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Date: 4/12/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
MURKIN

44-1987-Sub E-72A
44-1987-179

Re Dallas teletype to Memphis and Charlotte dated 4/8/68; and Charlotte teletype to Dallas, Memphis, and Jacksonville dated 4/10/68.

Enclosed for the Memphis Office are nine copies of insert concerning suspect CHARLES NELSON GIBSON.

Investigation by Charlotte failed to locate GIBSON and in referenced Charlotte teletype, leads were set out for Dallas and Jacksonville to locate.

② - Memphis (Encl. - 9) *gfe*
1 - Charlotte
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Keane *JAK*

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

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Serial 73	made 65A	

Employee _____

RECHARGE

Date _____

To _____ From _____

Date charged _____

Employee _____

Location _____

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI RICHMOND

3:50PM URGENT 4-10-68 DMC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS
FROM RICHMOND (44-657)

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MURKIN; CR

REWFO TEL APRIL EIGHT LAST TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND DETROIT.

ON APRIL TEN INSTANT CLIFFORD CUNNINGHAM, TROOPER, VSP,
GATE CITY, VA., ADVISED THAT THERE WAS NO OFFICER IN GATE
CITY, VA., IN OCTOBER, ONE NINE SIXTY SEVEN BY NAME OF
CARTER AND ALVIN M. CLARK, CHIEF OF POLICE, GATE CITY,
VA., W. VERNON CLARK, SHERIFF UNTIL JANUARY ONE LAST, SCOTT
COUNTY, GATE CITY, VA., WERE OBSERVED BY HIM IN GATE CITY,
VA., DURING EVENING AND AFTERNOON, RESPECTIVELY, ON APRIL
FOUR LAST. HE SAID GATE CITY, VA., IS APPROXIMATELY FIVE
HUNDRED MILES FROM MEMPHIS.

Feb 44-1987-201

AIRMAIL COPY SENT DETROIT.

END.

MCP

FBI MEMPHIS

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Misc Suspect

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Hester H
Kearney

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Date: 4/10/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: ATLANTA
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (2P)

MURKIN; CR. OO ME.

INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY, MPD, ADVISED A PERSON IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS CHARLES WILSON, CEDAR TOWN, GA., EMPLOYED BY C & A TRUCK LINES, CEDAR TOWN, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED MPD ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS ON APRIL FIVE LAST AND ADVISED HE, SHERMAN SANDERS, AND CHARLIE HAYNES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR KILLING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WILSON ADVISED MPD ACTUAL SHOOTING DONE BY SHERMAN SANDERS, WHO RESIDES ON CARSON RD., CEDAR TOWN, GA., AND THEY WERE PAID FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THIS ASSASSINATION. WILSON SAID HAYNES RESIDES IN *Eliminated* ATHENS, GA. *on 44-1987-56*

INSPECTOR ZACHARY STATED THAT TELEPHONE OPERATOR, NAME UNKNOWN, HANDLING WILSON'S CALLS, ADVISED AFTER CALLS THAT SHE HAD CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY OBTAINING MONEY FOR CALLS FROM WILSON AND THAT CALLS MADE FROM PAY PHONE SEVEN FOUR EIGHT - NINE ZERO NINE SIX, CEDAR TOWN, GA. OPERATOR AD-

ADVISED PD SHE HAD TALKED TO SEVERAL PEOPLE AT THIS TELEPHONE

OVJ:mnr
(1)

44-1987-Sub E-15

Approved: R Jensen
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 11:50 P M Per Kearney

n 44-1987-Sub E-

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**WHO ADVISED HER THE CALLER WAS ACTUALLY SHERMAN SANDERS AND
THAT HE WAS MENTALLY UNBALANCED.**

**ATLANTA IDENTIFY WILSON, SANDERS, AND HAYNES AND
DETERMINE IF ANY POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE. P. END.**

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

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI JKSN MISS

353PM URGENT 4-10-68 VCG

TO MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9536) 2P

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL THIS DATE.

