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Bureau File Number 44-38861

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Letter and Airtels - only

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MANUEL GOMEZ ESTEVES, Distributor, Thermo-Seal tape, Quisqueya and Haiti Streets, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, advised SA JAMES R. MARTIN on April 17, 1968, that he is the distributor in Puerto Rico, for Thermo-Seal tape and in addition to the U. S. Naval Station, San Juan, Puerto Rico, he has the following customers who also have the Textile Marking Machines:

- (1) California Dry Cleaning Company
Roosevelt and Torres Streets
Ponce, Puerto Rico
- (2) Esquire Cleaners
Carpenter Road and Quisqueya Street
Hato Rey, Puerto Rico
- (3) Cadillac Linen and Supply
Minillas, Santa Rosa, Bayamon, Puerto Rico
(across road from Western Watch Company)
- (4) Tropical Dry Cleaners and Laundry
Navarro Street, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico
(on street behind Sears and Roebuck)
- (5) Princepado Modern Dry Cleaning
Carpenter Road and Borinquen Avenue
Hato Rey, Puerto Rico
- (6) Band Box Laundry and Dry Cleaners
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
- (7) La Croix Laundry and Cleaners
Frederickstad, St. Croix, Virgin Islands

GOMEZ stated that Dimont Trading, Domanech Street, in the Professional Building, close to the Hospital de Maestreas, Roosevelt, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico., may be a distributor of Thermo-Seal tape and have additional customers.

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On April 22, 1968, PEDRO MONTEQUIN, Vice President, Dimont Trading Corporation, 400 Domenech Avenue, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, advised that this company ~~does not~~ distribute the Thermo-seal tape. He stated that he ~~has the~~ Tag-e-matic laundry marking equipment.

The above-mentioned seven (7) companies were contacted and advised as follows:

1. JOSU CORTES, Manager, California Dry Cleaning Company, Ponce, Puerto Rico, never used the code 02B-6. They use a code showing only the abbreviation of the day of the week and a lot number, such as FRI II, for Friday and lot number two.
2. SERVIO SANCHEZ, Manager, Esquire Cleaners, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, advised he has a machine but it has been broken for three years and not used. They never used code such as 02B-6.
3. PHILLIP S. ARENSBERG, General Manager, Cadillac Linen and Supply, Bayamon, Puerto Rico, advised he does not use Thermo-seal tape, but uses a National Markmaster machine with a one inch cloth tape 1/3 inch in width.
4. MRS. MOLINA BENITEZ, Tropical Dry Cleaners and Laundry, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, advised she has a Textile Marking Machine, however, this machine has not been used in over three years. It is broken and the parts have never been received. They never used code 02B-6.
5. JUAN B. MARTINEZ, Manager, Princepado Modern Dry Cleaners, Santurce, Puerto Rico, advised he has a Textile Marking Machine, which was purchased about eight years ago; however, it has been broken over two years and not used. He advised he is familiar with all of the commercial laundries in Puerto Rico and the code 02B-6 is not one that is used in Puerto Rico.

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6. OSGOOD HARVEY, Manager, Band Box Laundry and Dry Cleaners, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, advised he has never used the code of 02B-6 and this code is not familiar to him.

7. WILFRIED VOGEL, Manager, La Croix Laundry, Fredericksted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, advised that he has never used the code 02B-6.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/22/68

HAROLD GLENDENNING, Manager, Base Exchange Laundry, Naval Station Annex, San Juan, Puerto Rico, advised that he has four (4) Thermo-Seal marking machines, made by the Textile Marking Machine Company.

He advised that they have never used a series of marking numbers starting with the letter O in marking laundry.

He stated that the Thermo-Seal tape is used by the laundry only on laundry and not dry cleaning and the red tape is used on "Super Specials," which is laundry with same day service. He advised that the Base Laundry uses the first letter of W on the red tape specials.

GLENDENNING viewed the photograph of the laundry mark "O2B-6" and stated that this does not appear to have been made by his machines. He noted that the first letter, O, was cut and the tape appeared to be shorter than the tape from his machines.

GLENDENNING furnished samples of the tape from each of his machines. These samples were taken in the presence of SA JAMES R. MARTIN from the following Textile Marking machines:

- 1) Serial Number 34064
- 2) Serial Number 34063
- 3) Serial Number 33520
- 4) Serial Number 33521

GLENDENNING advised that there is a distributor of Thermo-Seal tape in Puerto Rico and his name is MANUEL GOMEZ ESTEVES, Quisqueya and Haiti Streets, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico.

He stated that the laundry mark W2B-6 was used by the Base Laundry on 1/23/68, however, a search of all of the laundry files, both special and regular, failed to locate the laundry mark of W2B-6.

On 4/17/68 at San Juan, Puerto Rico

by SA JAMES R. MARTIN /wtl

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Date: 5/8/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-493)
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (157-61)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO:MEMPHIS

Re Albany airtel to Bureau, 4/12/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are eight (8) copies of FD-302 and eight (8) copies of an investigative insert reflecting investigation in San Juan regarding the Laundry Marks on Tee-shirt and undershorts bearing Laundry Mark 02B-6.

Inasmuch as none of the companies contacted used the above code, no samples are being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory at this time.

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1 - San Juan
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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

FBI CHECKIN AT HOTEL RFO, MEXICO

Re Legat, Mexico City, airtel to Director dated 4/23/68.

