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REGISTERED MAIL

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

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1884) (P)

MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 4/9/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory is one airmail envelope addressed to FBI, Miami, Fla., and a scrap of paper containing, "Get Tommy Nash, Jr., in La Grange, Ga. You will have King's killer."

This envelope containing the note was received in the Miami Office on 4/9/68. The envelope was postmarked Miami Beach, Fla., PM, 7 April, 1968.

Miami indices negative re TOMMY NASH, JR.

FBI Laboratory requested to compare writing contained on note and envelope with anonymous letter file and process for fingerprints for possible comparison with any other submissions made in connection with this case.

Atlanta Division was requested in referenced teletype to attempt to identify TOMMY NASH, JR., and eliminate as possible suspect.

3 - Bureau (Enc-1) (RM)
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Lead Atlanta

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND TAMPA
FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

RE TAMPA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

✓ THOMAS THOROMAN, ROUTE TWO, SPENCERVILLE, OHIO, IS PAINTER AND PAPERHANGER WHO LEFT NOV., NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, TO WORK IN FLORIDA. ADDRESS IN FLA. IS ROUTE ONE, BOX THIRTYTWO A, CLERMONT. INQUIRY, POST OFFICE AND WITH NEIGHBORS, REFLECTS THOROMAN EXPECTED TO RETURN ANY DAY FROM FLA., EXACT DATE NOT KNOWN. NEIGHBORS DESCRIBE THOROMAN AS WM, FORTYFIVE TO FIFTYFIVE YEARS, FIVE FT. TEN INS. TO SIX FT., ONE FIFTY TO ONE SIXTY LBS., BROWN HAIR GETTING GRAY. HE IS A SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST OR MENNONITE. HE TRAVELS WITH WIFE VIOLET AND CHILDREN IN HIS STATIONWAGON. THEY KNOW OF NOTHING DEROGATORY.

Lead Tampa
TAMPA, AT CLERMONT, FLA. IMMEDIATELY CHECK ROUTE ONE, BOX THIRTYTWO A, RE THOROMAN AND CONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS. INFO IN REFERENCED TAMPA TEL BEING FURNISHED TO MEMPHIS.

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cc: ① - MEMPHIS (AM) *Hearney*

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FOR INFORMATION OF MEM PHIS, THE TAMPA TEL RELATIVE TO THOROMAN INDICATED THAT ONE EDGAR HARRY HUBER (PROTECT IDENTITY) OF ORLANDO, FLA., HAD SEEN AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF KING'S SLAYER. HUBER INDICATED THE LEFT PROFILE OF THIS CONCEPTION RESEMBLED THOMAS THOROMAN, BUT THE RIGHT PROFILE HAD NO RESEMBLANCE. HUBER STATED THAT THOROMAN IN THE SUMMER LIVED AT ROUTE TWO, SPENCERVILLE, OHIO; WAS A SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST AND A RELIGIOUS FANATIC BUT NOT A RACIST.

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TEL TO THE BUREAU, APRIL NINE, SIXTYEIGHT,
CONCERNING ONE ED MEARS, MADONNA, OHIO.

THE ONLY CITY WITHIN CLEVELAND TERRITORY HAVING ANY
SIMILARITY TO MADONNA, OHIO, IS MEDINA, OHIO.

ON APRIL NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, COP HOMER DAVIS (NA), MEDINA,
OHIO, PD, ADVISED THAT EDWARD MEARS, GRANGER LAKE, MEDINA
COUNTY, OHIO, IS SON OF MILLIONAIRE AMOS MEARS, FORMERLY OF
MEDINA, NOW RESIDING FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. EDWARD MEARS IS
NATIVE OF MEDINA COUNTY AND EXTREMELY WEALTHY. MEARS IS IN
THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS AND IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPER
OF GRANGER LAKE APARTMENTS, AN EXCLUSIVE APARTMENT PROJECT.
APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS AGO, EDWARD MEARS RETURNED TO MEDINA
FROM FLA. AND COMMENCED A DEVELOPMENT CALLED RUSTIC HILLS
LOCATED ON EAST SIDE OF MEDINA. THIS TOO IS EXCLUSIVE
RESIDENTIAL AREA. CHIEF DAVIS STATED MEARS HAS NEVER BEEN

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CCs: 1 - MEMPHIS
1 - CINCINNATI
1 - WASHINGTON FIELD

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CONSIDERED ANTI-NEGRO; IN FACT, HE HAS MANY NEGROES IN HIS EMPLOYMENT AT HIS REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT. TO CHIEF DAVIS' KNOWLEDGE, MEARS HAS NEVER HAD ANY TROUBLE WITH ANY OF HIS EMPLOYEES. MEARS IS ALSO OWNER/MANAGER OF NEGRO HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CONTENDER AMOS JOHNSON OF MEDINA. MEARS HAS FINANCED JOHNSON'S CAREER AND TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY WITH JOHNSON WHILE MEETING OTHER BOXERS. MEARS HAS NO KNOWN ARREST RECORD AND IS CONSIDERED EXTREMELY REPUTABLE.

ALSO CONTACTED CONCERNING THIS MATTER WERE SHERIFF NORM STUART AND CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF ART NAFTZGER, BOTH OF MEDINA COUNTY SO, AND THEY TOO DESCRIBED MEARS AS BEING OF VERY GOOD REPUTATION AND OUTSTANDING CITIZEN.

MEARS DESCRIBED AS WM, FORTYFIVE YEARS, FIVE FT, TWO INS. TO FIVE FT. FOUR INS., ONE SEVENTY TO ONE NINETY LBS., STOCKY BUILD.

EDWARD MEARS DESCRIBED ABOVE IS THE ONLY EDWARD MEARS LOCATED IN MEDINA, OHIO, AS A RESULT OF CREDIT AND TELEPHONE AND CITY DIRECTORY CHECKS.

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BASED ON ABOVE COMMENTS BY CHIEF DAVIS, SHERIFF STUART
AND CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF NAFTZGER, CLEVELAND IS TAKING NO
FURTHER ACTION, UACB.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS, CINCINNATI, WASHINGTON FIELD.

