SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

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Ro Los Angules sirtel to Director, 5-14-68, transmitting a copy of a letter from ALMERA LOMAX, editor-publisher of the Lomax Poll and Tribune, in which she suggested as "professional Leftists who use the Regro cause"... "the BRADENS, the Southers Patriot, \$210 V. Broadway, Louisville, Ky." and "Bouthers Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCRF), \$22 Pordido St., New Orleans, Louisians."

Referenced airtal suggested that interview of CARL and ANNE BRADEN for any information they might have concerning the assessmention of MARTIN LUTHER KING be considered.

CARL and ARKE SEARCH, Louisville Security Index subjects, are former CP leaders in Louisville, Ky. and currently head the Louisville based Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEP), formerly of New Orleans, La., which organization publishes the "Southern Patriot", as its official organ.

SCRF is successor to the MCMA-cited Southern Conference for Human Volfare (SCMV) and has long been active in the integration and civil rights fields. Currently, SCRF is extive in the socalled "peace movement."

The MRANUES have twice been indicted under Kentucky Sedition Statutes (1954 and 1967). In 1954, CARL BRADUM was convicted and served 8 menths of a 15-year mentence before being released on \$46,000 appeal bond. A Bureau informant was largely responsible for the 1954 conviction of BRADUM.

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13 44-947 On both occasions the Kentucky Sedition Statutes under which the BRADENS were prosecuted were held to be unconstitutional. CARL BRADEN also served approximately 9 menths on a year and a day mentonee for contempt of Congress. The contempt conviction grew out of his refusal to answer questions before a Congressional investigating countities in 1958. The ELANCIS have been interviewed on one occasion in connection with a civil rights matter in which they had an interest. They were pleasant but CARL BRADES was obviously untruthful. Any interview with the BRADENS should have sound investigative basis, and it is felt that they should not be interviewed unless they can be questioned re specific, pertinent matters concerning which they might logically be expected to have information. If an interview with them gave the impression that they were suspected of being impliented in the assessination of Dr. KING, or that the FBI was engaged in a fishing expedition, they would quickly seize upon the situation to ridicule and otherwise criticize the FBI for floundering in the investigation. If there are specific, pertinent matters concerning which the BRADERS should be interviewed in connection with this case, Louisville will conduct such interview. Inseruch as the BRADERS are Security Index subjects. It is felt that Bureau authorization should be obtained prior to conducting such interview. 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

5/21/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, SAN PRINCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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00: Memphis

Re Memphis teletype dated \$/20/68.

On 5/20/68, Miss DORTS ANDREDTTLY 869 Rido, Salinas, Calif., who had been previously interviewed by SA CARL A. GOSTING on 5/4/68, was reinterviewed by SA GOSTING on this date.

Miss ANDREOTTI according to SA GOSTING, furnished the following information:

She stated that the real name of her boyfriend correspondent when she previously identified as GAY RANDALL is DEL GAY who resides at 3962 Clay St., San Francisco, telephone 388-1272. She stated that he is employed at the Social Security Office in San Francisco, telephone number 558-5186, and that she has been corresponding with this man for over one year. According to ANDREOTTI, she did not furnish the correct identity of this individual since she did not want her boyfriend "chased off" by the fact that she had furnished information about him.

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ANDREOTTY specifically requested that if it were necessary to interview GAY, that she not be identified as the person who identified him.

Photos of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to her and she positively stated that the individual in these photos was not identical to GAY. She described GAY as WMA, age about 28, 5'9" tall, 150 pounds, who was born in Colorado, and has resided in SF for the past five years.

SA GOSTING advised that Miss ANDREOTTI appeared to be somewhat unstable, age about 30 years, but appeared much older and is unemployed. Also she appeared to have a drinking problem.