Mr. and Mrs. HARVARD PALMER, residence address 4644 East Huron Way, Everett Island, Washington, advised they were on a business trip and on a flight to Manatlan when their plane was diverted to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They said they arrived at the Hotel Rfo at Puerto Vallarta at approximately dusk, had dinner with two other passengers who were on the same airplane flight, and left this hotel on a continuing flight to Manatlan the next morning before 8:00 AM.

The PALMERs unable to provide any information of value to this case and cannot identify RAY's photograph.

LEADS AND REFERENCES

3 - Bureau
② - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Seattle
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)
RE: MURKIN

It is requested that the three rifles which were hand carried to the Identification Division at BOM on 4/8/68, by SA RALPH E. BUTLER be returned to Birmingham, for delivery to the Aeromarine Supply Company, from whom they were borrowed for fingerprint examination. For the same purpose, it is requested that the Remington Model 760 .343 caliber rifle, nine boxes of ammunition, and a set of rings and hammers for a Redfield scope be returned to Birmingham.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987)
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The following investigation was conducted by
SA LANSING P. LOGAN:

Re: Suspect ROBERT MORROW

Investigation was initiated in efforts to determine if suspect ROBERT MORROW was possibly identical with ERIC STARVO GALT based upon information furnished by Patrolman WILLIAM ELIAS of the Beaufort Police Department, Beaufort, South Carolina, on April 18, 1968, who advised as follows:

Patrolman ELIAS advised he observed an individual drinking coffee in the Sea Island Restaurant and Motel, Beaufort, S. C., during the early morning hours of April 18, 1968, and this individual resembled in a very vague way that photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT that appeared in a local newspaper that day. Patrolman ELIAS stated that he checked this individual and upon request for identification, this individual produced a drivers license in the name of ROBERT MORROW from Port Washington, New York. Patrolman ELIAS stated that MORROW had a long beard and was apparently traveling on a sailboat that pulled into the Griffin Marina, Beaufort, S. C., that previous evening, April 17, 1968.

Patrolman ELIAS stated that MORROW was looking for a ride, either to Savannah, Georgia, or to Charleston, South Carolina, where he could catch a plane to Florida. Patrolman ELIAS stated that MORROW appeared very suspicious and in a vague way resembled the photograph of GALT.

In an attempt to locate ROBERT MORROW at the Sea Island Motel and Restaurant, Beaufort, S. C., on April 18, 1968, it was unproductive.

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On April 18, 1968, Mr. JOHN M. GRIFFIN, Sinclair Service Station in marina, Beaufort, S. C., advised that a Criss Craft Sailboat approximately 50 ft. long sailed into his marina on the evening on April 17, 1968, and there was a crew of three or four individuals. He stated that one of the individuals got off at Beaufort, S. C., and was looking for a way to Florida. He stated this individual, name unknown, had indicated that he wanted to rent a car to drive to Vero Beach, Florida, but stated the individual never did rent a car.

Mr. GRIFFIN advised that the last time he saw this individual was around 10 o'clock in the morning at the Sea Island Restaurant and Motel, Beaufort, S. C. Mr. GRIFFIN advised that the Criss Craft Sailboat is owned by JAMES R. SHEPLEY, who resides Harbor Road, Port Washington, New York. He stated he has no idea who SHEPLEY really is and that this was the name that the crew of the Criss Craft Sailboat had purchased gas in.

On April 18, 1968, Mrs. MARGE GIBSON, Radio Dispatcher, Police Department, Beaufort, S. C., advised that an individual by the name of MORROW came into the police station on the evening of April 17, 1968, and was trying to find transportation to Vero Beach, Florida. She stated MORROW finally chartered a plane from Commander HOOVER of Ladys Island, S. C., and that Mr. HOOVER apparently flew him to Vero Beach, Florida. Mrs. GIBSON stated that MORROW apparently had his wife in Florida and wanted to return as she was sick.

A photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT was exhibited to Mrs. GIBSON, at which time she advised that MORROW did not look anything like GALT.

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On April 18, 1968, Sergeant ROBBIE ROBINSON, Beaufort Police Department, Beaufort, South Carolina, advised that he talked with ROBERT MORROW on the evening of April 17, 1968, and had determined MORROW was sailing on the sailboat that belonged to Mr. JAMES SHEPLEY, a prominent citizen from New York. Sgt. ROBINSON stated that MORROW made a couple of phone calls and was attempting to obtain travel to Vero Beach, Florida, where his wife was. He stated that MORROW ~~has~~ is a well educated man and in no way resembles the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 18, 1968, Patrolman WILLIAM ELIAS, Police Department, Beaufort, S. C., was recontacted and after viewing a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT stated that GALT did not look anything like ROBERT MORROW, who he had previously seen drinking coffee in the Sea Island Restaurant and Motel, Beaufort, S. C.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD E. FLECK at Charleston, S. C.

On April 18, 1968, BEAUREGARD "BO" SWEENEY, 30 Dolphin Green, Port Washington, New York; and ROBERT MC GURN, 71 Promenade, Glen Head, New York, were both interviewed aboard the sailboat Syriene, which is owned by JAMES SHEPLEY, Editor of Time Magazine. Mr. SWEENEY stated that SHEPLEY is not presently on the sailboat Syriene as they are taking the boat back to Port Washington, N. Y., to SHEPLEY. SWEENEY explained that he is a friend of SHEPLEY's, and has been signing SHEPLEY's name to avoid the need for explanations while paying for such items as gas and dock privileges.

