investigation was conducted by IC
JAMES W. CORNETT at Tucson, Arizona:

On April 12, 1968, the following individuals advised that a search of their respective records failed to disclose any information or arrest data identifiable with the surname of LOWMEYER or LOWMYER:

Mrs. NANCY H. BREAZEALE, Deputy Clerk, Pima County
Recorder Office, Voter Registration

Mrs. VOLETTA HOFFPAUIR, Supervisor, Credit Bureau
Services

Mrs. JESSIE GOULETTE, Clerk, Records, Pima County
Sheriff's Office

Mrs. DOROTHY O'NEILL, Supervisor, Records, Tucson
Police Department

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
DANIEL C. PELTON:

AT PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

On April 11, 1968, the following were contacted
for any record on a HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER with nega-
tive results:

Prescott Police Department

Yavapai County Sheriff's Office

CARMEN RAVETTO, Prescott Credit Bureau

FRANK BAUER, Yavapai County Recorder (for
voter registration records)

The available past and present city directories
were also checked with negative results.

AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA

On April 12, 1968, records of the following were
checked for a HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER with negative results:

Flagstaff Police Department

Coconino County Sheriff's Office

Coconino County Recorder EDNA M. THORNTON, for
voter registration

DICK BLOCK, Manager, Flagstaff Credit Bureau

The available past and present city directories
for Flagstaff were also checked with negative results.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
DUNCAN M. DEW, III:

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AT AJO, ARIZONA

On April 11, 1968, Mrs. BOCALVIE CLARK, Clark's Bookkeeping Service, 1345 North Second Avenue, advised that she is associated with the Retail Merchants Credit Association which covers the westernmost portion of Pima County, Arizona. She stated she could find no record identifiable with HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER in her records. Mrs. CLARK advised there is no city directory for this area and that no such name is reflected in the Ajo telephone directory.

On April 11, 1968, Mrs. VIRGINIA HARRISON, Pima County Sheriff's Office, advised that their office handles all criminal matters in the western part of Pima County and, further, that there is no police department in Ajo, this city being handled exclusively by the Sheriff's Office. Mrs. HARRISON stated she could find no record identifiable with HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER in their files.

AT SELLS, ARIZONA

On April 11, 1968, ALLEN CLARK, Agency Special Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs, advised he could find no record of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER in the records of the Papago Indian Reservation or Sells Police Department, which covers all of the Papago Indian Reservation.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DANIEL A. MC GOVERN, IV:

AT YUMA, ARIZONA

On April 12, 1968, the following sources were checked in an attempt to locate an individual named LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and all failed to list any record under either name:

Yuma City Directory

Yuma Telephone Directory

Yuma Voter Registration, checked by Mr. HOWARD
WALDIE, Deputy Registrar

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Yuma Credit Bureau, Mrs. LOIS RAMSDALE

Yuma Police Department, Mrs. MARILYN WEHRLE, Clerk

Yuma County Sheriff's Office, Mrs. PRISCILLA
ARVIZO, Clerk

The following investigation was conducted by SA
G. WAYNE MACK on April 12, 1968:

The POLKS City Directory for year 1966, latest available, for Safford, Arizona, does not contain any names of LOWMEYER or LOWMYER; nor does the current telephone directory for the towns of Clifton, Morenci or Duncan, Arizona, in Greenlee County; nor current telephone directory for towns in Graham County, Arizona.

Credit and identification checks were also negative.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
CALVIN C. CLEGG on April 11, 1968:

Captain BILL EVANS, Sierra Vista, Arizona, Police
Department, caused a search of his records and advised that
there was no record identifiable with the surnames LOWMEYER
or LOWMYER.

Chief of Police LORING COLMAN, Huachuca City, Ari-
zona, caused a search of his files which revealed no file
identifiable with the surnames LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

KATHY BRATZ, Secretary, Criminal Investigations
Division, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, advised a search of the
records of that office revealed no one by those surnames.

VIRGINIA BERUMEN, Credit Bureau of Cochise County,
stated that her bureau covers the Sierra Vista, Huachuca
City and Fort Huachuca areas. She advised that a search
of her records revealed no one identifiable with LOWMEYER
or LOWMYER.

The Mountain States Telephone Directory covering
the areas of Sierra Vista, Huachuca City and Fry, Arizona,
revealed no name identifiable with LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

A check of the Fort Huachuca Telephone Directory
revealed no one by those names.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
J. VERNON TUCKEY, on April 10, 1968:

The following individuals were contacted in an
effort to develop information concerning the name of HARVEY
LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER, but none could furnish any infor-
mation concerning an individual with this name:

At Glendale, Arizona, SAL VETRANO, Police Department;

At Wickenburt, Arizona, Sergeant JAMES MASON, Sheriff's
Office and Police Department;

At Surprise, Arizona, Town Marshal JOHN M. WILDER
and ARTHUR MORENO, Chief of Police, El Mirage, Arizona.

It should be noted that there is no credit bureau
in any of the above towns and this area is all covered by the
Credit Bureau of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA LESTER R. WALTHERS:

On April 10, 1968, the following individuals
were contacted concerning the names of HARVEY LOWMEYER and HARVEY
LOWMYER and each advised that the files of their respective
offices contained no record identifiable with those names:

J. G. SHERRILL, Chief of Police, Goodyear,
Arizona;

WAYNE WATSON, Chief of Police, Tolleson,
Arizona;

JOHN LOPEZ, Chief of Police, Avondale,
Arizona;

Deputy BUD KITCHEN, Maricopa County Sheriff's
Office, Buckeye, Arizona;

JOE STONE, Buckeye Police Department, Buckeye,
Arizona;

ROBERT CHIVERANI, Chief of Police, Gila Bend,
Arizona;

Deputy CLIFF BOOTHE, Maricopa County Sheriff's
Office, Gila Bend, Arizona.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA COLIN M. DUNNIGAN at Phoenix, Arizona:

On April 8, 1968, the cross-city directories for Phoenix, Scottsdale, Mesa and Tempe, Arizona, for the years 1966 and 1967 were checked. There was no listing for any surname of LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

In addition, all the telephone directories for the state of Arizona were also checked for the surname LOWMYER or LOWMEYER and such checks were negative.