DELMAS LEVI GAY aka Del Gay, residing 3962 Clay St., Apt.1 SF. Calif., telephone 386-1272, was interviewed 5/21/48 by SA STANLEY J. EAGER at his place of employment, the San Francisco Payment Center, Social Security Administration (SSA), Department of Health, Education and Welfare (DHEW), 1735 Mission St., SF. He stated he has been employed as a Claims Examiner, SSA, in the San Francisco Payment Center since March, 1965, having been discharged as a Specialist 4, in the Medical Corps, Fitzsimmens General Hospital, Dever, Colorado, in December, 1964 from the Army.

He said he has had no leave from his job with the exception of 5/20/68 and a half day on 5/21/68 which he took as Annual Leave to visit Carmel, Calif.

In January, 1967, he corresponded to the California Friendship Club (CFC), Dongmeach, Calif., in an effort to make friends with persons of his own age. This was supposed to be a confidential friendship club but immediately after corresponding to this club he received approximately 200 letters from friendship clubs throughout the U.S. He added that it was through this club that he met Miss DORIS ANDREOTTI.

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He stated that DORIS ANDREOTTI told him on 5/17/68 that the FBI was going to talk to her concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said Miss ANDREOTTI is a little unstable and has a drinking problem, making her an alcoholic. He stated she is unemployed and is supported by her mother.

Mr. GAY stated he also joined the Swingers Club in Michigan and as a result of joining the CFC and the Swingers Club he has corresponded and sent photographs of himself to about five different women. He stated that he belongs to a friendship club in SF called the Jet Set, which is a social organization of men and women who dine as various dinner spots in SF and enjoy dancing.

Photos of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to Mr. GAY and he stated he recognized these photos as the person who the FBI has been looking for for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated he also read on 5/18/68 that JAMES EARL RAY had been involved with a friendship club in Long Beach. Calif.

Mr. CAY advised he was mt acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY, did not recognize his photos and did not know anyone who would know anything about this person.

Interviewing Agent observed that while GAY's height, weight, and build were similar to that of RAY's, he was not identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

The following description of DELMAS LEVI GAY was obtained through interrogation and observation:

Born

Harrison. Arkansas

Height Weight Hair 5'9" 170 lbs. Redish brown SF 173-65 SJE/1w

> Eyes Build Occupation

Employed

Armed services

Social Security Number

Scars & marks

Blue Heavy Claims Examiner, San Francisco Payment Center, SSA, DHEW, 1235 Mission St., San Francisco

3/65 continuously to present time

Discharged 12/64, U. S. Army, Specialist 4, Medical Corps, Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado

3" scar left shoulder resulting from bond tumor operation 1948, Little Rock, Arkansas

5/21/68

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RADIOGRAM

URGENT

TO:

DIRECTOR (44-1574); SACs, INDIANAPOLIS, MEMPHIS (44-1087)

FROM:

CINCINNATI (157-1893)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN, LAST, AM CCS. CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS.

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DIRECTOR, PRI (44-38861)

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SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

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Re Bureau letter 5/17/68.

On 5/20/68, THOMAS H. BROUGHTON, Editor, "Master Barber and Beautician" magazine, 219 Greenich Road, Charlette, North Carolina, was furnished a glossy photograph of JAMES RARL RAY and a copy of the newspaper mat and proof as furnished all offices by the Bureau. Mr. BROUGHTON advised he would make every effort to include the article and photograph of RAY in the June issue of his magazine which will be printed around June 1, 1968. He advised in the event he is unable to include the article in this month's issue, he will include it in the following month's issue. He advised that the normal deadline is the Fifteenth of the month preceding date of issue.

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Sec, WPO (44-703) (P)

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Relievank teletype 5/20/68, concerning U.S. Post Office money orders.

On 5/21/68, JAMES M. BONES, Inspector, U.S. Post Office, advised that he was instituting appropriate searches to locate two money orders listed in instant teletype and that he would advise WFO when final searches could be conducted.

Bureau and Memphis will be advised concerning instant searches.

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He Atlanta mirtel to Bureau, 5/9/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA STERMY J. SHITE:

AT GLERRYILLE, GA.