Mr. SWEENEY and Mr. MC GURN stated that they have known ROBERT MORROW, who is a Circulation Manager for Readers Digest for Nassau and Suffolk Counties, Pleasantville, New York, for the past eight years. They stated MORROW

lives at Port Washington, New York, exact address unknown, and has telephone number PO7-5513. They stated they have been in the constant company of Mr. MORROW since April 11, 1968, when they began their present vacation together. They advised that MORROW left the group on the morning of April 18, 1968, while at Beaufort, S. C., and it was MORROW's intention to leave the boat and return to his wife and children who are at Vero Beach, Fla. MORROW's wife's parents, whose name is BURROUGHS, is retired from Shell Oil Company of New York City; however, Mr. BURROUGH is a part time consultant for oil companies and he presently operates a golf course at Vero Beach, Fla.

Mr. SWEENEY and Mr. MC GURN stated that MORROW was working at Pleasantville up until the time of their departure on April 11, 1968. They further advised that without question MORROW is in no way connected with the slaying of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. After viewing a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, Mr. MC GURN stated that GALT bears a fairly close resemblance to MORROW especially from the nose up particularly along the hair line. SWEENEY said he did not see much resemblance between GALT and MORROW and noted that GALT has much thicker jaws than does MORROW. They could offer no further information of value to this matter, and stated MORROW is definitely not identical with GALT.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA LANSING P. LOGAN at Beaufort, South Carolina:

On April 18, 1968, MARY PEARL LOYNES, who is also known as Trudy, Lot #12, Pinckney Trailer Park, Beaufort, South Carolina, was contacted at her place of employment, Sea Island Motel and Restaurant, Beaufort, at which time she advised that the photograph of ERIC STALVO GALT in the local newspapers resembled an individual who previously patronized the Limbros Restaurant located 86 North Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, where she was previously employed. Mrs. LOYNES advised that she worked as a waitress in the Limbros for the past five years and worked 11 AM to 9:30 PM. Although she could not recall the exact number of occasions, Miss LOYNES stated that she observed this individual resembling GALT on four or five occasions in the restaurant during the past year.

Mrs. LOYNES stated that the Limbros Restaurant has several customers from the Riverboats noting that the restaurant is located in the same general area as that of the river. She stated that the river is actually on Front Street and that the Limbros Restaurant is only located a block or so away. She stated that the individual resembling GALT was apparently in some way connected with Western Music as she believed that he talked about music on several occasions. She did not feel that this individual resembling GALT was in any way connected with the riverboats and can recall that he was neatly dressed whenever he came into the restaurant. She stated that the individual that she believes resembles GALT is a white male, approximately 30 to 35 years old, about 5'10", weighing about 185, with light gray "far off" looking eyes and had ~~dark~~ blond hair.

Mrs. LOYNES stated that she terminated her employment with Limbros Restaurant, Memphis, Tennessee, approximately one month ago and is of the opinion that she observed this individual just prior to leaving her employment. She stated to the best of her recollection, this individual resembling GALT was wearing a white shirt, possibly short sleeved, and

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appeared to be a neat dresser. Mrs. LOYNES stated she would have observed this individual in the restaurant prior to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mrs. LOYNES went on to say that she could offer no additional information concerning this individual and has no idea of his identity. She stated that he appeared to look similar to the photograph appearing in the local newspapers April 18, 1968, and noted in particular that the eyes of GALT were very similar to the eyes of the individual who frequented the Limbros Restaurant in Memphis, Tennessee. She stated it is possible that some of the other employees at the Limbros Restaurant would have possibly noted this individual and could furnish information regarding him. She stated that ANN LESO, waitress, Limbros Restaurant, works 11 AM to 2 PM shift could possibly identify him or possibly the cashier, Mrs. TOM SEMELIA (phonetic) could furnish information regarding this man.

LOYNES stated that she is presently residing with one DON FIRTH of the Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, South Carolina, and that they reside together in a trailer at the Pinckney Trailer Park. She stated that she is actually not married to DON FIRTH but they expect to get married in the very near future.

When questioned in detail concerning the similarity and physical makeup of GALT and the individual she was referring to who frequented the Limbros Restaurant, LOYNES stated that she does not really know why she thinks they may be the same individual. LOYNES was very vague when answering specific questions and did not answer questions in a direct manner.

LOYNES is presently working as a waitress at the Sea Island Motel and Restaurant and requested that any future contact with her be made at the restaurant. She stated that she would rather not have anyone know that she is living with her boyfriend and reiterated that she expects to be married within the very near future.

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RE: SUSPECT WHO RESEMBLES PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC
STARVO GALT SEEN ON APRIL 15, 1968, AT UNCLE
CHARLIE'S GRILL, EHRHARDT, SOUTH CAROLINA

The following investigation was conducted by
SA W. J. DANIELSON, JR., on April 24, 1968, at Ehrhardt,
South Carolina:

On April 18, 1968, Mrs. JOE DANNELLY, 110 South
Ravenel Street, Columbia, South Carolina, telephonically
advised as follows:

On Monday, April 15, 1968, she and her three
daughters stopped at Charlie's Grill, Ehrhardt, South Carolina,
about 1:30 p.m. for lunch. While there, a white male came
into the grill, ordered lunch, and then walked out before
he was served.