END

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2268) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Enclosed for information of Chicago are:

- (1) copy of Savannah tel to Atlanta, 4/7/68;
- (2) copy of New York tel to Director, 4/8/68;
- (3) copy of Delta Flight Manifest of Flight 0640, 4/5/68, departing Atlanta.

DAL Atlanta advised that S. WINSLETT was Delta hostess on this flight and is based in Chicago.

Delta registrations for individuals on flight manifest not immediately available, and if pertinent will be furnished to Chicago when obtained.

Referenced (enclosed) communications make it necessary to attempt to identify individual sitting next to ROBERT HAYNES on flight.

Chicago, interview S. WINSLETT for possible identification.

2 - Chicago (RM) (Enc. 3)
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2 - Atlanta
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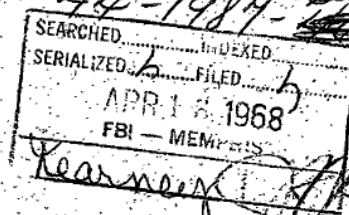
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JHW:pas

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Miss SHERRY WINSLETT advised she resides at 10146 Hartford Court, Schiller Park, Illinois, telephone 678-4773. She advised she is employed as an airline stewardess for Delta Airlines. On April 5, 1968, she was a stewardess on Delta Flight 649, which originates at Atlanta and then goes to Augusta and to Savannah. During the flight from Atlanta to Augusta, luncheon is served on the plane and she and one of the stewardesses have to serve all the passengers on the plane in 35 minutes. The flight from Augusta to Savannah takes less than 30 minutes. She does not recall any individuals on this flight and specifically does not recall any individual described as a white male, age 28, to 32, weight 160 pounds, pale skin, hooked nose, hair thin on sides, thin on top, wearing a black half turtle-neck jersey shirt and black trench coat. Miss WINSLETT stated that there was another stewardess on this flight the name of whom she cannot recall who was stationed in Atlanta.

She stated that should she recall any information regarding the above individual, she would notify the FBI in Chicago.



4/12/68

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2268)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

^{AIRTEL}
Re Atlanta teletype to Chicago dated 4/9/68.

Enclosed herewith for Atlanta and Memphis are two copies each of an insert reflecting interview with Miss SHERRY WINSLETT. ^{44-1987-Sub E-46}

LEAD

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Determine identity of other airline stewardess on Delta Flight 649 on April 5, 1968, and interview regarding person as set out in re airtel.

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- 2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2)
- ① - Memphis (Enc. 2) *Math*
- 1 - Chicago

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1215AM URGENT 4/10/68 MFC
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS
FROM BALTIMORE (44-669)
MURKIN.

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RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE, APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY-EIGHT AND
BALTIMORE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY-EIGHT.

CHECK MARYLAND DMV APRIL EIGHT LAST DISCLOSED MARYLAND
LICENSE GJ SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT THREE ISSUED FOR SIXTY-EIGHT FORD
HARDTOP, WHITE MUSTANG OWNED BY CLARENCE BENJAMIN MITCHELL
AND WANDA STELLA MITCHELL, SIX ZERO TWO TWO SURREY SQUARE LANE,
PG COUNTY, WDC, APT. T DASH ONE. MITCHELL DESCRIBED AS WHITE
MALE, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SIX FIVE POUNDS, DOB DECEMBER
TWENTY-ONE, FORTY-TWO. CHECK MARYLAND STATE POLICE RECORDS
REFLECT CLARENCE B. MITCHELL, FIVE FIVE TWO THREE OXON HILL
ROAD, OXON HILL, MARYLAND, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET,
TEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN ZERO POUNDS, DOB DECEMBER TWENTY-ONE,
FORTY-ONE, OCCUPATION IN FORTY-SIX AS BOILER FIREMAN FOR U.S.
GOVERNMENT. ON SEPTEMBER FOUR, SIXTY-FOUR, MITCHELL PURCHASED
.TWO TWO CALIBER GELESI WITH TWO ONE-HALF INCH BARREL,
SERIAL NUMBER ONE ONE SIX ONE THREE THREE, BALTIMORE INDICES NEGATIVE.

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Eliminated*

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ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, WANDA STELLA MITCHELL WAS CONTACTED AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLARENCE BENJAMIN MITCHELL TO MEET AGENTS AT OSI HEADQUARTERS, ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, SUITLAND, MARYLAND WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED. MITCHELL STATED THAT ON APRIL FOUR LAST HE WAS WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AT THEIR PRESENT HOME, THREE THREE FOUR EIGHT CURTIS DRIVE, APT. ONE ZERO ONE, SUITLAND, MARYALND. MITCHELL STATED HE LEFT WDC FOR HIS HOME IN RIPLEY, TENNESSEE NEAR MEMPHIS AT APPROXIMATELY NINE P.M. ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

WANDA STELLA MITCHELL CONTACTED AND VERIFIED THAT HER HUSBAND WAS AT HOME UNTIL LATE EVENING OF APRIL FOUR LAST.

ALLEN E. AUSTIN, SUITLAND LOAN OFFICE, SUITLAND, MARYLAND, IDENTIFIED MITCHELL AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PAWNED A GUITAR AND AMPLIFIER AFTER TWO P.M. ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

AGENTS OBSERVED MITCHELL DRIVING CREAM FORD MUSTANG, BLACK VINYL TOP, BEARING SIXTY-EIGHT MD LICENSE GJ SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT THREE.

END

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Date: 4/9/68

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TO: JACKSON
 FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS.