On 5/30/65, Deputy Sheriff FLOTD N. BAXTER, Sheriff's Office, Intimal County, Ge., savised the following:

CHORGE B. FRANCE, 707 Virginia Avenue, Gleanville, was known by the name of MASIL FRANCE while living here. FRANCE was a salesman for Mascot Fugan Co., Gleanville, and before that he was with the Vesteyn Auto Store. No was terminated from his sales position with Mascot Feeas Co. about Christmas 1967. FRANCE now lives in Ambburn, Go., and is in the candy sales business there.

Deputy Sheriff RAITER scanned the photograph of JANES HARL, RAY and then stated that FRANKS was not identical to PAY.

On 5/10/68, Mr. MUMERT L. WALKER, 700 Virginia Avenue, sevimed the following:

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He know BASIL FRANKS, 707 Virginia Avenue, Glennville, Ga., when FRANKS lived in the bouse next to him for about three years. FRANKS left Glennville at about Christmastine, 1967, and is now living and working out of Ashburk, Ga., as a candy malesman.

Mr. WALKER closely imspected the photographs of JAMES MAN. RAY and declared that FRANKS was not identical to MAY.

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Will locate BASIL FRANKS (or GEORGE B. FRANKS) and ascertain if he is identical with JAMES RANL RAY.

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SECOND W/M: OVER SIX FEET, ONE SIXTY LBS., SANDY HAIR, LIGHT GRBY BUIT, BROWN NECETIE, AND BLACK SHOES.

JOHNSON INDICATED THAT SECOND W/M WAS THE INDIVIDUAL HE OVERHEARD THE COVERSATION FROM.

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WITH BUREAU AND INTERVIEW THIS DATE.

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INDICES CHECK RE C. A. W. CLARE REVEALS A LETTER DATED NOVEMBER TWENTYSEVEN PORTYFOUR FROM THE WAR DEPARTMENT, ARMY SERVICE FORCES HEADQUANTERS, RIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND, CAPTIONED HAACP, REFERRING TO SEREVEPORT, POINTING OUT REV. C. W. A. CLARK, A BAPTIST MINISTER, WAS ONE OF THE HAACP'S ARDENT BACKERS.

THIS INFORMATION BRING SUBMITTED TO DALLAS AS REQUESTED IN RETEL FOR CONSIDERATION AS PART OF THEIR INVESTIGATION UNDER MURKIN. THREE ZERO TWO TO POLLOW.

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The following investigation was conducted by IC TOMMY G. FREEMAN.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

On May 17, 1968, ROGER PIRRONG, Registrar for Oklahoma State Department of Health, advised his agency maintains a record of all unidentified dead for the State of Oklahoma. He advised that his agency has received no information regarding any unidentified deaths in the State from April 1, 1968, to the present.

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TO: SAC, DALLAS

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)

RE: MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to San Antonio dated 5/3/68.

For information Dallas, reairtel advised as follows.

On 5/2/68, Mrs. A. M. WITTNE, 901 Dabney. Corpus Christi, Texas, advised as follows.

She was formerly employed by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, 4th Floor, Milam Building, San Antonio, Texas. This company had in its office an album of professional insurance claimants, which she believes was compiled and maintained by Southwest Index Eureau. Recently upon seeing newspaper and television photographs of subject, it seemed to her she had observed a photograph in the album of professional insurance claimants at the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company office which was that of subject, or someone who looked very similar to him. Further, she thought possibly the name JAMES EARL RAY was included in the above index and album.

On 5/8/68, Mr. J. EDGAR BOWDEN, Claims Manager, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Room 411 Milam Building, San Antonio, Texas, advised SA DEAN N. LLOYD that review of indices for JAMES EARL RAY and known aliases was negative. BOWDEN suggested that the Fraud and Arson Bureau and the Southwest Index Bureau, both located in Dallas, be contacted inasmuch as they maintain a national index of professional claimants.

