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The following investigation was conducted by
IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 24, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for JAMES L. OWENS. The following information was obtained:

JAMES LAOMA OWENS, MSP #00184, was received at the MSP February 5, 1960, from St. Louis City to serve a seven-year sentence on charge of robbery 1st by means of dangerous and deadly weapon. He was discharged on January 2, 1964. A detainer in favor of Division of Supervision of Paroles, Springfield, Illinois, was filed February 23, 1960.

Cell assignments:

2/23/60	3/3/60	B-Hall B-7
3/3/60	4/30/60	B-54
4/30/60	12/1/60	B-54
12/1/60	6/22/61	C-35
6/22/61	3/28/62	C-97
3/28/62	1/2/64	C-9

OWENS is described as a white male, born [redacted] at Elvins, Missouri, 5'4", 149 pounds, hair brown, eyes blue, complexion medium, build stocky, occupation barber, tattoo ship on left lower forearm.

Relatives:

Mother	IDA OWENS, 517 5th Street, Honolulu, Hawaii
Brother	ERNIST OWENS, same address
Wife	BETTY OWENS, 9447 Rosemary, Berkeley, Missouri
Aunt	ANNA MERRITT, Rural Route 1, Elvins, Missouri
Cousin	RHONDA MERRITT, same address

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-766) -3-
RE: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith is one copy of investigative insert concerning investigation conducted at the Missouri State Penitentiary in the name of JAMES LAMAR OWENS, MSP #00184. Previous information regarding OWENS was furnished pertinent offices by teletype. This information has been furnished for additional background information and in case it is felt that other relatives of OWENS should be contacted in this matter. One copy is being sent to Springfield Office inasmuch as a detainer for JAMES OWENS in favor of the Division of Supervision of Parole, Springfield, Illinois, was filed 2/25/68.

2-Bureau (Enc. 1)
2-Memphis (Enc. 1) *m m*
2-St. Louis (Enc. 1)
2-Springfield (Enc. 1)
2-Kansas City
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Airtel

To: SAC's, Seattle (44-371)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Seattle airtel 4/22/68, submitting piece of cardboard bearing the printed word "CANADA," Q286, and a Texaco road map of California, Q287.

Two latent fingerprints developed on Q286 and two latent fingerprints developed on Q287. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

Q286 and Q287 being returned under separate cover to Seattle Division.

Laboratory report separate.

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To _____ **From** _____

Date charged

Employee

Location

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re Albany airtel, 4/10/68 and teletype, 4/11/68.

Re: THERMO SEAL LAUNDRY TAPES

Enclosed for the Laboratory are 12 samples of Thermo Seal Laundry tapes with the codes 02B-6 and 02B-3 which were obtained from Textile Marking machines.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed tapes bearing the code 02B-6 with specimens previously submitted in this case.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 12) (REGISTERED MAIL)
② - Memphis (44-1987) (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Baltimore
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Date: 4/29/68

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

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)
RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

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

RE: Laundry Using The
Code "20R-3"

Laundries mentioned in Albany airtels dated
4/10 and 4/11/68 have been recontacted in the Sacramento
Division concerning above-referenced laundry code and none
of those contacted could identify this code.

2 - Memphis
2 - Sacramento

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)

MURKIN

Re New Orleans teletypes dated 4/14 and 18/68 re
BILL SORRELLS and BOB NELSON.

For the information of the Kansas City Division,
EDGAR T. PLANCHE, 925 Gaiennie Street, New Orleans,
Louisiana, furnished the following confidential information
requesting that under no circumstances during subsequent
interviews should it be indicated that this information
came from PLANCHE or from New Orleans:

According to Mr. PLANCHE, BEVERLY HEBERT, who is
in Fort Smith, Arkansas, to establish an Arkansas residence
to obtain a divorce, told him confidentially that her
boy friend, BILL SORRELLS, who she intends to marry when
her divorce is obtained, was contacted at Fort Smith by
BOB NELSON. Both SORRELLS and NELSON are allegedly
employed by Litwin Corporation, Wichita, Kansas. According
to PLANCHE, HEBERT overheard conversation between SORRELLS
and NELSON to the effect that NELSON was in Memphis,
Tennessee, on Thursday, April 4, 1968, and later came to
Fort Smith, Arkansas, arriving late. HEBERT claimed
there was a rifle in the back of a white Porche automobile
with Oklahoma license which belongs to NELSON. NELSON

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2 - Kansas City
2 - Little Rock
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*Absolutely
nothing*

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reportedly Fort Smith by plane or automobile and went to Oklahoma, returned to Arkansas, then went to Tennessee and came back to Arkansas. SORRELIS is alleged to have threatened HEBERT and told her that if she ever said anything about the conversation she had overheard between SORRELIS and NELSON that SORRELIS would kill her.