From conversations she overheard among the employees,
in the grill, this person was a stranger to them. This person
acted strange and nervous.

On Thursday, April 18, 1968, she and her daughters
saw a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT in The Columbia Record,
Columbia, South Carolina; and they noted the stranger mentioned
above closely resembled the photo in the paper. She could
furnish no further information regarding this person.

CHARLES WILLIAMS, Uncle Charlie's Grill, Ehrhardt,
South Carolina, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also
known as Eric Starvo Galt; and he remembers an individual
who was in his restaurant on April 15, 1968, as being a
very nervous individual who ordered a meal and left before
being served. After viewing the photograph, he advised
that this individual was not similar to the subject.

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Upon receipt of information on April 26, 1968, from the Los Angeles Office stating that JOHN BECK, World Vision International, Mail Order House, Monrovia, California, advised that the name J. E. RAY, Box 4, Norway, South Carolina, is on his mailing list, the following investigation was conducted by SA STEPHEN M. CARBONE at Norway, South Carolina:

On April 27, 1968, JIMMY HEATLEY, Chief of Police, Norway, South Carolina, advised that he knew JACK E. RAY for several years and that RAY is a preacher at Norway Methodist Church. He further stated that RAY has never been arrested for any criminal violation, he is an upstanding citizen, and he stated that the photograph of JAMES E. RAY, subject, was not identical to Mr. RAY, preacher at Norway Methodist Church.

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

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

Enclosed are 9 copies each of the following
4 inserts:

- (1) Investigation re suspect J. E. RAY, Box 4, Norway, S. C.
- (2) Investigation re suspect ROBERT MORROW, Port Washington, N. Y.
- (3) Information received from MARY PEARL LOYNES, Lot # 12, Pinckney Trailer Park, Beaufort, S. C.
- (4) Investigation re suspect who resembles photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT seen on April 15, 1968, at Uncle Charlie's Grill, Ehrhardt, S. C.

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- ② - Memphis (Enc. - 36)
1 - Columbia

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent *Lead To [Signature]*
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AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Will, based on enclosed information received from Mrs. LOYNES, display subject's photograph at the Limbros Restaurant, 86 North Main St., Memphis, Tenn., where she previously worked. It is to be noted that she advised that during the past year, she observed an individual resembling GALT on 4 or 5 occasions in this restaurant.

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(658- cc Legat Ottawa airtel to Director
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RECHARGE

Date _____

To _____ From _____

Date charged

Employee

Location

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Date: **May 8, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)**To: SACs, Memphis
Philadelphia***JEM*
From: Director, FBI**MURKIN***Circulation info***RePHtel to the Bureau dated May 1, 1968.**

Fourteen thousand copies of the circular letter are being mailed to the Philadelphia Office under separate cover to be transmitted to the W. S. Ponton Company, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, for their utilization in mailing the letter to every dry cleaning and laundry establishment throughout the United States.

One hundred copies of the circular letter are being mailed to the Memphis Division under separate cover for action deemed appropriate by the Memphis Division.

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Airtel

To: SAC, San Juan
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN

Circulation ✓

Re San Juan routing slip dated 5/3/68.

Your routing slip requests that the news mat regarding publicity to be afforded subject be done in Spanish language for dissemination to newspapers in Puerto Rico.

The cost of producing such a mat at the Bureau would be prohibitive. You may desire to have a plate done locally for publication in the newspaper. The cost of such an item should not exceed \$20, and you should utilize the photographs of subject as enclosed.

Armed and dangerous.

Enclosures (5)

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Los Angeles (44-1574) - Enclosures (3)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

**Re Los Angeles airtel 5/3/68, submitting
Frontier Airlines temporary credit card, Q322, a Frontier
Airlines passenger ticket, Q323, and a Frontier Airlines
passenger ticket, Q324, for examination.**

**No latent impressions of value developed on
these three items, which are enclosed to Los Angeles.**

Laboratory reporting separately.

**1 - Denver
1 - El Paso**

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Airtel

**To: SAC's, Buffalo (44-374) - Enclosures (2)
Memphis (44-1987)**

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Buffalo airtel 4/29/68, submitting an envelope, Q304, addressed to Mrs. Mary Grooms, and accompanying sheet of paper, Q305, for examination.

One latent fingerprint of value was developed on the envelope. No latent prints of value developed on Q305. The latent fingerprint on the envelope is not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, or with the latent fingerprints previously reported in this case.

Q304 and Q305 enclosed to Buffalo.

Laboratory reporting separately.

1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
1 - Kansas City
1 - Detroit

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Buffalo (44-374) - Enclosures (2)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Buffalo airtel 4/29/68, submitting an envelope, Q304, addressed to Mrs. Mary Grooms, and accompanying sheet of paper, Q305, for examination.

One latent fingerprint of value was developed on the envelope. No latent prints of value developed on Q305. The latent fingerprint on the envelope is not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, or with the latent fingerprints previously reported in this case.

Q304 and Q305 enclosed to Buffalo.

Laboratory reporting separately.

1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
1 - Kansas City
1 - Detroit

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To: SAC's Los Angeles (44-1574) - Enc. (3)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel of 5/2/68, submitting a sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/17/68, Q315, and a type-written advertisement, Q316.