On April 10, 1968, the following people were contacted:

Mr. H. M. HANSEN, Valley National Bank,
141 North Central Avenue

Mr. R. J. KOESTER, The Arizona Bank,
44 West Monroe

Mr. R. W. GALTER, First National Bank,
411 North Central Avenue

Mr. J. F. GROUT, Pioneer Bank,
3443 North Central Avenue

Mr. R. HOUSE, United Bank,
3550 North Central Avenue

Mrs. BARBARA O'GRADY, First Federal Savings
and Loan Association, 3003 North Central

Mr. S. SULLIVAN, Western Savings and Loan
Association, 3443 North Central

Mr. H. JONES, Greater Arizona Savings and Loan
Association, 122 North Central

Mr. CORRELL EUBANKS, Continental Bank, 44-1987-Sub B-482B
4000 North Central Avenue

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Mr. EARL KUBLIN, Southern Arizona Bank and
Trust, 300 West Osborn

Mrs. SHIRLEY SANDERS, Southwestern Savings and
Loan Association, 5133 North Central

All of the above persons checked the surnames
LOWMEYER and LOWMYER, STRAVO and GALT through their respec-
tive financial institution's central files, and all such
checks were negative.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
LAWRENCE H. BAGLEY:

On April 9, 1968, a review of all telephone and city directories for Cochise County which include Bowie, Benson, Willcox, Huachuca City, Sierra Vista, Bisbee and Douglas, was made with negative results.

On April 9, 1968, a review was made of records at the Willcox, Arizona, Police Department with negative results.

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LOWMYER, WILLARD, HERRON AND OTHERS

The following investigation was conducted by IC
GEORGE J. KIBSEY at Phoenix, Arizona:

On April 9, 1968, the following persons were con-
tacted for any information on a HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY
LOWMYER:

Mr. C. W. NIELSEN, General Manager, Credit Bureau
of Phoenix, Inc.

Lieutenant EDWARD CASSIDY, Supervisor, Records and
Identification, Phoenix Police Department

Captain JACK E. WATSON, JR., Identification Bureau,
Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Mr. FENTON H. BUTLER, Deputy State Registrar,
Bureau of Vital Statistics, Arizona State
Department of Health

Mrs. SYLVIA PACE, Clerk, Maricopa County Election
Department, Records Office

On April 10, 1968, All of the above with the exception
of Mrs. PACE, as well as the following were contacted regard-
ing any record on ERIC STARVO GALT or GUALT or STARVO:

Mr. MICHAEL F. GROOM, Supervisor, Drivers License
Records, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD), Ari-
zona Highway Department

Mrs. WINKLE GRADY, Assistant Supervisor, Title
Records Section, MVD

B. ANN LEVINE, Clerk, Selective Service System,
106 East Roosevelt

Mrs. MARY FARLEY, Clerk, Maricopa County Election
Department, Records Office

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Mr. JOHN JONES, Investigator, U. S. Immigration
and Naturalization Service

All of the foregoing advised they had no record
for those names.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-644)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - LAUNDRY MARKS

Re Albany airtels dated 4/10/68 and 4/11/68,
Bureau teletype to Memphis dated 4/12/68, and Memphis
airtel to All Continental Offices dated 4/19/68.

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

- (1) Sparkle Cleaners, 350 Chestnut Hill
Avenue, Brighton, Mass. SN R32865
- (2) Holly Cleaners, 724 Beacon Street,
Newton, Mass. SN 33287
- (3) C. G. Howes, 612 Washington Street,
Newton, Mass. SN R32176
- (4) Superior Laundry, 625 Concord Avenue,
Cambridge, Mass. SN R31762
- (5) Superior Laundry, above, SN R32116
- (6) Superior Laundry, above, SN R32119

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- (7) Superior Laundry, above, SN R32118
- (8) Shea's Dry Cleaners, Inc., 1016 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Mass. SN 33014
- (9) Shea's Dry Cleaners, Inc., above, SN 33700
- (10) Shea's Dry Cleaners, Inc., above, SN R31984
- (11) Shea's Dry Cleaners, Inc., above, SN R31985
- (12) Shea's, 473 Harvard Street, Brookline, Mass.,
SN 34548

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel to NY, 4/23/68.

On 4/24/68, JACK LEONARD DOUGLAS, NYC cab driver, Hack License # 78379, was interviewed at his home, 361 E. 56th St, Brooklyn, NY, at which time he related that while driving a cab about two months ago, he picked up Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, a colored aide and a very attractive white woman at the International Hotel at Kennedy Airport, at around 7:00 to 8:00 pm, who he transported to the Passenger Departure Terminal of La Guardia Airport, NYC. He stated when they arrived at the airport, Dr. KING's aide left the cab with their luggage and walked into the airport. He stated that KING, while still in the cab, fondly embraced and kissed the white woman in a passionate manner. He stated that KING then left the cab and he drove the white woman into Manhattan to a town house which he believes was located somewhere between 50th and 80th Street and Madison and 1st Avenue. He stated that he recalls that this building was on a street running west and it was on the left side of the street with a wrought iron fence around the front. He stated that the building was 3 to 5 stories at the most. DOUGLAS stated that he is of the opinion that if he could see his trip sheets he could identify this trip because he is of the opinion that he listed the International Hotel when he picked up KING, when he normally only lists Kennedy Airport.

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DOUGLAS stated that he was employed at the time he transported Dr. KING by the Continental Cab Co., 2222 Tilden Ave, Brooklyn, NY.

On 4/26/68, ARNOLD J. JACOBSEN, Treasurer of Continental Cab Co, 2222 Tilden Ave, Brooklyn, NY, made available the trip sheets of all drivers from 1/1/68 through 3/31/68.

The trip sheets for JACK DOUGLAS were pulled and reviewed and no trip could be located from International Hotel, Kennedy Airport to La Guardia and on to the east side of Manhattan.