Mrs. BEVERLY HEBERT, nee Koller, 704 Clifton Court, Fort Smith, Arkansas, was located on April 26, 1968, and furnished the following information to SAs RALPH E. RAWLINGS and RICHARD S. BRANDT:

She has known WILLIAM GILMORE SORRELIS all of her life. He is presently employed at Wichita, Kansas, by Litwin Corporation as a draftsman or engineer. On March 30, 1968, SORRELIS accompanied by a friend, BOB NELSON, drove from Wichita, Kansas, to Fort Smith, Arkansas, in SORRELIS' white Chevrolet Corvair. They had a great deal of car trouble en route and called her at intervals during the trip from Wichita to Fort Smith. They returned to Wichita to work on or about March 31, 1968.

They returned to Fort Smith again on April 6, 1968, to spend another weekend. On this occasion she went to the airport with SORRELIS who had driven to Fort Smith in his automobile and they picked up NELSON who had flown from Wichita to Fort Smith.

Mrs. HEBERT advised she knows nothing about BOB NELSON except that he is a college graduate and is also employed as an engineer or draftsman by Litwin Corporation, Wichita, Kansas. She believes both SORRELIS and NELSON work at Wichita, but admitted it is possible they are sent to other cities by the company. She described NELSON as follows:

Race
Sex

White
Male

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Age	40 to 45
Height	5'11"
Weight	Approximately 170
Hair	Grady
Scars and marks	Has a noticeable scar on his chin
Marital status	Unknown, does have four children
Automobile	None to Mrs. HEBERT's knowledge

Mrs. HEBERT denied that she had overheard any conversation between NELSON and SORRELLS which would indicate that either of them had been in Memphis, Tennessee, on or about April 4, 1968, or to indicate they might have knowledge of the murder of Dr. KING. She denied that she had any knowledge of what type of an automobile NELSON might own and disclaimed any knowledge of a white Porsche automobile.

Mrs. HEBERT examined photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he in no way resembles NELSON. Mrs. HEBERT denied that she has made any statements to anyone which would indicate that SORRELLS or NELSON had had anything to do with the murder of Dr. KING.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT WICHITA, KANSAS

Will through the employment records of Litwin Corporation attempt to identify BOB NELSON and WILLIAM GILMORE SORRELLS and fix their whereabouts on the pertinent date in an effort to determine whether they might have knowledge of instant matter or may have had anything to do with it.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL), SAC, OMAHA, AND SAC, KANSAS CITY
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 2)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE OMAHA TELETYPE APRIL NINETEEN, LAST, AND SPRINGFIELD
TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

RE EARL EVERETT RAY (DECEASED).

MR. C.D. IREY, SPECIAL AGENT, C.B.&Q. RAILROAD, GALESBURG,
ILLINOIS, STATED REVIEW OF EMPLOYMENT FILES LISTED FILE ON
EARL EVERETT RAY, SUBJECT'S UNCLE, ONE SIX FOUR SOUTH ACADEMY
STREET, GALESBURG, ILL. HE SHOWED A PREVIOUS ADDRESS OF ONE
TWO EIGHT NORTH FIFTH STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, AND LISTED
LOUISA RAY AS HIS MOTHER. THE FILE INDICATED HE WORKED FOR
THE RAILROAD FOR PERIOD NOVEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR TO
NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR, THIRTEEN DAYS. HE
LISTED FORMER EMPLOYMENT OF APRIL OF NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR TO
JUNE OF NINETEEN FORTYFOUR WITH SUNSET AMUSEMENT COMPANY,
EXCELLSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI, AND C.B. & Q. RAILROAD, OMAHA,
NEBRASKA. W.A. COLE, FELLOW EMPLOYEE, DOES NOT RECALL RAY.

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① - Memphis (AM)
1 - Springfield (44-561)
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Date: **4/30/68**Transmit the following in _____
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**NAME CHECKS AT THE GALESBURG PD, KNOX COUNTY SO, AND
CREDIT BUREAU FAILED TO DEVELOP ANY INFO. FORMER RESIDENCE
AREA OF ONE SIX FOUR SOUTH ACADEMY IS NOW A CEMETARY.**

**OMAHA AND KANSAS CITY ARE REQUESTED TO CHECK FORMER
EMPLOYMENTS OF EARL RAY, FOR ANY INFO OF LEAD VALUE RE
SUBJECT.**

COPY MAILED MEMPHIS. P.

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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-3849)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO-MEMPHIS

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, Richmond, etc., 4/25/68.