Three latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q315. No latent impressions of value developed on Q316. The three latent fingerprints on Q315 are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, or with the latent fingerprints previously reported in this case.

Q315, Q316, and a copy of the 2/2/68 issue of the "Los Angeles Free Press," which was also submitted, are enclosed to Los Angeles.

Laboratory reporting separate.

Disposition of a photograph of Eric S. Galt, which was also submitted, separate.

1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)

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Airtel

To: SAC's Los Angeles (44-1574) - Enc. (3)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel of 5/2/68, submitting a sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/17/68, Q315, and a typewritten advertisement, Q316.

Three latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q315. No latent impressions of value developed on Q316. The three latent fingerprints on Q315 are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, or with the latent fingerprints previously reported in this case.

Q315, Q316, and a copy of the 2/2/68 issue of the "Los Angeles Free Press," which was also submitted, are enclosed to Los Angeles.

Laboratory reporting separate.

Disposition of a photograph of Eric S. Galt, which was also submitted, separate.

1 - Atlanta (44-2336)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Miami (44-1854) - Enclosures (5)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Miami airtel 5/2/68, submitting two boat rental agreements, Q317 and Q318, and three credit card invoices, Q319 through Q321, for examination.

Four latent fingerprints of value were developed on the boat rental agreement dated 9/3/67, Q317. No latent impressions of value developed on remaining items.

The four latent fingerprints on Q317 are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, or with latent fingerprints previously reported in this case.

Q317 through Q321 enclosed to Miami.

Laboratory reporting separately.

1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
1 - Kansas City (44-760)

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Airtel

**To: SAC's, Miami (44-1854) - Enclosures (5)
Memphis (44-1987)**

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Miami airtel 5/2/68, submitting two boat rental agreements, Q317 and Q318, and three credit card invoices, Q319 through Q321, for examination.

Four latent fingerprints of value were developed on the boat rental agreement dated 9/2/67, Q317. No latent impressions of value developed on remaining items.

The four latent fingerprints on Q317 are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, or with latent fingerprints previously reported in this case.

Q317 through Q321 enclosed to Miami.

Laboratory reporting separately.

**1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
1 - Kansas City (44-766)**

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Denver (157-203) - Enclosure
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Denver airtel 5/4/68, submitting Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt dated 5/1/68, Q325, for examination.

No latent impressions of value developed on the receipt, which is enclosed to Denver.

Laboratory reporting separately.

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)

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TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN

The airmail envelope, postmarked 4/7/68, 3100 St. Polten, addressed to Herrn (Mr.) Edgar Hoover, Direktor des FBI (FBI Director), Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A., bears the return address of:

Mr. Alois Buchner, Rentner
A 3195 Kernhof
Niederösterreich
Österreich (Austria)

Alois Buchner, Retired
A 3195 Kernhof
Lower Austria, Austria
April 26, 1968

Mr. Edgar Hoover, Director
FBI
Memphis, Tennessee
U.S.A.

I am 75 years old and have been dealing with metaphysics for more than twenty years now and have solved many problems or intricate cases. I have also located the whereabouts of many missing persons. I have discovered that only Eric Starvo Galt and no one else could be the murderer of Martin Luther King, that he doesn't have a false name and that he is staying in Florida.

In case you are interested in finding out more details, please don't hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,
/s/ Alois Buchner

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

May 9, 1968

AIRMAIL

Mr. Alois Buchner
A 3195 Kernhof
Lower Austria, Austria

Dear Mr. Buchner:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication
on May 7, 1968.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information
to my attention are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Letters were received from both Offices for translation; however, since the contents were substantially the same, only one letter was translated.

5/8/68

AIRTEL

TO: BUREAU (44-38861), JACKSONVILLE
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO CHARLOTTE APRIL TWENTY-SIX LAST,
AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SAC'S SAME DATE.

IN REFERENCED TELETYPE TO CHARLOTTE, BUREAU ADVISED
MAIN FILE ON KING WAS REVIEWED AND IT WAS NOTED THAT
IN CHARLOTTE TELETYPE MARCH TWENTY-FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY-
FIVE, IT WAS REPORTED THAT JACK MAYNARD RAY, DURHAM,
N. C., FBI NUMBER EIGHT SIX FOUR - SIX EIGHT FOUR, CLAIMED
HE WAS APPROACHED TO SHOOT KING AND JAMES FARMER BY GEORGE,
MC LAMB, REPORTEDLY PRESIDENT OF DURHAM CITY COUNCIL.
RAY IS REPORTEDLY AN EX-CON AND POSSIBLY AN ALCOHOLIC.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT DURHAM, N. C. REVEALS
JACK RAY HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE
WHEN HE LEFT DURHAM AREA. ON MAY SEVEN LAST RAY'S
WIFE, MAE HEINEN, WAS LOCATED AT CHARLOTTE, N. C., AND
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1 - CHARLOTTE
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ADVISED SHE DIVORCED JACK RAY TWO YEARS AGO. SHE SAID THE LAST TIME SHE HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT HIM WAS IN JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS REPORTEDLY CONFINED TO A HOSPITAL IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA, SUFFERING FROM CONVULSIONS. SHE STATED HE IS AN ALCOHOLIC AND IS POSSIBLY DEAD.