JACK L. DOUGLAS came to the Continental Cab Co and reviewed all of his trip sheets from 1/1/68 to 3/31/68 and was unable to locate the trip where he transported Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, his aide and the white woman. DOUGLAS was unable to furnish any additional information that would assist in identifying this white woman. He further stated that he has no reason to believe that she had anything to do with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, but if he should see this woman in the future he would make attempts to further identify her and make this information available to the FBI.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-365) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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Re Miami airtel to Director, 4/11/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA VINCENT E. NAPOLI in connection with a note found by ELEANOR MURKIN, Fitchburg Plate Glass Company which stated "Dr. Rev. MARTIN L. KING will be dead by 4/4/68.", referred to in above referenced airtel.

This note was found by Mrs. MURKIN in a package of stationery supplies from the A. L. Garber Company Printing, Ashland, Ohio.

Investigation is set forth as follows:

On 4/24/68, DONALD STEWART, VP in charge of Administration, A. L. Garber Company, Union Street, Ashland, Ohio, made available the original yellow copy of the packaging slip pertaining to order No. 52360. He verified the fact the order as described on the slip was sent to the shipping department on 4/4/68, and shipped from the company on 4/5/68.

STEWART explained all orders are written up on such packaging slips, pointing out the original copy maintained at the company is yellow. The copy is perforated so that after the order is filled by a packer, the bottom half of the copy can be torn off and sent along with the order to the customer. The top half of the packaging slip copy is also kept at the company in the shipping department.

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In the lower left hand corner of the original and the bottom half of the copy is a space provided for the packer's clock number. However, in viewing the original copy of this shipment, he noted the clock number does not appear. STEWART stated the employees in the shipping department have been careless as of late in writing in their clock numbers and only recently orders have been issued to these employees to be sure they write in their respective numbers when packing an order.

In examining the xerox copy of the packaging slip as provided by Miami Division, STEWART felt the clock number that appeared thereon was 463. In checking, this clock number was found to be that of GEORGE CHARLES GRAY, age 19, born [redacted] Lodi, Ohio, who was hired on 5/10/67. He noted GRAY has been working in the bindery department as a packer since 2/26/68. When hired he lived at RD #2, Jaromessville, Ohio, and was single. He is now married and lives at 514 Ohio Street, Ashland. His SSN is [redacted], he is 5'7 1/2", 150 lbs., and quit school after attending Millisale High School, Ashland County, Ohio, for 2 years. He formerly worked at the Ashland Car Wash. He married on 8/6/67, and lists 2 dependants. He is rated as an average employee.

In examining the application for employment as filled out in GRAY's handwriting and printing, it was observed by the writer that there appeared to be several letters which had similarities with that printing as appears on the note in question.

After determining the information as shown above, it was determined by STEWART that GRAY had gone home after completing his shift, but it was expected he would return on 4/25/68.

Efforts made by the writer on 4/24/68, to locate GRAY at his home, 514 Ohio Street, met with negative results.

On 4/25/68, GRAY was contacted and interviewed at the A. L. Garber Company. Upon being shown the original copy of the packaging slip in question, he readily admitted the handwriting thereon itemizing the items shipped was written by him, and also admitted the order was filled and packaged by him. He was then shown the copy of the note written on the small piece of paper apparently torn from the copy of the packaging slip that was shipped with the package, and he readily admitted writing the note. This note reads: "Dr. Rev. MARTIN L. KING will be dead by 4/24/68".

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When asked why and when he wrote the note, GRAY said he wrote the note on 4/5/68, the day after the assassination, during his first break period about 10:00 AM. He said he planned to play a joke on his fellow worker, ROGER DOVE, who also works in the bindery department, by showing him the note, hoping DOVE had not yet heard of the murder. He said he planned to say at the time he would have shown DOVE the note he knew the murder was to take place, and make it appear to DOVE he was "really in the know". However, he did not go through with this prank as he was side-tracked by someone else calling him and thus he never approached DOVE. He said he had torn the note from the copy of the packaging slip, and did not intend to send the note with the package. He said he did not realize he had sent the note with the package until the time of the interview. He said he would never have sent the note along with the package on purpose as he realized this would have caused some reaction. He insisted he did not know the note was in the package and was at a loss to understand how it got in the package. He suggested the note probably got stuck to one of the inside packages without his noticing it.

GRAY insisted he did not send the note along with the package on purpose to see what reaction it would cause as he would not do such a thing. He said he was sorry for any trouble or time consumption his backfired prank caused and said he definitely did not have any advance knowledge of KING's murder. He said he does not know the suspect, RAY, and has spent all of his life in the Ashland area.

When asked if he had ever been in trouble with the law previously, GRAY admitted that when he was 14 or 15 years of age, he was arrested for stealing property from the grade school he was attending. He was given one year probation and placed on a farm in West Salem, Ohio (12 miles from Ashland). He noted he no longer is on probation.

Further, he also admitted that when he was 17 he was picked up by the Mansfield, Ohio Police Department on suspicion of burglary. However, he claimed he was cleared of the suspicion after his fingerprints were taken and eliminated as being identical with those prints found at the scene. GRAY denied any other arrests.

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On 4/25/68, Sergeant DONALD MULLIN, Assistant Identification Officer, Mansfield, Ohio PD, stated GRAY was arrested under Mansfield PD #13936 on 10/22/66, for investigation of ramming cars. He was fingerprinted and mugged and released the same date, noting he was a juvenile, age 17. Sergeant MULLIN pointed out it was the practice at that time of the Mansfield PD under supervision of former Identification Officer CARL E. STINE, to print and mug juveniles, but to not forward the prints to the FBI, unless some specific reason arose to do so. In checking further, MULLIN located the prints of GRAY on film at the Identification Bureau of the Mansfield PD and stated they would be made available if needed.

In view of the above and since there appears to be no violation of FBI jurisdiction, no further investigation is being conducted re this matter, UACB.

4-29-68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-537) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Rebairtel, 4-19-68.

On 4-26-68 JAMES E. SMITH, Smith's One Hour Cleaners, 2300 Port Avenue, Lynchburg, Va., advised his laundry uses Thermo-Seal tapes and the code number would be included in numbers utilized about 1967 months ago. He could furnish no information on the identity of the customer involved inasmuch as, when marking, one tape is affixed to item, and identical numbered tape to store's copy of call-ticket, which is destroyed after customer pick up. He added tapes can be any of at least 6 colors.