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Information copy furnished Houston in view of reairtel.

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AT DALLAS, TEXAS Will locate and interview appropriate officials of Southwest Index Bureau and Fraud and Arson Bureau to determine if JAMES EARL RAY is known to them under true name, known aliases, or known description.

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**UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE 5/22/68

FROM

DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

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Re Houston airtel to San Antonio dated 5/3/68; and San Antonio airtel to Dallas dated 5/8/68, a copy of which is enclosed for Memphis herewith.

RE: POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION BY MRS. A. M. WITTNE, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, OF RAY'S PHOTO IN FILE OF PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE CLAIMANTS.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES J. SHERMAN on 5/16/68:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

MR. CHARLIE EATON (former SA), Manager, Arson and Fraud Division of the American Insurance Association, Petroleum Building, telephone RI 8-6693, advised a search of his files and the index of the Southwest Index Bureau was unsuccessful in locating a record of a claimant using the following names or description of JAMES EARL RAY:

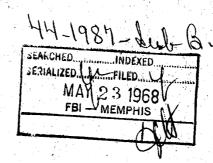
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JAMES MC BRIDE
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JAMES WALTON
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Additionally, he advised there is no photograph album maintained by his organization available to individual insurance companies. He stated furthermore, no such album is produced by any other source to his knowledge.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-30861)

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SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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Birmingham presently endeavoring to arrange with Southern Medical Association, headquarters at Birmingham, which covers Southern States, write-up and photos of subject in its periodical, provided Bureau concurs. This based on previous information that subject has been considered somewhat of a hypochondriac, according to previous acquaintances and may visit physicians. Bureau may desire consider this action also either through American Medical Association publication or from other regional medical associations.

Since RAY has been reported to have visited psychologists and/or psychiatrists in the past suggest Bureau may desire to give consideration on a national basis of circularization these type physicians. No action will be taken pending approval by the Bureau.

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TO: NEW ORLEANS AND DALLAS

FROM: SACRAMENTO (100-427) 1pg

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SACRAMENTO IN RECEIPT OF SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER THIS

DATE FROM SYLVESTER JOHNSON, FIVE ONE NINE FANNIN ALLEY,

SHREVEFORT, LOUISIANA, LETTER APPEARS TO BE FROM AN ILLITERATE
AND READS AS POLICYS;

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TO LOOK IN TELEPHONE DIRECTOR BOOK FOR A. W. CLARK (OR C. A. W.
CLARK) JAMES RAY STARVO HIDING CLARKS HOUSE MAKE HIM TELL
WHERE IS TELL YOUR MEN TO LOOK BEHIND THEM SO THEY WONT LOOSE
ANY OF THEIR MENS."

NEW ORLEANS AT SHREVEPORT CONTACT JOHNSON AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MORE FACTS AND ADVISE DALLAS.

DALLAS HOLD IN ABEYANCE PENDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
FROM NEW ORLEANS.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS,

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, WFO (44-703)

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PASSPORT APPLICATION REVIEW PROJECT

WFO is continuing review of passport applications at Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS). All available WFO personnel, commensurate with fulfilling other Bureau responsibilities, has been detailed to this project.

Upon instituting this project there were approximately 2,153,000 passport applications in file since 3/1/67. Applications are received at the rate of about 20,000 per day. As of 5 p.m., this date, about 12 % of this project has been completed. Approximately 3 % of this project is being completed each work day and it is estimated that approximately six weeks will be required to complete this project.

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RE: RECORD OF UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED

On May 16, 1968, RALPH ROBERTS, Chief, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Alabama Department of Health, Montgomery, Alabama, advised SA DAN O. STEPHENS that his files reflect, to date, only one death of an unidentified person in Alabama since April 5, 1968.

This individual, a Negro male, age unknown, died on or about April 28, 1968, in Mobile, Alabama.

He was requested to notify the FBI of all other certificates received, reflecting the death of an unidentified person, until advised to the contrary.

See Next Section