ALBERT C. LOGAN, CONSTABLE, HOULKA, CHICKASAW COUNTY, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE ROY RAY LOGAN IS HIS BROTHER AND STATED HIS BROTHER RESIDES IN MEMPHIS, TENN., AND IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE SHELBY COUNTY SO. HE STATED HIS BROTHER RESIDES ON MADISON AVENUE IN MEMPHIS, BUT DID NOT KNOW EXACT ADDRESS. LOGAN COULD NOT ADVISE WHY HIS BROTHER MIGHT CLAIM HIS EMPLOYMENT AS CHICKASAW COUNTY, MISS., SO, BUT STATED HE OFTEN REFERS TO HOULKA, MISS., AS BEING HIS RESIDENCE SINCE HE WAS REARED THERE. ALBERT C. LOGAN STATED HE HAS NOT BEEN IN MEMPHIS, TENN., RECENTLY AND HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF HIS BROTHER, ROY RAY LOGAN, ON APRIL FIVE OR SIX, LAST.

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by weight
of 300 lbs*

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LOGAN DESCRIBED HIS BROTHER AS BEING APPROXIMATELY
THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND WEIGHING OVER THREE HUNDRED POUNDS.

MEMPHIS ELIMINATE LOGAN AS SUSPECT.

FD-THREE ZERO TWO FOLLOWS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

MCP.

FBI MEMPHIS

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI ST LOUIS

402PM IMMEDIATE 4-10-68 MPB
TO MEMPHIS, HOUSTON AND MOBILE
FROM ST LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN, CR. CO: MEMPHIS.

REBUTEL TO INDIANAPOLIS AND ST. LOUIS, APRIL NINE, LAST.

RE: SUSPECT DONNIE LEON HARDEN.

FOR INFO HOUSTON AND MOBILE, ANONYMOUS CALL RECEIVED DALLAS
FROM FEMALE ALLEGING SUBJECT THIS CASE HAD ARMY SN RA TWO FOUR
FIVE FIVE THREE TWO SIX EIGHT.

MPRC RECORDS THIS DATE ST. LOUIS SHOW SN ASSIGNED DONNIE LEON
HARDEN, WM, BORN [REDACTED], CONECCUR CC., ALA.,
SEVENTYTHREE INCHES TALL, TWO HUNDRED THIRTYFIVE LBS., BROWN HAIR,
BLUE EYES. ACTIVE ARMY SERVICE FIFTYEIGHT TO SIXTYONE, AND
SIXTYTHREE TO HARDSHIP DISCHARGE, JUNE FOUR, SIXTYFIVE, AT
FORT HOUSTON, TEXAS. ADDRESS ON DISCHARGE: SEVEN ZERO ONE,
ROXELLA, HOUSTON, RESIDENCE OF PARENTS IN LAW, SAM AND SYBIL
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COLBURN, BUT HOME ADDRESS LISTED AS: ROUTE C, EVERGREEN, ALA.,
WITH PARENTS LEON AND ALICE HARDEN. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. KNOWN TO J. C.
JOHNSON, DELMA BOWERS, ROBERT KENDALL, WILEY SALTER AND MABRY
COOK, ALL EVERGREEN, ALA.

LETTER FROM WIFE, VADA, APRIL TWO, SIXTYFIVE, ALLEGES MIS-
REPRESENTATION IN APPLICATION FOR HARDSHIP DISCHARGE; HE INTENDED
EMPLOYMENT BY BROWN AND ROOT CONST. CO., HOUSTON; HE HAD
BEATEN HER; HAD THREATENED TO KILL HER IF SHE LEFT HIM; AND
HAD PURCHASED RIFLE AND CARTRIDGES.

FILE INDICATES SHE HAD PREVIOUSLY SUFFERED NERVOUS BREAKDOWN.
POSSIBILITY EXISTS SHE MAY BE ANONYMOUS CALLER THIS INSTANCE.

HOUSTON AND MOBILE CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO
LOCATE HARDEN AND DETERMINE IF HE MAY BE LOGICAL SUSPECT.

DETAILED THREE ZERO TWO FOLLOWS.

COPY BY MMAAIL TO DALLAS. P.