It is noted that the confidential source mentioned in referenced teletype is BL 274-R. This was inadvertently omitted from retel. Error forms scored.

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2 - Bureau
① - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)(Info)
1 - Atlanta (44-2306)(AM)(Info)
1 - Chicago (44-1114)(AM)(Info)
2 - Dallas (1 - 44-3849)
 (1 - 157-1019)(Info)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY (D-560301 JK)

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SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299)

MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau teletype to All Offices, 4/9/68, Albany teletype to Columbia, 4/9/68, Tampa teletype to Columbia, 4/10/68, and Albany airtel to Director, 4/10/68.

A survey of all laundries in the State of South Carolina disclosed that 12 thermo seal marking machines are located in this State.

Enclosed are samples from these machines as indicated:

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
1. Post Laundry Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S. C.	33487
2. Post Laundry Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S. C.	33486
3. Deluxe Cleaners and Laundry 310 State Street West Columbia, S. C.	32571
4. Navy Exchange Laundry U. S. Naval Station Charleston, S. C.	34424
5. Navy Exchange Laundry U. S. Naval Station Charleston, S. C.	34422

2-Bureau (RM) (Enc. 12)
2-Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
1-Columbia

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| 6. | Doughty Dry-Cleaners, Inc.
1410 Taylor Street
Columbia, S. C. | 31837 |
| 7. | Lane's Dry-Cleaners and
Laundry
359 Meeting Street
Charleston, S. C. | 31962 |
| 8. | Georgetown Laundry
Georgetown, S. C. | 32363 |
| 9. | Port City Laundry and
Cleaners
Palmetto Shopping Center
Charleston, S. C. | 32658 |
| 10. | Newberry Steam Laundry
Newberry, S. C. | 33643 |
| 11. | White's Cleaners
Shaw AFB, S. C. | 32436 |
| 12. | Summerville White Swan
Laundry
Summerville, S. C. | 34096 |

These enclosures are being sent to the Bureau for comparison with known specimens obtained in this case. The Bureau may retain these samples for future use.

Regarding Albany airtel to the Bureau, 4/10/68, the following information is being furnished for the Memphis Office:

Inquiry at Robinson Laundry and Cleaners, 2547 Forest Drive, Columbia, S. C., disclosed that they sold their thermo seal marking machine to the Newberry Laundry mentioned above and that Robinson had never used markings such as located in instant case.

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On 4/15/68 Miss NELL TAYLOR, Center Supply Company, 915 Lady Street, Columbia, S. C., advised that this concern has not sold thermo seal marking machines for about three years. He said that this type machine with serial number 32571 was sold to Deluxe Cleaners and Laundry, West Columbia, S. C., new, several years ago. Regarding thermo seal machine with serial number 32568 she said that this machine was burned and completely destroyed in their warehouse on 3/7/63 and is no longer in use. She said these are the only two thermo seal machines ever delivered to this company as the others sold by them were delivered directly to the purchaser.

For information of Memphis Office, an insert will be submitted concerning these machines, none of which appear to be pertinent to this investigation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : *WMA*
C SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/29/68

Re Mobile teletype to the Bureau, 4/24/68.

Enclosed for Memphis is autostat copy of printed name, ERIC STARVO GALT, E. St., Elberta, Ala.

Inasmuch as enclosure was received from Inspector J. C. ENGEL, Post Office Dept., Mobile (in confidence), same is being transmitted Memphis by letter. It is noted that the Knoxville Office has been requested to attempt to obtain original or photographic copy of this name and address in order that appropriate examination may be made.

For information Memphis, J. C. ENGEL, Post Office Dept., Mobile, advised on 4/24/68, he had received an order form for Internal Revenue Service, Form #17 or #334, from the Post Master in Elberta, Ala. The form actually is supposed to be used in sending to the Superintendent of Documents, GPO, Washington, D. C., for Internal Revenue Service Forms. The lower portion is a "tear-off" portion on which the requesting individual is to write his name and address and mail to GPO, lower portion may be torn off and attached to the requested form and returned to sender.

This form was sent directly to the Post Office in Elberta, and is postmarked "Pensacola, Florida, April 22, 8 (illegible) M."

Mr. ENGEL stated any efforts to obtain original or photographic copy thereof would have to be made through the Chief Postal Inspector in Chattanooga, to whom form had been sent air mail.

SA ALLISON A. CATLIN on 4/25/68, contacted the Post Master at Elberta, who advised there is no such address as E St. in Elberta. In addition, he said he knew of no residence in Elberta, a small town, all citizens of which he is acquainted with. In addition, the Post Master, JOHN GOTTLER, was unable to recognize a photograph of subject. *44-1987-Sub B-464*

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-  (2) - Memphis (Enc. 1) (RM)
1 - Knoxville (Info) (RM)
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-769) -2-
RE: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith is additional information from the Missouri State Penitentiary regarding JAMES E. HADLEY, INM #71844. This information is being furnished St. Louis Office inasmuch as the relatives of HADLEY may have information of value in this matter.