SMITH furnished samples of tapes bearing number 80H-3. It is requested these samples be compared with known tapes in this case.

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MURKIN

ATT: SA HOWARD TETEN

In connection with the preparation of various investigative aids re captioned case, the Exhibits Section, Administrative Division, desires the following to be forwarded to the Exhibits Section:

1. Two copies of aerial photograph of crime area, size 40" x 40".
2. One set of photographs of crime scene taken by Memphis PD, size 8" x 10".
3. Results of engineering survey made by Memphis PD of distance from rooming house window to point where King was shot.

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Arrangements to have these items forwarded to Exhibits Section had been made with SA Teten by Exhibits Specialist George C. Mumford, Jr., while in Memphis on special assignment 4/6/68 to 4/15/68.

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Attention: Exhibits Section
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau and each interested office is one copy of an investigative insert concerning information obtained from the records at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

The information concerning J. R. KELLER was furnished the Phoenix Office by teletype. Other individuals mentioned in this insert have been brought to the attention of the offices in whose territory they reside.

No further information regarding the communication directed to the Social Security Administration, Kansas City, Missouri, on 3/3/58, is available in these files. The Social Security Office in this area is unable to make any such information available to the Kansas City Office.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Investigative Clerk LEONARD L. AYRES on April 26, 1968:

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS:

CARL F. ZARTER, Administrative Assistant, U. S.
Penitentiary (USP) made available USP file number 72498-L
pertaining to RAY, which reflected as follows:

RAY was received at USP-L July 7, 1955, and given
Conditional Release on April 5, 1958.

USP records fail to reflect any visit for RAY at
USP during his incarceration there.

USP record reflects the following approved
correspondents:

Aunt

Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN
1135 South 10th
St. Louis, Missouri,
or

1913 Hickory Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Half-brother

JOHN RYAN
State Penitentiary
Menard, Illinois,
Number 23401

Friend

JERRY RYAN
Box 113
Lancaster, Missouri

RAY directed Special Purpose Letters to the following:

WILLIAM E. MAHER, 1118 East 7th St., Alton, Illinois,
The last letter being on March 24, 1958;

U. S. District Court, Kansas City, Missouri, May 23, 1957;

U. S. Supreme Court, Washington, D.C., ~~4/4-1957 Sub B 477~~
Judge C. WHITTAKER, June 27, 1957;

Social Security Administration, Kansas City, Missouri,
March 3, 1958.

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RAY, while incarcerated at USP, according to USP files, associated with inmate J. R. KELLER, No. 72614-L (as of January 23, 1957).

ZARTER advised USP records reflect that former USP inmate J. R. KELLER, USP No. 72614-L, and the USP records pertaining to KELLER, on February 20, 1957, were transferred to the Federal Prison Camp, Florence, Arizona.

RAY, while incarcerated, USP, Leavenworth, is known to have completed "a course" in Spanish.

The USP commissary records, pertaining to RAY as contained in this USP file, reflect as follows:

RAY, at time of commitment to USP, Leavenworth, on July 7, 1955, had \$159.60. On August 2, 1955, he received an additional \$3.50, however, origin of this amount not reflected this file. Effective May 15, 1957, RAY was approved to earn \$10.00 per month meritorious earnings at USP, and this amount was deposited in RAY's account at USP. The only additional money reflected as being deposited in this account was \$5.00 on February 3, 1958, the origin of the \$5.00 not reflected this file.

4/29/68

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-780) -P-

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau, Chicago, Memphis, and St. Louis is one copy each of FD-302 reflecting interview with M. J. STEWART, Treasurer, Missouri State Penitentiary, Inmates' Bank, regarding JAMES EARL RAY's financial transactions at this institution.

Copies being furnished Chicago and St. Louis because brothers of subject reside in those areas.

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Date of Reference	Earnings Dr. or Cr.	Earnings Balance	Cash Credit	Withdrawal	Cash Balance	Total Balance
MAR 22'60			3.06 +			3.06 °
MAR 22'60				3.00 -		.06 °
MAY 19'60	3.00 +					3.06 °
JUN 7 CP				3.00 -		.06 °
JUN 20'60	3.00 +					3.06 °
JUL 5 CP				3.00 -		.06 °
JUL 21'60	4.00 +					4.06 °
AUG 17 CP				3.00 -		1.06 °
AUG 19'60	4.00 +					5.06 °
SEP 6 EX	To: James H McAtter, Circuit Court Clerk →			2.25 -		2.81 °
SEP 22 MO			10.00 +			12.81 °
SEP 23'60	4.00 +					16.81 °
OCT 6 MO			10.00 +			26.81 °
OCT 17 CP				20.00 -		6.81 °
OCT 21'60	5.00 +					11.81 °
OCT 27 CM				.50 -		11.31 °
NOV 16 CP				6.00 -		5.31 °
NOV 18'60	5.00 +					10.31 °
NOV 18'60				.50 -		9.81 °
NOV 23 CM				1.00 -		8.81 °
NOV 28 JE				1.50 -		7.31 °
DEC 16 CP				3.00 -		4.31 °
DEC 19'60	5.00 +					9.31 °
DEC 27 MO			5.00 +			14.31 °
DEC 28 MO			5.00 +			19.31 °
JAN 17 CP				6.00 -		13.31 °
JAN 20'61	6.00 +					19.31 °
JAN 24 EX	To: West Publishing Company →			1.25 -		18.06 °
FEB 6 EX	To: James H McAtter, Circuit Court Clerk →			1.25 -		16.81 °
FEB 17 CP				10.00 -		6.81 °
FEB 21'61	6.00 +					12.81 °
FEB 28'61				.50 -		12.31 °
MAR 16 CP				6.00 -		6.31 °
MAR 22'61	7.00 +					13.31 °
APR 7 MO			5.00 +			18.31 °
APR 17 CP				15.00 -		3.31 °
APR 18'61				.50 -		2.81 °
APR 24'61	8.00 +					10.81 °
MAY 15 CP				6.00 -		4.81 °
MAY 19'61	9.00 +					13.81 °
JUN 19 CP				10.00 -		3.81 °

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Date 4/29/68

M. J. STEWART, Treasurer, Missouri State Penitentiary, Inmates' Bank, furnished the following data from the file of former inmate JAMES EARL RAY. He said this represented all of RAY's financial transactions, through the penitentiary facility from March 20, 1960, to the present. He said there were no means by which the reasons for withdrawals could be established. He said he would determine from whom money orders were received.