CORR PLS LAST LINE PAGE THIRD WRD SHLD BE MAIL

END

TSJ

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI MEMPHIS

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FBI DETROIT

409 PM URGENT 4-10-68 SFB

TO DIRECTOR

MEMPHIS

FROM DETROIT (44-989)

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MURKIN, CR.

RE NEWARK TEL TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHT LAST AND DALLAS
TEL TO BUREAU APRIL NINE LAST.

MR. MATSON, PICK FORT SHELBY HOTEL, DETROIT, MICHIGAN,
ADVISED C.B. FOUTS HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE HOTEL SINCE
JANUARY LAST. FOUTS IS EMPLOYED BY FDIC.

JAMES WIGGINS, SUPERVISOR, FDIC, DETROIT, ADVISED
✓ COURTLAND B. FOUTS WAS DEFINITELY IN MICHIGAN MARCH TWENTY
NINE AND APRIL FOUR LAST, ALTHOUGH HE CANNOT VERIFY FOUTS
WHEREABOUTS MARCH THIRTY AND THIRTY ONE LAST.

INASMUCH AS FOUTS PRESENCE HAS BEEN VERIFIED DURING
THE PERTINENT PERIODS, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION WILL BE
CONDUCTED RE THIS SUSPECT UACB.

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Hester H

*Just
misc suspect*

Kearney ARK

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FBI-HOUSTON

412PM URGENT 4-10-68 JLN

TO MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, SAN FRANCISCO.

FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL APRIL FIVE, LAST AT SEVEN FORTY FIVE AM AND
HOUSTON TEL, APRIL FIVE, LAST.

INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY W. DAVIS AND B. CHIDLOW, LAWRENCE
RAND OR REND, VINCENT WALKER AND JOHN WILLARD THROUGH PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AT HOUSTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT NEGATIVE
TO DATE. ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED IN EFFORT TO
IDENTIFY TAXICAB DRIVERS WHO POSSIBLY WERE AT AIRPORT AT
APPROXIMATELY TWO FIFTY AM, APRIL FIVE, LAST AT TIME DELTA
AIRLINES FLIGHT ARRIVED HOUSTON, TEXAS.

END

MCP

FBI MEMPHIS

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Kearney *[Handwritten signature]*

4/12/68

Airtel

To: SAC's Detroit (44-989)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Detroit teletype 4/12/68.

Latent fingerprints this case not identical fingerprints
John Willard, FBI #888916E. No palm prints for Willard in Bufiles.

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342PM URGENT 4-20-68 DEC

TO BUREAU (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1937)
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

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MURKIN; CR.

RE MEMPHIS TEL, APRIL FIVE, LAST AND HOTEL TO MEMPHIS,
KC AND SF, APRIL TEN, LAST.

RE SUSPECTS W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VICENT WALKER AND
LAWRENCE RAND *Sub E-79*

AIRLINE HOSTESSES, TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS, HOTELS,
CRIMINAL AND CREDIT RECORDS, STREET AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES,
HOUSTON, CHECKED TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE SUSPECTS. ALL CHECKS
NEGATIVE.

END

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: HOUSTON, KANSAS CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

Sub E-79

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU ENTITLED "UNSUB, AKA JOHN WILLARD; MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. - VICTIM; CR," DATED APRIL FIVE LAST CONCERNING VINCENT WALKER AND LAWRENCE RAND OR REND.

ALTHOUGH IT IS BELIEVED THAT NEITHER WALKER NOR RAND IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY, THE POSSIBILITY STILL EXISTS THAT WALKER AND RAND MAY HAVE BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT; THEREFORE, THE BUREAU DESIRES THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS BE PROPERLY IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED RE ANY CONNECTION THEY MAY HAVE WITH THIS MATTER.

RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH BUREAU'S REQUEST.

IN ADDITION, HOUSTON SHOULD CHECK CAR RENTAL AGENCIES IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF WALKER OR RAND RENTED AUTOMOBILE IN HOUSTON ON THEIR ARRIVAL ON APRIL FIVE LAST.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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END.