AN AIRTEL CONTAINING FULL DETAILS REGARDING THREAT AND INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY CHARLOTTE TO LOCATE RAY BEING PREPARED AND COPY WILL BE FURNISHED JACKSONVILLE. RAY IS DESCRIBED AS WM, BORN [REDACTED] FIVE FEET TEN INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT POUNDS, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, GRAY EYES.

JACKSONVILLE, AT DAYTONA BEACH, CHECK WITH HOSPITALS IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JACK MAYNARD RAY, CONCERNING THREAT TO KING IN NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALTHOUGH JAMES EARL RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSASSIN, INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THIS AND SIMILAR MATTERS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF OTHERS INVOLVED AS CONSPIRATORS.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

DIRECTOR, FBI

5/8/68

SAC, Birmingham (44-1740) (P)

**MURKIN
CR
OO: ME**

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of the April, 1968, issue of the publication captioned **"A-SEA NEWS"** published by the Alabama Service Station Association, Inc., (A-SEA) 1102 South 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35205.

On page five of this publication is an article captioned **"WANTED BY THE FBI"** regarding **JAMES EARL RAY**. This article, prepared by the Birmingham Division was given to Mrs. **HELEN SPIVY**, Office Secretary of the A-SEA, and through her cooperation, was published in their publication. This enclosure, received by this office from Mrs. **SPIVY**, is being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana
May 8, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cecil M. Shilstone
Information Concerning

On May 6, 1968, Mr. Charles I. Denechaud, Jr., an attorney located at 1412 Pere Marquette Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, appeared at the New Orleans Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, along with Mr. Cecil M. Shilstone. Mr. Denechaud stated he has represented Mr. Shilstone for many years and that Mr. Shilstone was insistent upon coming to the New Orleans Office of the FBI to provide certain information.

Mr. Shilstone stated he is president of the Shilstone Testing Laboratory, Inc., as well as president of the Shilstone and Associates, located at 814 Conti Street in New Orleans. He stated that in the past he has had an association with District Attorney Jim Garrison in regards to Garrison's probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He said this association with Garrison was strictly to give financial support to Garrison's investigation. Mr. Shilstone said that at the inception of Garrison's investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy and prior to the time that Clay Shaw was arrested, Garrison needed money to conduct his inquiry. As a result, Garrison contacted Shilstone, as well as Willard Robertson and Charles Rauch (phonetic), requesting contributions. He said these three individuals, as well as others, whom he did not name, contributed money to Garrison and had formed a group known as "Truth and Consequences."

Mr. Shilstone stated his purpose in appearing at the New Orleans Office of the FBI was that in the past day or so individuals had told him there was a rumor going around New Orleans that Shilstone is the New Orleans industrialist and

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Cecil M. Shilstone

"political killer" referred to in the New Orleans newspapers a week or so ago in connection with the murder of Martin Luther King. Shilstone stated he had read these articles in the New Orleans papers and that he had no idea as to how these rumors got started. He said the following individuals were personal friends of his and had contacted him and had told him about the rumors:

Harry Batt, owner and operator of Pontchartrain Beach Amusement Park

Louis Rousell, a New Orleans financier

Clem Sehrt, President of the National American Bank in New Orleans

A New Orleans physician whom he did not wish to identify

Mr. Shilstone stated that in the past he has been a political ally of Governor John McKeithen, Governor of Louisiana, and had contributed to the Governor's campaign and had, in fact, "master-minded" the Governor's re-election for a second term.

Mr. Denechaud stated that about a week ago he was informed by Carlos Chimera, who is the operator of the Pere Marquette Garage, that Chimera had been informed by Joseph Dirosa that rumors were circulating that the person referred to in the newspapers as the New Orleans industrialist was Cecil Shilstone.

Mr. Shilstone stated he had no information in regards to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and that when the various people had told him about these rumors, he informed them there was nothing to these rumors. Mr. Shilstone stated he had not attempted to ascertain the source of the rumors. Mr. Shilstone related that he was concerned that these rumors

Cecil M. Shilstone

about him, if they became generally known, might cause some Negro militant to shoot him.

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Date: 5/8/68

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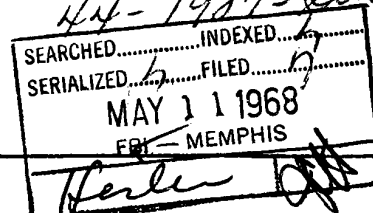
Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, New Orleans
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)
(Bufile: 44-38861)
(NOfile: 157-10673)(P)

Assassination of President *44-1166*
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
Dallas, Texas, 11/22/63,
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING
(OO: Dallas)
(Bufile: 62-109060)
(NOfile: 89-69)

Enclosed for the Bureau are a total of 16 copies of a letterhead memorandum which is self-explanatory. Eight copies of the letterhead memorandum are being designated for Bureau file 44-38861, as information contained therein is in regards to MURKIN. An additional eight copies of this letterhead memorandum are being designated for Bureau file 62-109060, inasmuch as there is also information contained therein relating to the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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4 - New Orleans (2 - 157-10673)
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

NO 157-10673
NO 89-69

One copy each of the airtel and letterhead memorandum are being designated for Dallas and Memphis as they are origin in the above cases.