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On 4/23/68 at Jefferson City, Missouri File # KC 44-760

by SA ROWEN B. AYERS

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Date dictated 4/24/68

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Date of Reference	Earnings Dr. or Cr.	Earnings Balance	Credit Cash	Withdrawal	Cash Balance	Total Balance
						3.81 °
JUN 22'61	10.00 +					13.81 °
JUL 17 CP				10.00 -		3.81 °
JUL 21'61	11.00 +					14.81 °
JUL 25 MO			5.00 +			19.81 °
AUG 7 EX				3.25 -		16.56 °
AUG 11'61				.50 -		16.06 °
AUG 14 CP				10.00 -		6.06 °
AUG 21'61	12.00 +					18.06 °
SEP 15 CP				15.00 -		3.06 °
SEP 20'61	12.00 +					15.06 °
OCT 4'61				.50 -		14.56 °
OCT 16 CM				1.00 -		13.56 °
OCT 18 CP				10.00 -		3.56 °
OCT 20'61	12.00 +					15.56 °
NOV 6 MO			1.00 +			16.56 °
NOV 13 CM				1.00 -		15.56 °
NOV 17 CP				10.00 -		5.56 °
NOV 22'61	12.00 +					17.56 °
NOV 30'61				.50 -		17.06 °
DEC 1 CP				3.00 -		14.06 °
DEC 4'61				.88 -		13.18 °
DEC 7'61			10.00 +			23.18 °
DEC 18'61	1.63 +					24.81 °
DEC 19 MO			10.00 +			34.81 °
DEC 19'61				2.40 -		32.41 °
MAR 1 CP				1.00 -		31.41 °
MAR 29'62				2.40 -		29.01 °
APR 2 CP				3.00 -		26.01 °
MAY 1 CP				3.00 -		23.01 °
JUN 7 CP				6.00 -		17.01 °
JUN 8'62				.50 -		16.51 °
JUN 28'62				.50 -		16.01 °
JUL 2 CP				10.00 -		6.01 °
JUL 10 EX				5.50 -		.51 °
JUL 13'62	1.50 +					2.01 °
AUG 6'62				.50 -		1.51 °
AUG 15'62	1.50 +					3.01 °
SEP 12'62	1.50 +					4.51 °
SEP 13 CM				.50 -		4.01 °
OCT 10'62	1.50 +					5.51 °
OCT 18 MO			10.00 +			15.51 °

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Date of Reference	Earnings Dr. or Cr.	Earnings Balance	Credit Cash	Withdrawal	Cash Balance	Total Balance
(1962)						15.51 °
OCT 19 CM				.50 -		15.01 °
NOV 13 MO			40.00 +			55.01 °
NOV 14 '62	1.50 +					56.51 °
NOV 20 CM				.50 -		56.01 °
DEC 4 '62				2.40 -		53.61 °
DEC 5 JE				2.50 -		51.11 °
DEC 13 '63	1.50 +					52.61 °
DEC 14 CP				20.00 -		32.61 °
JAN 15 '63	1.50 +					34.11 °
JAN 16 CP				20.00 -		14.11 °
JAN 22 '63				.50 -		
JAN 22 '63				.74 -		12.87 °
FEB 7 MO			7.50 +			20.37 °
FEB 15 '63	1.50 +					21.87 °
FEB 18 CP				20.00 -		1.87 °
FEB 20 MO			35.00 +			36.87 °
MAR 6 EX	To: Street Publishing Company			1.25 -		35.62 °
MAR 14 '63	1.50 +					37.12 °
MAR 19 EX	To: Jerry Ray			10.25 -		26.87 °
MAR 21 '63				.60 -		26.27 °
APR 8 EX	To: Street Publishing Company			1.25 -		25.02 °
APR 12 '63	1.50 +					26.52 °
APR 15 CP				10.00 -		16.52 °
APR 16 MO			65.00 +			81.52 °
APR 24 '63				2.50 -		79.02 °
MAY 14 '63	1.50 +					80.52 °
MAY 16 CP				6.00 -		74.52 °
MAY 20 EX	To: Alden's			7.00 -		67.52 °
MAY 23 MO			25.00 +			92.52 °
JUN 3 MO			.60 +			93.12 °
JUN 10 EX	To: Jerry Ray			80.25 -		12.87 °
JUN 13 '63	1.50 +					14.37 °
JUN 17 CP				6.00 -		8.37 °
JUN 19 MO			50.00 +			108.37 °
JUN 19 MO			50.00 +			6.12 °
JUN 24 EX	To: Jerry Ray			102.25 -		21.12 °
JUL 10 '63 MO			15.00 +			22.62 °
JUL 12 '63	1.50 +					16.62 °
JUL 15 CP				6.00 -		
JUL 22 EX	To: Street Publishing Company			1.25 -		15.37 °
AUG 14 '63	1.50 +					16.87 °