2-Bureau (Enc. 1)
2-Memphis (Enc. 1) *MSM*
2-St. Louis (Enc. 1)
2-Kansas City
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The following investigation was conducted by
IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 23, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for JIM BRADLEY. The following information was obtained:

JAMES Z. BRADLEY, MSP #71844, was received at the MSP December 19, 1956, from St. Louis City to serve a natural life sentence on charge of murder 1st, robbery by means of dangerous and deadly weapon (three charges). He escaped June 29, 1959, returned June 29, 1959; on August 24, 1959, he was ordered held to serve a new sentence of eight years for the crime of violence to guard (three charges) and escaping from guard, Cole County, at the expiration of the life sentence he is now serving.

His relatives are listed as:

Wife	Mrs. MAXINE BRADLEY, 135 St. George, St. Louis, Missouri
Mother	OPHIE BRADLEY, 1724A S. 14th, St. Louis, Missouri
Father	JOHN B. BRADLEY, 1023 Lafayette, St. Louis, Missouri

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299) (P)
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OO: MEMPHIS

Laundry marking info

Re Bureau teletype to all Offices, 4/9/68, Albany teletype to Columbia, 4/9/68, Tampa teletype to Columbia, 4/10/68, and Albany airtel to Director, 4/10/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are nine (9) copies of an insert pertaining to interviews with owners or operators of the twelve (12) thermo seal marking machines located in the State of South Carolina.

For the information of Memphis, samples from each of these machines were obtained and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with samples in instant matter and for retention of the Laboratory for future use.

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1-Columbia *ye*

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THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Investigation disclosed that there are presently twelve thermo seal marking machines located in the State of South Carolina.

The owners of these machines were contacted as set out thereafter:

The following investigation was conducted by SA JULIAN P. DOWLING:

Warrant Officer ADAN GUERRA, Laundry Officer, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, advised that the Post Laundry purchased two thermo seal marking machines in March, 1965. He said the machines are used in the following marking system: Each Monday morning the system reverts to the numeral one; the second digit is a letter and indicates the code letter of the operator who marked the garment in; then the last number is the bundle number.

Warrant Officer GUERRA said red tape has always been used to identify "Special" work and is marked in the following manner: On red tape the first digit is the letter S, which stands for "Special", the second digit is a number indicating the day of the week (number one is for Monday, two for Tuesday, etc.) the third digit is a marker identifying code and the last number is the bundle number.

Warrant Officer GUERRA said to the best of his knowledge the laundry has never marked with a system where the first digit on the tape has been a zero, the letter O or the letter D.

He advised that when purchased the machines were set up so that the last number (bundle number) is oversized.

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Mr. JOHN E. HENDRIX, Laundry Plant Supervisor, Parris Island, South Carolina, advised that to the best of his knowledge the laundry has never used the thermo seal marking system utilizing the numeral zero, the letter O or the letter D as the first digit. He also stated that in using red tape, for specials, the first character is the letter S for specials, the second character is a number indicating the day of the week, the third character is a operator's identification code, and the last number is the bundle number.

Mr. HENDRIX furnished samples from thermo seal marking machines, serial numbers 33486 and 33487, both model number H6M1C1.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM E. SKINNER on April 10, 1968:

JOHN T. CRAVEN, SR., President and PAUL CRAVEN, Vice President, Ideal White Swan Laundry, 723 King Street, Charleston, South Carolina, advised that their company used three or four thermo seal machines manufactured by instant company on trial basis only about four years ago. They used these machines, serial numbers unknown, on trial basis for about two months and then returned machines to company as they found them unsuitable for their use. They did not know current whereabouts of machines that were in their possession. They both advised code O 2 B - 6 or D 2 B - 6 means nothing to them at all as they do not use instant code at laundry.

They advised the only laundry in the Charleston area that uses instant thermo seal machines in laundry is the Navy Exchange, United States Naval Station, Charleston, South Carolina.