RECORDS AT HOLIDAY INN, THREE SEVEN TWO EIGHT LAMAR AVE.,
 MEMPHIS, REFLECT THE FOLLOWING:

ROY R. LOGAN, HOULKA, MISSISSIPPI, REGISTERED
 APRIL FIVE THROUGH SIX, LAST, DRIVING SIXTYEIGHT FORD,
 BEARING TENNESSEE LICENSE NO. B E SIX NINE EIGHT ZERO.
 EMPLOYMENT, CHICKASHAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

HENRY BOYETTE, EIGHT ONE NINE HARRISON ST., TUPELO,
 MISSISSIPPI, REGISTERED APRIL THREE THROUGH FOUR, LAST,
 DRIVING FORD, BEARING MISSISSIPPI LICENSE NO. M DASH FIVE
 TWO NINE SEVEN.

JACKSON ELIMINATE LOGAN AND BOYETTE AS SUSPECTS.

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TO ~~DIRECTOR~~ SAC JACKSON
 FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 MURKIN, CR.

ROBERT SEWELL, MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL,
 OLIVE BRANCH, MISSISSIPPI, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED INSPECTOR
 N. E. ZACHARY, HOMICIDE BUREAU, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, POLICE
 DEPARTMENT, TODAY THAT HE WAS IN BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI,
 APPROXIMATELY TEN THIRTY A.M., APRIL FIVE, LAST, WHERE HE
 WAS APPROACHED BY AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL APPROXIMATELY TWENTY
 FIVE YEARS OF AGE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, WHITE,
 APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK
 HAIR COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. THIS MAN WAS DRIVING A SIXTY
 SIX CHEVROLET, VIN ONE SIX FOUR SIX NINE EIGHT S ONE FIVE
 THREE SIX SIX THREE, BEARING CURRENT MISSISSIPPI LICENSE
 A.H. FOUR FIVE - NINE EIGHT EIGHT. VEHICLE REGISTERED TO
 BILLY D. MC GRIFF, ONE THREE FOUR TWO PLANTATION STREET,
 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. THIS MAN WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER

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Special Agent in Charge

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BUSHY HEADED RUFF LOOKING WHITE MALE, NAME AND FURTHER
DESCRIPTION UNKNOWN.

THIS INDIVIDUAL ATTEMPTED TO DISCUSS THE MURDER OF
VICTIM WITH PATROLMAN SEWELL, BUT SEWELL PAID LITTLE
ATTENTION TO HIM. THIS MAN MENTIONED THAT HE AND HIS
FRIEND HAD BEEN DRINKING BEER AT A LOUNGE ON SOUTH MAIN
STREET, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, THE NIGHT OF THE SLAYING.
SEWELL THOUGHT PERHAPS THIS MAN MIGHT BE CONSIDERED A
POSSIBLE SUSPECT OR MIGHT BE A WITNESS THAT COULD FURNISH
SOME INFORMATION HELPFUL TO THE INVESTIGATION.

JACKSON AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, WILL LOCATE AND
INTERVIEW BILLY D. MC GRIFF, ONE THREE FOUR TWO, PLANTATION
STREET, TO DETERMINE IF HE COULD BE LOGICAL SUSPECT OR
IF HE HAS INFORMATION HELPFUL TO THIS INVESTIGATION.

PENDING.

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Air mail special delivery.

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10879)
SAC, JACKSON
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

RE: MURKIN

Re HQ tel 4-11-68.

Billy
Latent fingerprints this case not identical fingerprints of
BILLY DAVIS MCKIFF, date of birth [redacted], Sebastopol, Mississippi,
Army service #EA 14 301 618. No palm prints available.

DAB/lvc

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1-SAC, Jackson
2-SAC, Memphis (44-1987) ✓

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/68

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BILLY D. MC GRIFF, 1342 Plantation Road, Jackson, Mississippi, was interviewed by MICHAEL BARON and WILLIAM E. DOYLE, who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI. He was interviewed at the Travel Lodge Motel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

MC GRIFF was told of his rights as they appeared on an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, and he stated he understood his rights and that it would not be necessary for him to sign.

Mr. MC GRIFF advised he could furnish no information regarding the slaying of the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING and that he was not in anyway involved in the slaying.

He stated that on April 5, 1968, he was at the headquarters of the L. E. Myers Company, Sardis, Mississippi, with a group of men, including his supervisor, EARL FORTENBERRY. He advised that the group was talking about the slaying of Reverend KING and at that time he mentioned that he was in the Memphis, Tennessee area at the time of the slaying. He advised that he did not know exactly the comments that were made regarding the slaying of Reverend KING, but that he definitely was not involved nor could he furnish any information regarding the slaying of the Reverend KING.

Mr. MC GRIFF stated that on April 4, 1968, he was employed by the L. E. Myers Company, a contractor for the Mississippi Power and Light Company, Sardis, Mississippi. The job was rained out for that day and he and VAN SULLIVAN, Mize, Mississippi, a co-employee, took a ride to Memphis, Tennessee, as there was nothing else to do. He advised they made one stop in Memphis, at a Walgreens Drug Store to purchase some sunglasses. He advised that he was quite sure that they had returned back to the State of Mississippi at the time of the slaying as they heard news of the slaying on the car radio.

MC GRIFF stated that he definitely was not in Birmingham, Alabama, during March 29-30, 1968. He advised that he had been employed continuously since December 15, 1967.

On 4/10/68 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana File #

by SA MICHAEL BARON and

SA WILLIAM E. DOYLE MB:kbz

Date dictated APR 11 1968

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by L. E. Myers, contractor, and that he quit his job approximately March 28-31, 1968. He advised that after he quit his job he went home and stayed around for several days before accepting the job at Sardis, Mississippi. He advised that his whereabouts could be verified through the L. E. Myer Company, Jackson, Mississippi, or his wife and associates.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	BILLY D. MC GRIFF
Address	1342 Plantation Road, Jackson, Mississippi
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Sebastopol, Mississippi
Height	5'11"
Weight	170 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars and Marks	Thumb off left hand
Occupation	Electrician
Armed Forces	United States Army, from September, 1948, to May, 1952
Serial Number	[REDACTED]
Discharge	Honorable
Marital Status	Married
Wife	MARTHA WOLVERTON MC GRIFF
Mother	VIRGINIA MC GRIFF, Fredericka Street, Jackson, Mississippi
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Arrests	Claims no arrest record
Education	Twelfth grade, Central High School, Jackson, Mississippi

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Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson teletype to Memphis and New Orleans,
4/10/68 at 3:21 p.m., and New Orleans teletype to Director,
Jackson and Memphis, 4/11/68 at 2:19 p.m.