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						10.87 °
AUG 15 MO			1.00 +			11.87 °
AUG 20 MO			30.00 +			41.87 °
SEP 13'63	1.50 +					43.37 °
SEP 16'63EC				20.00 -		23.37 °
OCT 10'63	1.50 +					24.87 °
OCT 14'63CP				20.00 -		4.87 °
OCT 14'63CM				1.00 -		3.87 °
OCT 28'63MO			35.00 +			38.87 °
NOV 6'63				.50 -		38.37 °
NOV 12'63	1.50 +					39.87 °
NOV 15'63CM				.62 -		39.25 °
DEC 5'63	2.00 +					41.25 °
DEC 12'63	1.50 +					42.75 °
DEC 16'63CM				.50 -		42.25 °
JAN 3'64MO			5.00 +			47.25 °
JAN 6'64EX		<i>To: James McArthur</i>		1.75 -		45.50 °
JAN 13'64MO			1.50 +			47.00 °
JAN 14'64	1.50 +					48.50 °
FEB 10'64EX		<i>To: West Publishing Company</i>		1.25 -		47.25 °
FEB 13'64	1.50 +					48.75 °
FEB 17'64CP				6.00 -		42.75 °
FEB 17'64MO			1.00 +			43.75 °
MAR 12'64	1.50 +					45.25 °
MAR 25'64MO			10.00 +			55.25 °
APR 15'64	1.50 +					56.75 °
APR 17'64CP				15.00 -		41.75 °
MAY 13'64	1.50 +					43.25 °
MAY 14'64CP				10.00 -		33.25 °
MAY 27'64MO			40.00 +			73.25 °
JUN 11'64	1.50 +					74.75 °
JUN 15'64CP				15.00 -		59.75 °
JUN 22'64EX		<i>To: Jerry Ray - - - - -</i>		55.25 -		4.50 °
JUL 9'64MO			15.00 +			19.50 °
JUL 13'64	1.50 +					21.00 °
JUL 15'64CP				10.00 -		11.00 °
AUG 14'64	1.50 +					12.50 °
AUG 17'64CP				6.00 -		6.50 °
AUG 31'64MO			20.00 +			26.50 °
SEP 11'64	1.50 +					28.00 °
SEP 14'64CP				15.00 -		13.00 °
SEP 28'64CM				.50 -		12.50 °
OCT 6'64				.50 -		12.00 °
OCT 14'64	1.50 +					13.50 °
OCT 15'64CP				6.00 -		7.50 °
OCT 16'64CM				.50 -		7.00 °
NOV 13'64	1.50 +					8.50 °
DEC 10'64	1.50 +					10.00 °

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						10.00 °
DEC 14'64CP				6.00 -		4.00 °
DEC 24'64MO			10.00 +			14.00 °
DEC 30'64	6.00 +					20.00 °
JAN 6'65EX						1.75 °
JAN 14'65	1.50 +			18.25 -		3.25 °
						2.00 °
JAN 25'65				1.25 -		3.50 °
FEB 10'65	1.50 +					5.00 °
MAR 11'65	1.50 +					6.00 °
MAR 11'65MO			1.00 +			.00 °
MAR 15'65CP				6.00 -		4.50 °
APR 5'65MO			4.50 +			6.00 °
APR 15'65	1.50 +					.00 °
APR 20'65CP				6.00 -		1.50 °
MAY 12'65	1.50 +					10.00 °
MAY 18'65MO			8.50 +			.00 °
MAY 19'65 <i>cp</i>				10.00 -		1.50 °
JUN 11'65	1.50 +					10.00 °
JUN 14'65MO			8.50 +			.00 °
JUN 15'65 <i>cp</i>				10.00 -		1.50 °
JUL 2'65			1.50 +			3.00 °
JUL 15'65	1.50 +					.00 °
JUL 19'65CP				3.00 -		1.50 °
AUG 11'65MO			1.50 +			3.00 °
AUG 12'65	1.50 +					.00 °
AUG 16'65CP				3.00 -		13.50 °
SEP 1'65MO			13.50 +			15.00 °
SEP 15'65	1.50 +					.00 °
SEP 16'65CP				15.00 -		1.50 °
OCT 15'65	1.50 +					3.00 °
NOV 15'65	1.50 +					.00 °
NOV 17'65CP				3.00 -		1.50 °
DEC 8'65MO			1.50 +			3.00 °
DEC 13'65	1.50 +					.00 °
DEC 14'65CP				3.00 -		10.00 °
DEC 20'65MO			10.00 +			16.00 °
DEC 28'65	6.00 +					17.50 °
JAN 13'66	1.50 +					7.50 °
JAN 17'66CP				10.00 -		9.00 °
FEB 9'66	1.50 +					10.00 °
FEB 10'66MO			1.00 +			.00 °
FEB 14'66CP				10.00 -		1.50 °
MAR 11'66	1.50 +					10.00 °
MAR 24'66MO			3.50 +			.00 °
APR 1'66CP				10.00 -		8.50 °
APR 1'66MO			8.50 +			6.00 -
MAY 2'66CP						2.50 °

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MAY 17'66MO			3.50 +			2.50 °
MAY 27'66MO			10.00 +			6.00 °
JUN 1'66CP				3.00 -		16.00 °
JUN 20'66EX				1.25 -		13.00 °
				6.00 -		11.75 °
JUL 1'66CP						5.75 °
JUL 7'66MO			4.50 +			10.25 °
AUG 1'66CP				6.00 -		4.25 °
AUG 18'66MO			6.75 +			11.00 °
SEP 1'66CP				6.00 -		5.00 °
SEP 13'66			8.35 +			13.35 °
NOV 2'66					2.90 -	10.45 °
NOV 16'66					1.35 -	9.10 °
NOV 18'66					2.10 -	7.00 °
NOV 23'66					4.40 -	2.60 °
DEC 2'66					.65 -	1.95 °
DEC 9'66					1.30 -	.65 °
DEC 13'66	1.50 +					2.15 °
DEC 20'66MO			5.00 +			7.15 °
DEC 20'66MO			5.00 +			12.15 °
DEC 22'66			10.00 +			22.15 °
DEC 23'66					4.10 -	18.05 °
DEC 30'66					.50 -	17.55 °
JAN 6'67					2.00 -	15.55 °
JAN 10'67	6.00 +					21.55 °
JAN 13'67					6.10 -	15.45 °
JAN 17'67	1.50 +					16.95 °
JAN 20'67					.60 -	16.35 °
JAN 27'67					.75 -	15.60 °
FEB 3'67					.25 -	15.35 °
FEB 3'67MO			15.00 +			30.35 °
FEB 10'67					.35 -	30.00 °
FEB 14'67	2.00 +					32.00 °
FEB 24'67					2.00 -	30.00 °
MAR 10'67					3.55 -	26.65 °
MAR 13'67	2.00 +					28.65 °
MAR 17'67					1.50 -	27.15 °
MAR 17NT				4.00 -		23.15 °
MAR 31'67					1.25 -	21.90 °
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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
RE: MURKIN
OO ME

Enclosed herewith are three Interoffice Communications, Department of Corrections, State of Missouri, regarding investigation of the escape of JAMES EARL RAY.