A. J. DUNCAN, Navy Exchange Laundry, United States Naval Station, Charleston, South Carolina, advised that laundry currently uses two thermo seal machines, serial number 3422 and 34424. He added codes O 2 B - 6 or D 2 B - 6 are not familiar to him at all and Navy Exchange Laundry uses no codes at all similar to instant codes. They used various color tapes on machines but he is certain instant code did not come from machines at Navy Exchange Laundry.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS N. CURRAN on April 11, 1968:

WALLACE DOUGHTY, owner, Doughty Dry-Cleaners, Incorporated, 410 Taylor Street, advised that his establishment uses thermo seal marking machines to mark only dress shirts and to his knowledge no laundry has ever been marked by his firm using a thermo seal machine.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM E. SKINNER on April 11, 1968:

NOLAN E. SCHWERIN, Manager, Lane's Dry Cleaners and Laundry, 359 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina, advised his company has one thermo seal machine, serial number 31962. They use red tape and all color tapes on machine but they do not use the code 02B-6 or D2B-6 and this code means nothing at all to him.

JANIE MOORE, Machine Operator, Lane's Dry Cleaners and Landry, 359 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina, advised that she is the sole operator of the thermo seal machine and has operated the machine since it was installed. They have never used the code 02B-6 or D2B-6 and this code means nothing to her. Their markings on the machine are merely a numeral first followed by a letter and then a numeral.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JON W. ARMSTRONG on April 12, 1968:

JIM BALDWIN, Georgetown Laundry, Georgetown, South Carolina, advised the clothing received by Georgetown Laundry is marked for identification by a thermo seal machine. He stated this machine prints a 5 letter code on yellow or red tape and fastens this tape to the clothing through the use of heat and pressure. He stated the yellow tape is used for all regular laundry and the red tape is used for all special - 1 day service laundry.

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He stated the first two spaces in his code indicate the lot number of from 01-45, the third space is a letter which indicates the day, and the last two spaces are the numbers indicating the bundle number. He advised a dash (-) is never used in this code. He further advised that a special item, indicated by red tape, is never washed prior to lot number 04.

He advised that the code D2B-6 is not a code which his company would use. He stated code 02B-6 is not a code his company would use because it contains a dash and because if on red tape it would indicate a special item was washed prior to lot number 04.

BALDWIN made available four samples, two each, of the codes D2B-6 and 02B-6, printed on red tape by his machine.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES CORDELL COOK at Charleston, South Carolina on April 11, 1968:

JAMES CATE, owner, Port City Laundry and Cleaners, Palmetto Shopping Center, Charleston, South Carolina, advised this laundry uses a thermo seal laundry marking machine.

Mr. CATE added that the thermo seal machines cost \$2300 and uses 11 different colored tapes. CATE stated that the code 02B-6 or D2B-6 is unfamiliar to him but that it is probably denotes a laundry lot number for some unknown laundry concern.

Samples were taken from the Port City Laundry and Cleaners thermo seal machine.

The following investigation was conducted by SA NORVAL P. LABADIE on April 19, 1968 at Newberry, South Carolina:

On April 19, 1968, Mr. M. L. YOUNG, Manager, Newberry Steam Laundry, advised that he marks dry-cleaning by use of a thermo seal marking machine which he purchased about January, 1968 from ED ROBINSON of Columbia, South Carolina. He said this machine has serial number 33643 but that he has never used this machine to mark laundry. He furnished samples from this thermo seal machine.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM E. AYCOCK at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina,
on April 12, 1968:

Mr. EDDIE ARRANTS, Manager, White's Cleaners, also known as Base Laundry and Cleaners, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, advised that his facility utilizes a thermo seal marking machine; and further that he uses red tape with black lettering. He stated, however, that his company does not use a numbering system like the two number and letter combinations in question. Mr. ARRANTS made available several samples from his thermo seal marking machine.

Mrs. ANNIE LOU BENNENHALY, Machine Operatory, White's Cleaners, advised that she operates the thermo seal marking machine for her company. She verified that the company does not use letter and number combinations like those in question.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA WAYNE LANSING CARTER on April 12, 1968 at Summerville, South Carolina:

SHERWOOD MYLER, Summerville White Swan Laundry, advised that no combination of letters and numbers have been used by his laundry such as 02B-6 or D2B-6. He stated that this concern owns a thermo seal machine which was purchased new and that the machine has serial number 34096.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA GORDON S. BROOKS at West Columbia, South Carolina on April 11, 1968:

Miss GERRY BERRY, Deluxe Cleaners and Laundry, 310 State Street, advised that her firm does have a thermo seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company. She stated it would be possible that they might use a combination of letters such as D2B-6 or 02B-6, but that their machine does not print a single dash before the last character, but rather, it prints a double dash after the first two characters.

Miss BERRY made samples on the machine, a thermo seal marking machine, model 115M4, serial number 32571,

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and made these samples available to the interviewing Agent
for examination by the FBI Laboratory.

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Date: 4/29/68

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

Re New York teletypes to Charlotte 4/25 and 26/68 and
Charlotte teletype 4/26/68.