Re BILLY D. MC GRIFF ✓ 44-1987-Sub E-49-69

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 cc's of FD-302
setting forth results of an interview with MC GRIFF on
4/10/68, at Baton Rouge, La.

The following is a synopsis of the information
contained in this FD-302:

BILLY D. MC GRIFF, of Jackson, Miss., advises
he was in Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, 1968, with a co-
employee, however, denied any information in regard to
the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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FBI DETROIT

1:40 AM URGENT 4/10/68 LPS 2P

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM: DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN

RE NEWARK TEL TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, DETROIT AND MEMPHIS
FOUR EIGHT LAST.

ALEX GASSON, BARTENDER AT CONTINENTAL BAR II, METRO AIRPORT
DETROIT, BAR WHERE THATCHER AND ERDMAN WERE OBVIOUSLY CUSTOMERS,
ADVISED THIS DATE AN UNKNOWN MARINE SARGEANT, WHITE, MALE,
THIRTY, FIVE NINE TO FIVE TEN, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED
SEVENTY POUNDS, SHORT LIGHT BROWN HAIR, SEVERAL ROWS OF RIBBONS
ON UNIFORM WAS IN BAR OFF AND ON FROM APPROXIMATELY SIX PM TO
NINE PM ON FOUR THREE LAST. DURING LOUD CONVERSATION UNSUB
ADVISED HE WAS ON WAY TO MEMPHIS AND SAID QUOTE WHEN I GET THERE
YOU WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE WITH NIGGERS END QUOTE. HE ALSO
INDICATED IT WOULD NOT BE A LONG HOT SUMMER AS PEOPLE ANTICIPATED.

UNSUB MENTIONED SOME COLORED MEN HAD RAPED A WOMAN, BUT NOTHING
FURTHER REMEMBERED BY BARTENDER ON THIS SUBJECT.

BARTENDER REMEMBERS SEEING SKETCH OF ASSASSIN ON TV PRIOR TO
INTERVIEW AND NOW FEELS THIS SKETCH CLOSELY RESEMBLES THE UNSUB.

UNSUB WAS ALSO OBSERVED BY SEVERAL OTHER EMPLOYEES WHO
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VERIFY UNSUBS PRESENCE. COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OBTAINED FROM BARTENDER AND WAITRESSES IS WHITE MALE, TWENTY FIVE TO EARLY THIRTIES, HEIGHT FIVE NINE TO SIX FEET, ONE SIXTY TO ONE EIGHTY POUNDS, BUILD SLIM TO MEDIUM (MUSCULAR), COMPLEXION TANNED AND RUDDY, HAIR LIGHT BROWN, MILITARY CUT, NO GLASSES, DARK EYES. NO DISTINGUISHING MARKS NOTED EXCEPT FOR ONE DAYS BEARD, LIGHT BROWN. ONE WAITRESS SAID UNSUB HAD A SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT, NEATLY ATTIRED IN MARINE DRESS GREEN UNIFORM.

BARTENDER REMEMBERS UNSUB TOLD HIM HIS NAME BUT HE CANNOT REMEMBER THIS NAME. HE DOES REMEMBER THIS NAME SOUNDED LIKE A FIRST NAME RATHER THAN LAST NAME.

INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF UNSUB THROUGH POSSIBLE WITNESSES AND AIR LINES RECORDS AND ANY LEADS DEVELOPED WILL BE SET OUT BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS.

END.

DGB

FBI MEMPHIS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : IC JAMES WILLARD BRADY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 4/11/68

Re Newark teletype to Director, Birmingham, Detroit and Memphis 7:30 AM, 4/8/68, and Cincinnati teletype to Director and Memphis 2:10 PM, 4/5/68. *Sub E-50*

On 4/11/68, Captain A. C. GILLESS, Homicide Division, Shelby County Sheriff's Office, advised that they have no records of rape cases which might be linked to this case since March 1, 1968.

Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Homicide Division, Memphis PD, advised that their records reflect one rape case reported on 3/23/68, with one BRINDA BRANNING the victim, female, white, age 19, residing 679 Woodlawn, Memphis. The report reflects she was abducted at Main and Court Streets at gunpoint and was driven to the vicinity of Summer and National Streets in the East Memphis and released after her refusal to their proposition. This incident was not reported to the police department until 3/24/68.

LEAD

THE MEMPHIS DIVISION:

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:

Will contact BRENDA BRANNING, 679 Woodlawn, to determine if she has a boyfriend or brother in the Army or Marine Corps.

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600AM URGENT 4-10-68 MXS
TO PITTSBURGH 44-578 MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

RE PG TEL APRIL NINE LAST.

REMAINING LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS
DANNY CARLTON MARKINS, BORN [REDACTED], ROACH,
WEST VIRGINIA, ARMY SERVICE NUMBER FIVE TWO FIVE TWO EIGHT ZERO
FIVE THREE. NO PALM PRINTS AVAILABLE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Pittsburgh teletype to Bureau, Memphis, and Birmingham, dated 4/9/68.

Enclosed to Memphis and Birmingham are two photographs each of DANNY CARLTON HARRIS. HARRIS is the fourth individual from the right in the rear row of the smaller photograph, and the second man from the right in the rear row of the larger photograph.

LEADS

MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM

Will exhibit photographs to witnesses for elimination purposes.

PITTSBURGH

AT HUNTINGTON, W. VA. (GARRETT COUNTY)

Investigation continuing to identify HARRIS' companion to Memphis.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Memphis (Enc. 2) (AMSD) (RM)
2 - Birmingham (Enc. 2) (AMSD) (RM)
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-388612)
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

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Re Pittsburgh airtel to the Bureau, dated 4/10/68.