This information is being furnished to Bureau and office of origin for whatever value it might be in existing in the investigation of this matter.

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Department of Corrections
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

To: M. J. ELLIOTT, ASSOCIATE WARDEN-CUSTODY

Date: MAY 4, 1967

From: *D. Steele*
CAPTAIN DANTON STEELE

Subject: SUPPLEMENT TO ESCAPE INVESTIGATION REPORT OF MAY 3, 1967

Captain Leroy Casey and myself interviewed Guard Officer Alfred Burkhardt this date and obtained his account of the Renz Farm bread run on Sunday, April 23, 1967.

Officer Burkhardt stated that when he reached the Kitchen dock that morning he unloaded his empty bread box and went to the bread room in the main kitchen via the elevator. He checked the Renz Farm box and noted that his bread was loaded, accompanied the inmate who wheeled the box to the loading dock, and watched the box removed from the cart and loaded on the truck by the kitchen inmate and the inside truck driver inmate. Officer Burkhardt stated that he did not observe the inmates straining under any extra load. He then proceeded to the Sally Port and was present when Guard Officer Ezra Shelden examined the bread box. Officer Burkhardt noted at this time that the bread was still neatly stacked near the top of the box as it was when he left the bread room.

He then proceeded to the Renz Farm, stopping on the way at Mr. Carl Mill's residence to deliver Mr. Mill's bread which was in a separate box. Officer Burkhardt stated that he went to the rear of the truck and inmate Lloyd R. Reno #10970, who rode the cab of the truck with him, got in the back of the truck and handed him Mr. Mill's bread, which he delivered. He did not at this time notice anything amiss in the truck.

When he reached the Administration building he backed up to the Front Door, went to the rear of the truck and watched the Renz Farm kitchen inmates unload the bread. He stated that at this time one of the inmates commented that the bread was sure in a mess. He said that he never looked at the bread or gave it a thought as to why the bread would be messed up but that he did ask the inmate if he thought they would have to go after another load. The inmate assured him that they could use the bread and he dropped the matter.

Officer Burkhardt emphatically states that he never saw the bread after it reached the Renz Farm. Mr. Bernard Peschang never reported the condition of the bread to him, and that he had never heard of the condition of the bread from anyone else. He was asked why it didn't seem strange to him that, after seeing the bread neatly stacked in the Sally Port, it should be in a mess upon arriving at his destination. He said he just never thought anything about it any further than checking as to whether or not he would have to return for more bread.

Captain Leroy Casey, in the course of his investigation of Inmate James Earl Ray's escape, talked to Officer Burkhardt on the telephone Monday, April 24, 1967. Officer Burkhardt, at that time, told Captain Casey that he arrived at the Renz Farm with all the bread he had left the walls with. Later Captain Casey talked with Officer Burkhardt in person and was told by the officer that he actually had not seen the bread after it reached the farm but assumed it was all there because they didn't run out of bread and there were no complaints.

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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

To: M. J. ELLIOTT, ASSOCIATE WARDEN-CUSTODY

Date: MAY 3, 1967

D. G. Steele
From: CAPTIAN DANTON STEELE

Subject: INVESTIGATION ESCAPE OF JAMES EARL RAY #00416

Working upon the premise that Inmate James Earl Ray #00416 made good his escape from the institution, Sunday, April 23, 1967, by concealing himself in the Renz Farm bread box and riding out the Sally Port on the Renz Farm truck, I have interviewed all concerned with the Renz Farm bread run and have formed the opinion that Inmate Ray did effect his escape via the Renz Farm bread run and the means of his escape has remained a mystery for ten days because of gross dereliction of duty involving three and possible five prison personnel.

The Renz Farm truck, driven by Guard Officer Alfred Burkhardt came through the Sally Port at approximately 8:00 A.M. to pick up the Renz Farm bread, made the pick up and came back through the Sally Port at approximately 8:16 A.M. When the truck arrived at Renz Farm and was unloaded it was discovered by Mr. Bernard Peschang, civilian cook, that the bread was torn and crushed to the extent that only a few loaves were usable and the rest had to be fed to the chickens. To my knowledge, up until the time of this report, there has been no notification from any Renz Farm source of the condition of the bread delivery of that date to any officer or official of the penitentiary. Mr. Peschang did state to me that after he heard of Inmate Ray's disappearance he did make the remark that "Ray probably came out in the bread box". When asked why he did not report this to someone, Mr. Peschang said he did report it to Officer Burkhardt and to someone in the office. (He could not remember who.) He also said he told Mr. Jim Stone, Civilian Cook, when he came to work the next day.

Mr. Jim Stone, civilian cook at Renz Farm, said he saw the bread the next day and it looked like it "had been shoveled into the box". He said it was not fit for use and was fed to the chickens.

Sergeant John Setser was the officer in charge of Renz Farm, Sunday, April 23, 1967, and he stated that he could not recall Mr. Peschang notifying him of the condition of the bread upon arrival at Renz Farm. (This seems a rather weak statement.)

Guard Officer Ezra Sheldon states that he definitely remember checking the Renz Farm bread box and although he did not handle the bread it was neatly stacked almost to the top of the box. (The box holds 60 loaves, Renz Farm ordered 40 loaves, the box should have been two-third full.)

CONCLUSIONS:

Inmate Ray evidently made good his escape via the Renz Farm bread truck. He must have used a false bottom for the bread to be stacked as neatly as Officer Sheldon said it was. No one at Renz Farm admits seeing the false bottom. dispose of the false bottom when the bread was mangled beyond

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To: M. J. ELLIOTT, ASSOCIATE WARDEN-JUSTICE

Date: MAY 3, 1967

From: *DEJ*
CAPTAIN DANTON STEELE

Subject: PAGE -2-

Civilian cook Bernard Peschang and whoever else in an official capacity that was aware of the bread delivery are guilty of gross negligence and dereliction of duty and should be appropriately disciplined.

Refer to my report of April 24, 1967, subject inmate James Earl Ray. If inmate Ray did escape via the Renz Farm bread run, then there is a discrepancy in Guard Officer Johnnie Petree's statement that he let him out of the kitchen when the mainline turned out for recreation yard and never saw him again. Guard Officer Petree was on duty at the Kitchen Gate all this time.