During the time Mr. CECIL M. SHILSTONE, who is identified in the enclosed letterhead memorandum, was providing the information, he inquired as to whether he was under investigation in the MURKIN case. Mr. SHILSTONE was informed that no comment could be made; however, this was not to imply one way or the other, in that all investigations and information developed in any case investigated by the FBI was strictly confidential. Mr. SHILSTONE also inquired as to whether the FBI would make a statement that he was not involved in the MURKIN case and was again informed that the FBI had no comment.

Mr. SHILSTONE inquired as to whether his appearance at the New Orleans Office of the FBI would be made a matter of record and was informed that this would be done.

The files of the New Orleans Division contain several references in regard to Bufile 62-109060, relating to SHILSTONE. These references reveal that SHILSTONE was one of the organizers of a group of local New Orleans businessmen who formed an organization known as Truth and Consequences, which gave money to District Attorney JAMES GARRISON to conduct his probe. Other references in the New Orleans file reveal that SHILSTONE is president of the Shilstone Testing Laboratory which conducts various tests on winning horses at Louisiana race tracks.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

GILLIS VERRET, 18 Chattanooga Street, San Francisco, California, telephonically contacted the San Francisco Office on 5/7/68 and requested he be contacted by an Agent.

VERRET was contacted on May 8, 1968 and advised that at about 12:30 p.m. on 5/28/68, he was driving west on Army Street in San Francisco and observed a person he believed resembled JAMES EARL RAY also driving west on Army Street. VERRET stated this person was driving a late model Ford two-door hardtop, dark metallic green in color, Florida license plate which he believed to be 37-1735. He stated this individual was alone in the car but there were two or three women dresses hanging by the left rear window.

Photographs of RAY were exhibited to VERRET who stated he was unable to identify the person he saw in the above-mentioned car, however, he believed the person he saw resembles to some extent JAMES EARL RAY.

LEAD

JACKSONVILLE

AT TALLAHASSEE, FLA.: Will at Department of Motor Vehicles, ascertain registered owner of vehicle issued Florida license plate number 37-1735, and conduct appropriate investigation.

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① - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
1 - Kansas City (44-780) (RM)
2 - Jacksonville (RM)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call to Boston, 5/8/68,
advising of telephone call to Bureau (SA HUNTER HELGESSON)
from JAMES LEWIS, Boston, regarding lookalike.

JAMES LEWIS, War Memorial Auditorium, Prudential
Center, Boylston St., Boston, Mass., was interviewed on
5/9/68, concerning the individual he had seen on 5/8/68,
in the vicinity of the War Memorial Auditorium. At this
time, most recent photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited
to LEWIS who was of the opinion that they did not resemble
very closely the individual he had seen. Dissimilarities
between RAY and the person seen by LEWIS include color of
hair and height.

LEWIS could furnish no information as to the
identity of this person and stated that he disappeared into
the pedestrian traffic on Boylston St., which is a busy
Boston downtown street. LEWIS stated he would be on the
alert for a reappearance of this person and that at that event
he would attempt to obtain more specific information concerning
him.

No further investigation in this matter is
contemplated by Boston, UAC.

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Date: **5/9/68**Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **AIRTEL** _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Chicago airtel to Newark dated 5/6/68.

On 5/9/68, PCI MARJORIE LOUISE FETTERS, 2420 Arnold Street, Camden, N.J., telephone number 609-964-4923, advised SA JOHN E. OTTO at about 3:00 p.m. on 5/8/68, JERRY RAY telephonically contacted her at her residence. He said he was calling from St. Louis, Missouri.

He stated he had telephonically contacted his employer at the Northbrook, Illinois, Country Club. His employer advised him to return to work on 5/9/68 or soon thereafter and arrangements would be made for him to begin residing in an apartment away from the club. He said his employer thought such a move could possibly avert the type of attention that was attracted to JERRY RAY by news media when they recently learned he is the subject's brother.

JERRY RAY asked PCI if it would be readily possible for him to obtain employment in the Camden, N.J., area if he decided to come there to live. He said he is strongly thinking of making such a move so he could be closer to PCI. PCI apprised him of various major industries in the South Jersey area and JERRY RAY appeared to her to be favorably impressed. JERRY RAY mentioned he had learned he would be able to receive about \$44 a week in unemployment benefits until he obtained a job should he terminate his present position at the Country Club in Illinois.

2 - Memphis
 1 - Chicago (Info)
 1 - Kansas City (Info)
 4 - Newark
 (1 - 137-6826)

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Approved: _____
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

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For the information of Chicago, JERRY RAY said in a letter he sent to PCI, which was postmarked on 4/29/68 at Wheeling, Illinois, he owns a 1960 DeSoto and a 1961 Plymouth. In a previous telephone conversation with PCI, he said he keeps the Plymouth at his father's farm in Centerville, Missouri.

On 5/8/68, PCI's telephone conversation with JERRY RAY was disconnected. About a half hour later, he called her at her residence again and they completed their conversation.

PCI further advised that JERRY RAY said he is going to send her \$25 enclosed in a letter or to be sent by a wire to reach her by 5/11/68. It is noted he sent PCI a \$25 money order enclosed in the described letter postmarked 4/29/68.

PCI said JERRY RAY told her he would telephonically contact her next on 5/11/68. He commented he would rather talk to her on the telephone than write her. He did not further explain this statement.

PCI again stated under no circumstances does she want her cooperation with the FBI in connection with this matter to ever become known outside of the FBI. She again also said it is a special concern to her that JERRY RAY never know of her assistance to the Bureau.