On 4/16/68, E. D. YEATER, Assistant Superintendent, Cabell County Board of Education, Huntington, W. Va., advised SA RAY V. SHOEMAKER that the person who went to Memphis, Tennessee, with DANNY CARLTON HARKINS was JOHN JUSTICE, residence address 4095 Altizer Avenue, Huntington, W. Va. He said JUSTICE was formerly employed by the Owens-Illinois Glass Company, Huntington, as a truck driver, but the employment was terminated several months ago. YEATER said JUSTICE is now believed to be a truck driver for Grey-Bell, Holland, Michigan.

On 4/16/68, LEONA DOWLING, Personnel Department, Owens-Illinois Glass Company, Huntington, W. Va., advised SA SHOEMAKER from records that JOHN JUSTICE was employed by that company as a truck driver from 11/20/63 to 3/31/67, when his services were terminated by reason of the trucking operation being closed by Owens-Illinois. She stated the file contains no derogatory information on JUSTICE. She advised from records that JOHN JUSTICE is described as follows:

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2 - Memphis (RM)
2 - Birmingham (RM)
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Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	
POB	Not shown
Height	5'11"
Weight	180 lbs. in 1963
Eyes	Unknown
Hair	Brown
Marital status	Married
Wife	FRANCES D. JUSTICE
Occupation	Truck driver
Military service	None

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Date charged

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Location

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FBI TAMPA

630 AM URGENT 4/010/68 ALS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN, CR. OO: ME.

RE BUTELCALL TO TAMPA THIS DATE.

FOR INFO RECEIVING OFFICES RE TELCALL ADVISED THAT E. L.
BING, PALMT CITY, FLA., HAD CONTACTED DEPARTMENT TO ADVISE THAT
HA HAD PATRON AT NIGHT CLUB RAINBOW, EATONVILLE, FLA., ON EVENING OF
FOUR SEVEN LAST WHO CLOSELY RESEMBLED WITNESS COMPOSITE SKETCH PUB-
LISHED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS FOUR EIGHT, LAST.

BING STATED THAT DURING EVENING, PARTY OF SIX - SEVEN
NEGROES AND ONE CAUCASIAN WERE CELEBRATING IN CLUB. AROUND THREE AM
THE W/M ASKED FOR BING TO CASH A PERSONALIZED CHECK DRAWN ON
CHATTANOOGA BANK, NAME NOT RECALLED, BY WAY OF IDENTIFICATION THIS
INDIVIDUAL STATED EMPLOYED BY HOLIDAY INN, MEMPHIS AS A PAINTER AND

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DISPLAYED CREDIT CARD, NAME THEREON NOT RECALLED. INDIVIDUAL STATED HE WAS BROKE AND NEEDED MONEY FOR TAXI FROM EATONVILLE TO ORLANDO AND DISPLAYED BUS TICKET, COMPANY UNKNOWN, FROM ORLANDO TO MIAMI. BING STATES HE REFUSED TO HONOR PERSONAL CHECK AND INDIVIDUAL CONTACTED MEMBER OF PARTY, LEON SMITH, WINTER PARK, FLA., TO VOUCH FOR HIS ABILITY TO PAY. BING STATES HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT CHECK. BING STATES AT CLOSING TIME, FOUR AM, FOUR EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT HE OBSERVED SAME INDIVIDUALS SOLICITING PARTY PATRONS FRO TRANSPORTATION TO ORLANDO.

THIS INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBEDDM, SIX FT., ONE EIGHT FIVE LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR COMBED STRAIGHT BACK RECEDING ON SIDES TO FORM PEAK, BROWN PANTS, BROWN SPORTS COAT WITH WHITE TURTLE NECK SWEATER; PRONOUNCED LIMP IN LEFT LEG, NO REGIONAL ACCENT.

MIAMI LEAD BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA RE UNSUB THROUGH LEON SMITH AND/OR OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY.

TAMPA AT WINTER PARK IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE LEON SMITH OF THAT CITY WHOSE PRINCIPLE HANGOUT IS THE NEW ENGLAND BAR, WINTER PARK.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MIAMI.

END

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FBI TAMPA

241PM URGENT 4-15-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, JACKSONVILLE
AND MIAMI

FROM TAMPA (157-3231) 3P

MURKIN, CR., OO ME.

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RE TAMPA TEL TO DIRECTOR, ME AND BM APRIL TEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

E. L. BING, PLANT CITY, FLA. CONTACTED DEPARTMENT
TO ADVISE THAT HE HAD PATRON AT NIGHTCLUB RAINBOW, EATONVILLE,
FLA. ON EVENING APRIL SEVEN LAST WHO CLOSELY RESEMBLED
WITNESS COMPOSITE SKETCH PUBLISHED LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.
BING STATED THAT DURING EVENING PARTY OF SIX-SEVEN
NEGROES AND ONE CAUCASIAN WERE CELEBRATING IN CLUB. AROUND
THREE AM THE WM ASKED BING TO CASH PERSONALIZED CHECK
DRAWN ON CHATTANOOGA BANK, NAME NOT RECALLED. BY WAY
OF IDENTIFICATION THIS INDIVIDUAL STATED EMPLOYED BY
HOLIDAY INN, ME., AS PAINTER AND DISPLAYED CREDIT CARD,
NAME NOT RECALLED. INDIVIDUAL STATED HE WAS BROKE
AND NEEDED MONEY FOR TAXI FROM EATONVILLE TO ORLANDO, FLA.
HE DISPLAYED BUS TICKET, COMPANY UNKNOWN, FROM ORLANDO
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TO MM. BING REFUSED TO HONOR PERSONAL CHECK AND INDIVIDUAL CONTACTED ONE LEON SMITH, WINTER PARK, FLA. TO VOUCH FOR HIM. BING STATES HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT CHECK. BING STATES AT CLOSING TIME FOUR AM, APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT HE SERVED UNKNOWN WM SOLICITING PARTY PATRONS FOR TRANSPORTATION TO ORLANDO.