There are being furnished Memphis an original and 8
copies of investigative insert re HAROLD DAVID McGEE.

Administrative

In N.Y. teletype 4/25/68, it was stated that by
communication 4/21/68 JOYCE DAVIS (protect identity), 237 West
13th St., advised the NYO that "it is possible DAVID McGEE of
404 Berkshire Rd., Charlotte, N.C., might have information regard-
ing Dr. KING's assassination. This is based on second hand infor-
mation and may be off base."

By teletype dated 4/26/68, the NYO advised that
JOYCE DAVIS (protect identity) advised she was in Charlotte
4/15/68 residing with her sister-in-law, BARBARA SUE FORBES.
FORBES related a conversation of DAVID McGEE who said Dr. KING
was going to get killed in Charlotte or Memphis. FORBES
said McGEE seemed to know KING would be killed. DAVIS said she had
no idea when McGEE made his statement to FORBES, as it was
related to her after the murder.

② - Memphis (Encls. 9) *ye*
2 - Charlotte
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Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

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(Priority)

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FORBES asked JOYCE DAVIS not to say anything about it or "DAVID would kill me".

Inasmuch as BARBARA SUE FORBES was not located in Charlotte but is in Banner Elk, N.C., and in view of information developed concerning McGEE, FORBES is not being interviewed.

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

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RE: HAROLD DAVID McGEE ✓

By communication dated April 25, 1968, the New York Office of the FBI advised that information had been received to the effect that it is possible that DAVID McGEE, 404 Berkshire Road, Charlotte, North Carolina, might have information regarding the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES T. MAGHER at Charlotte, North Carolina:

On April 26, 1968, HAROLD DAVID McGEE, 404 Berkshire Road, advised he has been employed by Stylecraft Packing Company, 2900 Griffith Street, Charlotte, in the bag department on the 3 - 11 p.m. shift since December 1, 1967. He stated he is married and has two children. McGEE advised he has not made any trips outside Charlotte other than to his home in Spruce Pine, North Carolina. He stated he has frequently discussed with friends, neighbors and fellow employees the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he has no pertinent information concerning KING's murder but often in conversation has made the statement, as have many other acquaintances, that it was a professional job and that the killer did a good job in keeping from being caught.

He said that he and other individuals prior to the assassination often mentioned the fact that KING would probably be assassinated in view of his racial activities. He said he may have mentioned on occasion that KING would be assassinated in Charlotte, as well as in Memphis or any other place he might visit.

McGEE advised he has no information concerning the murder or the present whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY and has never heard any individual mention the fact that they knew KING would be murdered. He denied participation in any type racial activity.

McGEE advised that he was absent from work for about three weeks in March, 1968, having been in an automobile accident near Shelby, North Carolina, on March 2, 1968, which resulted in

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his being hospitalized for one week and at home two weeks following his release from the hospital.

He stated that he has ten brothers and sisters scattered from Texas to Colorado to Florida and also in North Carolina. One sister, who is not married, is BARBARA SUE FORBES, who is employed at Grandfather's Children's Home in Banner Elk, North Carolina. He said that BARBARA FORBES visited him and his wife for about a week while she was looking for a job in Charlotte and recently returned to Banner Elk. He stated he has never expressed any opinions regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING to any friends or relatives in letters to them.

McGEE is a white male; age 30, 5'9" tall, 145 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, medium complexion.

On April 26, 1968, ERNEST GADDY, Stylecraft Packing Company, stated his records show that DAVID McGEE was in an automobile accident March 2, 1968, and was off work until March 30, 1968, when he returned and worked three days. He was off on Sunday and then worked March 25 and 26, 1968. He was off work March 27, 28 and 29, 1968, and worked during the week of April 1-6, 1968, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

**To: Director, FBI (44-38861)
Attn: FBI Laboratory**

From: SAC, Phoenix(44-371) (P)

Subject: Murkin

Re Albany airtel to Bureau, 4/10/68, and Memphis airtel to all offices, 4/19/68.

Enclosed via registered mail for examination by the Laboratory are nine Thermo-Seal laundry tapes from Glover Cleaners and Laundry, Tucson, Arizona, and 15 Thermo-Seal laundry tapes from Varsity Cleaners and Laundry, Tucson, Arizona.

On 4/25/68, Frederic Ernest Reef, Mgr., Glover Cleaners and Laundry, Tucson, Arizona, furnished 9 sample tapes from his Thermo-Seal machine. Reef advised that his company has used the number, "20H-3" in the past. His records are such that it would be extremely difficult to trace the customer to whom this number was assigned.