SUGGESTION

Officer Alfred Burkhardt is on his regular day off this date and I was unable to contact him. I suggest that he be interviewed in the atmosphere of the Warden's office and acquainted with what we already know. Maybe he can clear this thing up. Someone seems to have been doing some covering up.

cc: Warden
Mr. Kern
Capt. Steele
File

I Mc P or 7224
Johnnie Petree - 04870
Booby Jones - 13174
George Jones - 05516

DEJ

Bernhardt - Jones

*From the desk of: ~~Johnnie Petree~~
05516 R. Swenson - Warden
Also Jones, Kitchen - says he
must have seen Ray in bread box
Booby Jones, friend of Burkhardt,
not in it, but knows all
about it
Clean in bread delivery to
Renz Farm*

Department of Corrections
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Subject: RAY, James, #00416-J
To: B.J. POIRY, MAJOR

Date April 24, 1967

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CONCLUSIONS:

Guard Officer Johnnie Petree was negligent of his duty in not trying to locate Inmate Ray when he did not report for work at 11:00 A.M. and in not reporting the absence of Inmate Ray to Control Center and to Officer Harold Schaffer who relieved him at 12:00 P.M.

Guard Officer Harold Schaffer was negligent to a lesser extent in not knowing to whom he spoke to over the telephone on a matter as important as a missing inmate, also for not reporting to Control Center, especially since Inmate Ray is well known as being escape prone.

The daily call sheet for the kitchen is made out by Kitchen office inmates and signed by the guard officer on duty. Whether this procedure is directed by civilian cooks is not clear. The call sheet is delivered in the evening (for the next day) by the inmate-first-cook. This call sheet should be directed by and signed by the civilian cook in charge and countersigned by the guard officer. Inmates should be required to honor the call sheet unless cancelled by the civilian cook.

All off duty kitchen and dock workers are allowed to eat their meals in the kitchen. This creates too much traffic and confusion. The Kitchen Gate Officer would be able to better control the traffic if only duty workers were allowed in the kitchen.

The large number of outside people both inmate and civilian allowed inside the walls on weekends is definitely a security risk, especially when the regularly assigned Round Gate and Front Door officers are not on duty. Definite procedures should be set up.

cc: Warden Swenson
Mr. Elliott, A.M.C.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN

Enclosed for information of the Bureau is letter received at Memphis FBI addressed to "Herrn Edgar Hoover," with return address Alois Buchner, Reutner, A 3195 Kernhof, Niederosterreich, Osterreich."

Bureau is requested to have enclosed letter translated to ascertain whether or not any pertinent material contained therein.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS

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

**SUBJECT: MURKIN;
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MEMPHIS OO

Lt. BARRY LINVILLE, Homicide Department, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tenn., advised SA STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON on 4/25/68 that a Reverend W. H. NEWTON, 3708 Buchanan, Memphis, Tenn., had telephonically contacted him regarding JAMES EARL RAY. LINVILLE said NEWTON was the minister for the Pentecostal Church in East Prairie, Mo., and that some of his congregation advised him that JAMES EARL RAY had some relatives in East Prairie. He said NEWTON does not know RAY nor any of his relatives and has no information concerning his current whereabouts.

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ST. LOUIS

AT EAST PRAIRIE, MO. Will determine if the JAMES EARL RAY involved in the assassination of Dr. KING has any relatives in East Prairie and will, if affirmative, interview them regarding RAY's current whereabouts.

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Date: **April 30, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **AIRTEL** _____
(Priority)

Wm
To: SACs, .Memphis (Encl. 2)
Little Rock (Encl. 2)

✓ From: Director, FBI

MURKIN**Re Ken Davis - complainant.**

Enclosed for each office are two copies of a letter written by the complainant to the President of the United States dated April 14, 1968, and forwarded to the Bureau by the Civil Rights Division.

Little Rock, unless information in your files would preclude doing so, should contact the victim to obtain any pertinent information he may have in his possession regarding this case.

At time of interview, the complainant should be straightened out concerning his comment that "The FBI may be indifferent to the identity of the murdered man's assassin" and it should be firmly pointed out to him that the Bureau is objective in carrying out all of its responsibilities.

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Sent Via _____ M Per _____

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Johnson:

I contacted the FBI in Memphis Saturday April 6 (or whatever day it was that the first artist's drawing of the reconstructed features of the King assassin first appeared in the Memphis papers) and inquired as to the color of the hair. I was told that it was black.

On Saturday evening, April 6, a nationally broadcast news program reported that the color was "sandy."

On Sunday morning I again called the FBI in Memphis and inquired as to the accuracy of the report. An agent responded that all reports were only of a dark haired assassin.

This morning the report (for the first time in newspapers to my personal knowledge) gave a report of a sandy-haired man. I enclose a clipping.

The information I have concerns a sandy haired man who falls within the description supplied by witnesses. I have no special reason to believe there is a connection with the murder but I think the incident should be checked out by the FBI for the purpose of eliminating it.

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at nothing else. In time it will be dissipated and lost to memory or possible verification, etc.

This man hitchhiked into Memphis on the morning of the murder, and accepted a ride from here.

The FBI may be indifferent to the identity of the murdered man's assassin because of the friction between Dr. King and Mr. Hoover, but there is surely some agency of government who will look into it.

I can be reached by phone at RE 5-2155 (West Memphis, Ark.).

Yours very truly,

Gen Davis
DAVIS

1701 N. Avalon - Apt 213
West Memphis, Ark.

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Date: 4/29/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Memphis teletype to Bureau and others dated 4/22/68, requests "receiving offices to contact major law enforcement agencies within their divisions and determine whether or not any armed robberies or burglaries perpetrated in which latents recovered or in which unsub may fit general description of subject RAY."

- LEAD -

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISIONAT JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

Inasmuch as numerous small departments in rural areas within St. Louis Division have latent fingerprint work handled by Missouri State Highway Patrol, Kansas City should insure that unidentified latents at MSHP Headquarters are checked against fingerprints of JAMES RAY, FBI Number 405 942 G.

subject armed & dangerous

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