THIS INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED WM, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTFIVE LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK RECEDING ON SIDES TO FORM PEAK, BROWN TROUSERS, BROWN SPORT COAT, WEARING WHITE TURTLENECK SWEATER, HAD PRONOUNCED LIMP IN LEFT LEG, NO REGIONAL ACCENT.

WITNESSES WHO OBSERVED UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE AT RAINBOW CLUB, EATONVILLE AND AT ORLANDO APRIL SEVEN- EIGHT, LAST VARY IN DESCRIPTIONS THEY FURNISHED FOR HIM BUT GENERALLY FEEL HE RESEMBLES ARTIST'S CONCEPTION APPEARING IN MASS MEDIA. UNIDENTIFIED WM TRIED TO CASH SIXTY DOLLAR CHECK DRAWN ON UNRECALLED BANK, CHATTANOOGA. UNIDENTIFIED WM TAKEN TO GREYHOUND BUS STATION, ORLANDO, UNIDENTIFIED WM COULD LOGICALLY HAVE TAKEN GREYHOUND BUSES ON APRIL EIGHT

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LAST DEPARTING ORLANDO EIGHT FIFTEEN AM ON RUN THREE ELEVEN;
NINE TWENTY AM ON RUN THREE SIX THREE, TEN TEN AM ON RUN
SIX THREE TWO OR ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM ON RUN TWENTY THREE.
DRIVER ON RUN SIX THREE TWO INTERVIEWED AND UNABLE TO
IDENTIFY DRAWING. A. J. STROUDMIER, MM, WAS DRIVER ON
RUN THREE ELEVEN. CHARLIE TITUS, MM, WAS DRIVER ON RUN
THREE SIX THREE, AND WILLIE RAGAN, JACKSONVILLE, DRIVER
ON RUN TWENTY THREE.

MIAMI AT MIAMI CONTACT OPERATIONS OFFICE, GREYHOUND,
INTERVIEW STROUDMIER AND TITUS AND EXHIBIT ARTIST'S CONCEPTION.

JACKSONVILLE AT JACKSONVILLE HANDLE REAGAN LEAD.

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS CONTACT HOLIDAY INN FOR POSSIBLE
IDENTIFICATION OF WM AND EXHIBITS ARTIST'S CONCEPTION.

ATLANTA AT DALTON, GA. EXHIBIT ARTIST DRAWING AT BANKS
AND PAINTERS LOCAL IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY WM SEEN
AT EATONVILLE AND ORLANDO. UNIDENTIFIED WM TOLD ONE PERSON
HE WAS FROM DALTON, GA. AM COPY TO BH.

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TO CLEVELAND 44-565 MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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MURKIN.

RE CLEVELAND TELS APRIL NINE LAST.

REMAINING LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL

FINGERPRINTS OF DONALD K. MILLER, BORN [REDACTED],
AKRON, OHIO, US COAST GUARD NUMBER TWO ZERO FIVE TWO DASH FOUR FOUR
ONE OR JOSEPH A. SVESTKA, BORN [REDACTED]
DETROIT, MICHIGAN. PALM PRINTS NOT AVAILABLE FOR EITHER INDIVIDUAL.

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TO DIRECTOR ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT
FINGERPRINT SECTION (44-38861)
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

ON APRIL EIGHT AGNES DELL ANGELO CLEVELAND, ADVISED HER ROOM
MATE IS GOING WITH ONE DONALD K. MILLER GOLF PRO AT OAKWOOD COUNTRY
CLUB, CLEVELAND, WHO GENERALLY FITS DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB, RESEMBLES
ARTISTS CONCEPTION WHICH APPEARED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER, AND DRIVES WHITE
MUSTANG.

MILLER INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND ADVISED HE RETURNED TO AKRON,
OHIO AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE PM, APRIL FOUR LAST FROM MIAMI, FLA. WHERE
HE APENT THE WINTER. HE DEPARTED MIAMI ON MORNING OF APRIL TWO
LAST IN HIS SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG BEARING SIXTYSEVEN OHIO REGISTRA-
TION C ONE THREE EIGHT EIGHT Y AND FOLLOWED ROUTE WHICH TOOK HIM
THROUGH ATLANTA AND MARIETTA, GA., KNOXVILLE, TENN., LEXINGTON,
KY., CINCINNATI, OHIO AND ON TO AKRON. DENIES BEING IN MEMPHIS
APRIL FOUR LAST.

DONALD K. MILLER DESCRIBED, WM DOB: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], AKRON, OHIO, SIX FEET ONE INCHES, ONE SEVENTY LBS.,
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SLENDER BUILD, BLOND HAIR, EXTREMELY PALE BLUE EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, NO EISIBLE SCARS OR MARKS. HE SERVED IN U.S. COAST GUARD FROM NOVEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY TO MAY NINETEEN SIXTYONE UNDER SERIAL NUMBER TWO ZERO FIVE TWO DASH FOUR FOUR ONE.

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION REQUESTED TO COMPARE COAST GUARD PRINTS OF MILLER WITH LATENTS OBTAINED IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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Date: 4-9-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION.

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN.

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO BUREAU FOUR SIX SIXTYEIGHT.

JOSEPH A. SVESKA, ONE ZERO SIX SIX ZERO CARNEGIE AVE., CLEVELAND,
OHIO, GRADUATE HOUSE IDENTIFIED AS DRIVER OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN OPEL
AND IS A GRADUATE STUDENT AT CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY, CLEVELAND,
OHIO.

SVESKA ADVISED HE WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED PHILCO CORPORATION RED-
STONE ARSENAL, NASA, MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER, NARTHROP SPACE
LABORATORY. ALL AT HUNTSVILLE ALABAMA.

SVESKA STATED THAT ON THREE DASH TWENTYNINE DASH THIRTY DASH
SIXTYEIGHT HE WAS IN BLISSFIELD, MICHIGAN, AND FROM FOUR DASH ONE
DASH FIVE DASH SIXTYEIGHT WAS IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AT RESIDENCE
OF RICHARD M. WYSKIDA, TWO ZERO ZERO SPRING VALLEY COURT, HUNTSVILLE,
ALABAMA.