On 4/25/68, Daniel Kinark, owner, Varsity Cleaners, Tucson, Arizona, furnished 15 sample tapes from his Thermo-Seal machine. He advised that his company has used the number "20H-3" in the past. He advised that it would take quite awhile to trace the name of the customer or customers to whom this number was assigned.

Request of the Bureau: The Laboratory is requested to examine the enclosed tapes to determine if the above two machines used to mark items from the Colt Mustang.

**3- Bureau
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Date: 4/24/68

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

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re Birmingham airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/18/68 and enclosed letter signed by WILLIAM JAY MILLER and indicating that MARVIN GRAY, 3321 South La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, could furnish information concerning the assassination of KING.

Los Angeles Indices negative for WILLIAM JAY MILLER.
On 4/23/68 physical observation revealed that 3321 South La Cienega Boulevard is the address of KABC Radio Studios, Los Angeles. A receptionist at KABC Studios advised that MARVIN GRAY is a radio announcer for KABC.

Because of GRAY's position as a radio announcer, he will not be interviewed.

- 2 - Birmingham (AIR MAIL-REGISTERED)
- ② - Memphis (AIR MAIL-REGISTERED)
- 1 - Los Angeles

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

CITY Memphis, TennesseeDATE April 30, 1968Request of Special Agent in Charge, FBI, Memphis, TennesseeSix dollars, and twenty-four cents,(\$ 6.24), which money is to be paid by me on 4-9-68to VIC DUPRATT'S NEW REBEL MOTOR HOTELfor information concerning the case entitled "MURKIN"Payment for rental of Room #34, Rebel Motor Hotel, for purpose of
dusting this room for fingerprints.Services: \$ 6.24

Federal Income Tax Withheld \$ _____

Expenses \$ _____

Signed

Howard D. Teten
Special AgentAuthority (date) SACPeriod Covered by Payment 4/9/68Authorization Checked YESCheck Number 272Receipts Received YESVoucher Prepared 5-6-68 Item # 1Date of Actual Payment 4/9/68By whom SA HOWARD D. TETENInformant's File No. 44-1987Approved Robert B. Jensen

SAC



841 Federal Office Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
April 30, 1968

Mrs. B. F. Stewart ✓
180 Hill Street
Marietta, Georgia 30060

Dear Mrs. Stewart:

I want to thank you for your letter which I received on April 29, 1968, and the information contained therein.

The interest shown by you in writing is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

RJ
ROBERT G. JENSEN
Special Agent in Charge

1 Addressee

1 Memphis (44-1987)

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Spec. Agent Robert Jensen

F.B.I. Dep. man I hope for God also Sir.

Dear Sir

I was reading that a convict of a Georgia prison heard the so called killer of King as was Oswald (altho there was a man & his son on the Bridge in Dallas, Texas with rifles altho I've never read where the D. B. D. ever landed into this, Isn't it time to find out who these two men were. They had air ^{sign} conditioning on the side of their trucks, isn't there many ways to air condition, people too.

Back to the convict he said that Bureau of the South (Secret) was offering \$10,000 for King's death aren't these ~~same~~ ^{same} the ones to be searched out aren't they the real killers of Dr. Luther Martin King.

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When I was a young girl in Dallas, &
this that I'm telling you was in our
Dallas paper, there was a group called
the Egan Rats professional killers & legal
so they thought who were hired by our
Dallas Police now they had nothing
to do with our Great Government only
they choose to be professional killers
now Sir with this money they
are in all sorts of business big
& small & they are ruthless cause
with them only money counts. My Bible
says thou shalt not kill & He makes
no concessions to the Egan Rats of
St Louis either or where ever they may
be now, Dallas or Memphis or any place
else this is God's world & all that
is it is His also. By the way they
never killed one Italian (cause they
have the same sets of rules also) but
a John Kennedy & his girl friend another
Irish man who had no gun body, a good head

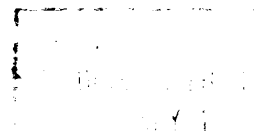
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So please don't just look for
Galt & then leave him unprotected
as the Dallas Police did & would
please let him tell his story also it
might be worth listening to, Sir.

There were witnesses according
to Mark Lane's book that saw this
truck & ^(one young & one old) men standing there with
rifles and was very willing to testify
& it fell only on deaf ears, Why Sir?

Don't the F.B.I. want the real truth.
Many of the things they have on Galt
have not match with Ray according
to ~~the~~ police in different States &
other information there.

Thank you for Listening
- Mrs B. J. Stewart
180 Hill St
Marietta, Ga
30060



Special Agent Robert J. ...
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MRS B F STEWART
180 HILL STM
MARIETTA GA 30060

GOD IS LOVE

"He that dwelleth in love dwelleth
in God, and God in him."