LEAD

NEWARK

AT CAMDEN, N.J. Will continue to maintain close liaison with PCI, looking towards ascertaining subject's whereabouts and effecting his arrest.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/8/68

AIRTEL

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

Re Buairtel to Philadelphia and Jacksonville dated 5/7/68.

Enclosed for Pittsburgh are a copy of reBuairtel and the enclosure thereto.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN G. DEVINE at Coudersport, Pa.:

On 5/8/68, Mr. HARRY GOLDEN, Post Office, Coudersport, Pa., advised that there was no mail listing for an E. RAYMOND in the Coudersport area.

GOLDEN stated that there was no listing for an E. RAYMOND in the Genese, Pa., directory. He advised that sometimes individuals in the Genese, Pa., area will use a Coudersport RD #2 address.

However, GOLDEN stated that there had been an 80 year-old woman, one ESTHER RAYMOND, who formerly had lived in Genese, Pa., and who used the Coudersport RD #2 address. She was currently living in the Epworth Manor Nursing Home in Tyrone, Pa.

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1-Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
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LEADS

PITTSBURGH
AT TYRONE, PA.

1. Will contact ESTHER RAYMOND to obtain any information she might have relating to this case.
2. Will ask RAYMOND if she knows of any other E. RAYMOND who might reside in the Coudersport RD #2 area.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

At 9:45 a.m. 5/9/68, Miss DAWN MILLER, Apt. 504, 101 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria, Va., telephone 751-4734, called WFO and furnished the following information: (Miss MILLER is a dancing teacher for the Fairfax County Recreation Department, Telephone # 273-9320)

Miss MILLER saw a poster with photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and noted a resemblance of the 1960 photograph to a man with whom she had the following dealings:

Miss MILLER put an ad in the Classified Sections of the Sunday Star and Washington Post advertising a sofa for sale for \$175.00. She believed that the ad appeared in the April 7 or 14th issues. On a Wednesday night after the ad appeared she received a telephone call from a man asking about the sofa. It was late, 11:30 p.m., and the man said he would come to see the sofa the next evening.

He came to Miss MILLER's residence in a station wagon with a male companion and bought the sofa. He paid for the sofa with a check drawn on the Suburban Trust Company, Hyattsville, Maryland. The names DAVID and LALAN COOPERMAN, Account # 67 1940 3 was printed on the check, but no address was listed. The purchaser of the sofa wrote the following addresses and telephone number on the check and signed it "DAVID COOPERMAN".

2- Richmond
2- Baltimore
①- Memphis (Info)
1- WFO
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WFO 44-703

7930 15th Avenue, Adelphi, Maryland. (Miss MILLER checked the telephone directory and learned this is the address of DAVID and LALAH COOPERMAN.)

8107 Eastern Avenue, Silver Springs, Md. (Miss MILLER later learned that this address is listed to IRVING and REBECCA COOPERMAN.) She called them and determined that they are no relation to above DAVID COOPERMAN and knew nothing of the transaction.

Telephone # 526-4042 (Miss MILLER learned from the Telephone Company that his phone is subscribed to by a person named PORTER, 1915 Otis St., N.E., WDC.) She has been unable to reach this person by phone.

Re the purchaser: Miss MILLER described him as about age 37, 5'10", slender build, sandy blonde hair, eye color not known, just a trace of Southern accent. She did not know the make of station wagon, thought it was late model, license number unknown, light colored with wood tone trim. The companion of the purchaser is described as early twenties, "cute, slim, blonde". No names were exchanged between the two men.

The check was returned with a note "Non sufficient funds" and was dated 4/26/68.

Miss MILLER said that last Sunday, 5/5/68, she drove out to the residence of DAVID and LALAH COOPERMAN and spoke to them. They knew nothing about the transaction, but stated that their checkbook had been lost about two months previously and that they had learned that someone had purchased a refrigerator using one of their checks.

Miss MILLER stated that she has the check for the sofa in her possession and can be reached at her home phone or at the Fairfax Recreation Department.

Richmond should show additional photographs of RAY to Miss MILLER for possible identification.

Baltimore should determine possible ITSP violations.

May 10, 1968

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-647) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: ME

Reference Jackson airtel to Bureau, dated May 3, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA **HAROLD BACH**:

AT PARIS, KENTUCKY:

On 5/9/68, Mrs. **EMMETT BARFIELD**, 133 Woodmont Drive advised Reverend **BARFIELD** was not available at that time and was attending a school at Lexington, Kentucky.

On May 10, 1968, Reverend **EMMETT BARFIELD**, Pastor, Presbyterian Church, Paris, Kentucky, advised he was formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church in Grenada, Mississippi. He recalled that Reverend **KING** was due to march on about September 15, 1966. Local Grenada, Mississippi, attorney **ROBERTSON HORTON**, furnished him information at that time concerning

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two white men, not further identified, who claimed they planned to assassinate KING on this occasion and wanted to retain attorney HORTON to defend them. Reverend BARNFIELD stated that attorney HORTON died 8/9/67 in Grenada, Mississippi (allegedly committed suicide).

He described former attorney HORTON as an alcoholic, having very little law practice but believed the attorney to have actually been approached by the above two unidentified men.

Reverend BARNFIELD further advised that he has no additional information concerning the above incident.

ARMED and DANGEROUS