SVESKA DESCRIBED AS W/M, DOB [REDACTED], DETROIT,
MICHIGAN, FIVE FT. NINE IN., ONE FOUR ZERO LBS., GREEN EYES LIGHT
BROWN HAIR, RECEEDING HAIRLINE OVER TEMPLES, MEDIUM BUILD, 44-1987-Sub E-54B
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SVESTKA ADVISED HE HAS BEEN FINGERPRINTED AT LEAST TWICE FOR CLEARANCE ONCE BY THIRD ARMY.

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION REQUESTED TO LOCATE PRINTS OF SVESTKA AND COMPARE WITH LATENTS IN CAPTIONED CASE.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.
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11:12 AM DEFERRED 4-10-68 LEG

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) (AIRMAIL)

MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND LITTLE ROCK
FROM PHOENIX (44-371) (2P)

MURKIN OO MEMPHIS.

RE SUSPECT WYLIE C. CROOM.

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ON APRIL TEN, INSTANT, JULIUS C. CREAGER (PROTECT
IDENTITY), WM, DOB [REDACTED],
JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, UNKNOWN RELIABILITY, APARTMENT ONE,
TWO SIX TWO ZERO NORTH FOURTEENTH AVENUE, TUCSON, ARIZONA,
ADVISED SA DUNCAN M. DEW, III, IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR HE
RETURNED TO HIS NATIVE STATE, ARKANSAS, TO RETIRE AND
PURCHASED COTTAGE THREE MILES FROM HARDY, ARKANSAS.
HE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH SUSPECT, WM, AGED FORTYSEVEN TO
FIFTY YEARS, FIVE FEET ELEVEN, ONE NINETY POUNDS, DARK BROWN
HAIR - RECEDING, RESIDENCE HARDY, ARK. HE BELIEVED CROOM
TO HAVE COMMITTED SEVERAL MURDERS IN THIS AREA AND TO HAVE
BEEN SUSPECT IN SEVERAL BANK ROBBERIES. CROOM HAD LARGE
COLLECTION OF WEAPONS, INCLUDING TWENTYFIVE CALIBER RIFLE WITH
SCOPE. CREAGER BELIEVES CROOM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SUSPECTED

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IN CAPTIONED MATTER AS HE EXPRESSED TO CREAGER A "DEEP HATRED" FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. HE DESCRIBED CROOM AS PSYCHOPATH AND FULLY CAPABLE OF THE ASSASSINATION. CROOM ALLEGEDLY EXPERT WITH RIFLE AND ALLEGEDLY HAS EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL CONTACTS. CREAGER KNOWS OF NO CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES BY CROOM. HE REQUESTED HIS NAME BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AS HE LEFT ARKANSAS IN INETEN SIXTYFIVE BECAUSE HE BELIEVED CROOM INTENDED TO KILL HIM.

ABOVE INFO FURNISHED FOR WHATEVER ACTION DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

INDICES, PHOENIX, NEGATIVE RE CREAGER AND CROOM.

END

ME...BKS

FBI MEMPHIS

LR...DRM

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FBI DALLAS

1143 AM URGENT 4-10-68 EEA
TO LITTLE ROCK AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 1-P

MURKIN. OO - MEMPHIS.

ON NIGHT APRIL NINE, LAST, DON BYERS, TWO THREE ONE ONE CEDAR SPRINGS, DALLAS, EMPLOYED LEGAS SECURITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED DALLAS OFFICE AND ADVISED HIS WIFE CONTACTED BY LITTLE ROCK SPECIAL AGENTS, IN CONNECTION CAPTIONED MATTER. WIFE TOLD HIM SOMEONE IN DALLAS HAD SEEN HIM, THOUGHT HIM SIMILAR TO SUSPECT AND HAD GIVEN HIS LICENSE NUMBER TO FBI. BYERS STATES HE DRIVES SIXTY-SIX MUSTANG, BROWN WITH BLACK VINYL TOP, BEARING SIXTY-EIGHT ARKANSAS LICENSE AAZ EIGHT SIX NINE. BYERS STATED HE IS SIX FEET TWO INCHES TALL, AND WEIGHS ONE NINETY POUNDS. BYERS LEFT FOR CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, MORNING INSTANT.

LITTLE ROCK ADVISE IF FURTHER INTERVIEW OF BYERS OR
ADDITIONAL INQUIRY REQUIRED AT DALLAS. P.

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FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

OO:ME

RE DALLAS TELETYPE APRIL TEN INSTANT:

ON APRIL TEN SIXTY-EIGHT, DON BYERS ADVISED HE WAS FISHING ON
LAKE OUCHITA, NEAR HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

BYERS ADVISED HE RENTED BOAT AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS BOAT DOCK. BYERS

PROVIDED PHOTOGRAPH OF HIMSELF AND SIGNED HIS SIGNATURE ON BACK.

PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE AIRMAILED TO MEMPHIS. BYERS REQUESTED PHOTOGRAPH

BE RETURNED TO HIS HOME FIVE ONE ONE ONE JOHN F. KENNEDY, NORTH

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

LITTLE ROCK MAKE INQUIRY AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS BOAT DOCK, LAKE OUCHITA,

NEAR HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, AND VERIFY PRESENCE OF BYERS ON APRIL

FOUR LAST. AM COPY MEMPHIS WITH PHOTO.

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TO: SAC, LITTLE ROCK
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

ReDLtel to LR undated.

RE: DON BYERS.

Enclosed herewith for Little Rock is the photograph of DON BYERS as furnished by the Dallas Division as enclosure to retel.

LEAD

LITTLE ROCK DIVISION

AT NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Little Rock is requested to return the enclosed photograph to BYERS at 5111 John F. Kennedy.