— 1 JOHN 4:16

Sopchoppy, Fla.
April 30th-1968

Special Agent, FBI.
Mr Robert Jensen,
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Mr Jensen:

I have a small item in the local paper, about \$100.00.00 in Reward money, in the King Case. Not specifically for that, but I offer the following reflections on the matter.

Small time politicians with big ideas, to me are small time criminals with big plans: Potentially.

Old, I am just fooling around, looking, listenning, talking, reading, and one word I hear, might be the "LIGHT" you are looking for.

The soil which produced the killer of Rev., Martin Luther King, to me is the place, not to look for a killer, but to look for a number of men, burnt up with public opinion, to formaluate a plan, not to kill one negro, but to begin to destroy the seedlings, that produced the fire, by a systematic plan, to kill all of the leaders, or scare them in to easy control., to end further Action.

To me there is two men, one played the roll, of leading the men off of the trail, and the other did the killing, to day the quickest way out, is to kill the killer to shut his mouth, and close the door behind, lock it up, and throw the key away.

The route he took just after the crime was committed is very interesting on account of previous murders in Philadelphia, Miss., from Memphis to Atlanta, (Headquaters for the K.K.K.), where the trail ends I guess in oblivion, for like he is a dead man.

There was a big price on Kings head, and he made himself avaiable. You can hear most any influential, prominent public spirited citizen remark:

"I hope they will never find him". I think the looking is for a plot, backed by plenty of money, by some well organized Hate Group, and their friends is legion.

If the killer is a smart man he ks in RUSSIA, China, or some other Communist country.

If he is a loner, he could be disguised as a "HIPPY" to hide his image.

Please, kindly treat this confidential. PO.
Box 187, in my name only, combination lock, a widower., wife deseased.

Sincerely yours,

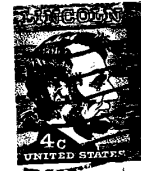
R. W. Woodhall

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Post Office Box 187
Sopchoppy, Fla. 32358.



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Special Agent. FBI.
Mr Robert Jensen,
Memphis, TENN.

AIR MAIL

4/29/68

Airtel

To: SAC's, WFO (44-703) - Enclosures (2)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re WFO letter 4/26/68, submitting a mail order form, Q292, and an envelope for examination.

No latent prints of value developed on the two items, which are enclosed to WFO.

Laboratory report separate.

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Airtel

To: SAC's New Orleans (157-10673) - Enc. (2)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re New Orleans letter, 4/22/68, submitting an application form, Q283, and a small slip of paper, Q284, for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on the two items, which are enclosed for New Orleans.

Laboratory report separate.

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Airtel

To: SAC's, San Francisco (173-65) - Enclosure
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

**Re San Francisco airtel 4/23/68, submitting
registration card in the name of Tom Rosell, Q289.**

**No latent impressions of value developed on
Q289, which is enclosed to San Francisco Division.**

Laboratory report separate.

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Airtel

To: SAC, Jackson

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

ReDLairtel 4-24-68, referring to Jntel to Bureau dated 4-17-68.

On basis of information furnished by Dallas, Bureau not able to identify referenced Jackson teletype. By return airtel furnish Bureau identifying data.

(1) - Memphis (info)

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Chicago (44-1114) - Enclosures (3)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel 4/24/68, submitting the fingerprints of three individuals for elimination purposes.

The latent fingerprint previously reported on the letter, Q130, is identical with a fingerprint of SA William J. Downey.

The submitted prints are enclosed to Chicago Division.

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Louisville (44-947)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Louisville letter 4/23/68, submitting five lifts, film pack, and rearview mirror for latent print examination.

Six latent fingerprints of value developed on the rearview mirror. No latent impressions of value found on submitted lifts or in negatives from film pack.

Six latent fingerprints on rearview mirror not identical fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G; Robert Dale Porter, FBI #4590482; or Vernon Elmo Rife, FBI #4558766.

Rearview mirror being returned under separate cover to Louisville Division. Lifts and film pack destroyed.

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To: SAC's Atlanta (44-2386)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel, 4/25/68, submitting one can, one drinking glass, one paper bag, and three transparent lifts for latent print examination.

No latent prints of value found or developed on the submitted items which have been destroyed as requested in re airtel.

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

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel 4/15/68, submitting twenty cleaning invoices and laundry lists obtained from Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning (K192), along with other items, Q258 through Q262.

Thirty-one latent fingerprints of value were developed on twelve of the items. These latent fingerprints are identical with finger impressions of SA's Richard John Rayna, Richard Henry Ross, and Francis Gerard Kahl. No other latent prints of value were developed.

Laboratory report and disposition of the submitted items will be furnished separately.

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