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FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 1P

MURKIN

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MAMIE MITCALF, ONE TWO THREE OTIS STREET, SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA,
ADVISED INSTANT HER SON-IN-LAW MICHAEL EDWARD HANN (ATLANTA FILE THREE
ONE DASH FOUR SEVEN FIVE SIX WAS IN THE TENNESSEE-GEORGIA AREA
AT TIME OF ASSAULT. STATES HE IS "NIGGER HATER" AND PROBABLY CAPABLE OF
COMMITTING SUCH AN ACT. CLAIMS HANN CLOSELY MEETS PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
OF ASSAILANT AS SET OUT IN LOCAL PAPER. MRS. MITCALF HAS HAD HISTORY
OF MENTAL ILLNESS. HANN'S PHOTO SENT AIRMAIL, MEMPHIS. ATLANTA DETER-
MINE HANN'S WHEREABOUTS ON DATE OF ASSAULT BY CONTACTING HANN'S MOTHER.
HANN ALLEGEDLY ENROUTE CALIFORNIA WITH FRIEND VIA AUTOMOBILE. MEMPHIS
EXHIBIT HANN'S PHOTO TO LOGICAL WITNESSES.

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MURKIN CR OO:MEMPHIS

MARTIN W. MOSELEY, SUPERINTENDENT, OHIO BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION, LONDON, OHIO, ADVISED DAVID R. SCRUGGS, TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, KINGSFORT, TENNESSEE, HAD ADVISED HIM HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM INFORMANT LESTER CLIFFORD LEE HAD TOLD INFORMANT HE HAD BEEN HIRED TO KILL A PROMINENT CITIZEN OF TENNESSEE. SCRUGGS BELIEVED THIS TO BE PROSECUTOR OF ONE OF TENNESSEE COUNTIES. SOME OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY INFORMANT PROVEN INCORRECT AS REGARDS MURDER OF ONE HEBRON ROBINSON, AKA. HEBE.

AS OF MARCH ELEVEN, LAST, LEE RESIDED THIRTY THREE PARIS BOULEVARD, COLUMBUS, OHIO, BUT CLYDE MANN, INVESTIGATOR, OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, ADVISED HE RECEIVED INFORMATION LEE SUPPOSED TO FLY TO TENNESSEE LATTER PART OF LAST WEEK. LEE'S HOME ADDRESS IS ONE ONE FIVE FOUR DUTCH VALLEY ROAD, KNOXVILLE, END PAGE ONE

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TENNESSEE.

LEE DESCRIBED W/M/A, DOB [REDACTED], FIVE
FEET NINE INCHES, ONE EIGHTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE
EYES, FBI NUMBER FOUR TWO FOUR SIX ZERO FIVE TWO.

KNOXVILLE CONTACT SCRUGGS RE ABOVE INFORMATION IF NOT ALREADY
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TO DIRECTOR, SACRAMENTO, MEMPHIS
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE APRIL EIGHT, LAST

CINCINNATI UNABLE TO LOCATE ONE CHRISTOPHER ANDREW

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DIGUILIO, AKA. DIGIULIO, ON CINCINNATI BOMBING SUSPECT LIST, FOR
ELIMINATION IN INSTANT MATTER. NEIGHBORS, ACQUAINTANCES, AND OTHERS
ADVISED ON APRIL NINE, LAST, SUBJECT, WIFE MARY, AND INFANT CHILD,
DEPARTED DELAWARE, OHIO, RESIDENCE WITHOUT NOTICE NIGHT OF MARCH
TWENTY SEVEN, LAST AND MAY HAVE GONE TO CALIFORNIA. PRETEXTT
CALL TO FATHER OBTAINED INFORMATION DIGUILIO LEFT AREA MARCH
THIRTY, LAST, AND POSSIBLY CAN BE REACHED IN CARE OF BROTHER,
DANIEL DIGUILIO, THREE THREE ZERO ZERO COVINA STREET, BAKERSFIELD,
CALIFORNIA. FATHER HAS NOT HEARD FROM DIGUILIO SINCE HE LEFT
OHIO.

DIGUILIO IS WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE
FIFTY POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, BORN [REDACTED]
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DRIVING SIXTY RED FORD CONVERTIBLE, SIXTY SEVEN OHIO LICENSE P
THREE EIGHT FOUR TWO. LICENSE EXPIRES APRIL FIFTEEN; NEXT.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION REQUESTED TO COMPARE DIGUILIO'S
FINGERPRINTS WITH LATENTS DEVELOPED THIS CASE.

SACRAMENTO, AT BAKERSFIELD, ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH DIGUILIO'S
WHEREABOUTS ON PERTINENT DATES. VERIFY RESIDENCE IF ESTABLISHED.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, CINCINNATI, MEMPHIS AND SACRAMENTO
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686

MURKIN

REMYTEL THIS DATE.

THIS DATE CLAUDE HARWELL, END - O - DAY MOTEL WEATHERFORD,
OKLAHOMA COULD LOCATE NO RECORD OF CHRISTOPHER ANDREW DI GUILIO
AS CUSTOMER FOUR ONE THRU FOUR NINE SIXTYEIGHT.

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FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Suspect CHRISTOPHER A. DI GUILIO.

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Enclosed for Memphis and Birmingham are 1
copy each of photo of CHRISTOPHER ANDREW DI GUILIO.

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2 - Birmingham (Enc. 1)
2 - Cincinnati (1 - 157-1893)
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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

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ROSCOE CONKLYN SMITH JR., WHITE MALE BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], RESIDENCE TWO TWO ZERO ZERO MARION ST.,
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., DEVELOPED AS SUSPECT THIS MATTER. INVESTIGA-
TION INDICATES SMITH SERVED IN MILITARY, BRANCH NOT KNOWN,
DURING PERIOD NINETEEN FORTY - FORTY FIVE.

FLOYD ESTES KELLY JR., WHITE MALE BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], FBI # NINE SEVEN SIX EIGHT EIGHT FIVE E,
MEMPHIS PD # EIGHT ONE NINE FOUR ZERO, DEVELOPED BY MPD AS
SUSPECT THIS MATTER.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF SMITH
AND KELLY WITH LATENTS THIS MATTER.

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