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RFB:LF
(1)

Houston 3:50 h
KC 3:45 P
San Juan 3:33 sak

Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent *[Signature]* Per *[Signature]*

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Date: 5-17-68

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Via Airtel _____
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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1897)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

*44-1987-21, 29, 44, 48
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Re suspects W. Davis, B. Chidlow, Vincent Walker,
and Lawrence Rand.

Reference is also made to your teletype 4-5-68 setting forth information furnished by J. W. Farris, driver, Yellow Cab Company, Memphis, Tennessee, who reportedly had taken Vincent Walker and Lawrence Rand to the Municipal Airport after they had checked out of the William Len Hotel, Memphis. Bureau files indicate investigation conducted by Kansas City, San Francisco, and Houston regarding the identities of the above named individuals was negative. No information is located in Bureau files regarding what action your office has taken.

If not already handled, you should exhibit photographs of Ray to J. W. Farris and personnel at the William Len Hotel. You should attempt to obtain registration cards and/or any other identifying data which would disclose handwriting and/or possible latent fingerprints of Vincent Walker and Lawrence Rand. Determine whether or not Walker and Rand made or received any telephone calls while registered at the hotel and if so attempt to determine whom they may have contacted or by whom they were contacted. Recontact personnel at Delta Airlines, Memphis, and personnel at the Municipal Airport in an effort to further identify W. Davis and B. Chidlow and conduct necessary investigation to determine whether or not Davis or Chidlow are identical with Walker and Rand.

? Murkin calls

*Expedite Memphis office
assign leads - Boyle RB*

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Airtel to SAC, Memphis
RE: MURKIN

If above action has not been taken, this matter should be given expeditious attention so that the activities and the identities of the above named may be definitely established.

5/20/68

Airtel

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

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

OO: MEMPHIS

Re: Suspects W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER,
LAWRENCE RAND

Sub E-119

Enclosed herewith for the Laboratory are two hotel registration cards from the William Lee Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, re registration for VINCENT WALKER, 449 Steiner, San Francisco, and LAWRENCE RAND or REND, 2832 Polk, Kansas City, Kansas, for 4/4/68.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to determine if the handwriting and handprinting appearing on these registration cards are identical with the known handwriting and handprinting of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number 405 942 G.

The FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to determine if there are any latent prints of an evidentiary value on these registration cards.

If prints of an evidentiary value are located, they should be compared with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number 405 942 G.

Airtel _____

Teletype 4 - Bureau (Encs. 2) (RM)
2 - Memphis

44-1987-Sub E-119

A.M. _____
RFB:tjm

A.M.S.D. (6)

NOTE: Re 44-1987-Sub E-97B

Spec. Del. _____

Reg. Mail _____

Registered _____

PW

*Boyle BZB
Gyle HES*

ME 44-1987

In the event unidentified latent prints of value are developed on these cards, Memphis will submit appropriate elimination prints.

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI WASH DC

756PM URGENT 5-24-68 BGM

TO MEMPHIS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

*44-1987-44
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REBUAIRTEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE SUSPECTS W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER,
AND LAWRENCE RAND

*44-1987-44
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IF NOT ALREADY HANDLED, SUBMIT YOUR REPLY TO REACH
BUREAU BY NINE A.M. MAY TWENTY-SEVEN NEXT. ARMED AND
DANGEROUS.

END

DND

FBI MEMPHIS

*Bureau advised by
teletype 5/25/68 JKH*

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

SUMMARY.

RE SUSPECTS W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER, AND LAWRENCE RAND.

Sub - E - 79

IN RESPONSE TO BUREAU TEL MAY TWENTYFOUR LAST, THE BUREAU'S ATTENTION IS CALLED TO PAGES TWO, THREE, AND FOUR OF HOUSTON REPORT DATED MAY SEVENTEEN LAST; TO MEMPHIS TELETYPE MAY SEVENTEEN LAST; TO HOUSTON, KANSAS CITY, AND SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE THESE SUSPECTS; AND TO MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU MAY TWENTY LAST REQUESTING HANDWRITING COMPARISON IN CONNECTION WITH WALKER AND RAND.

RE BOB (LNU), LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT.

RECORDS OF SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, CONTAIN NOTHING TO INDICATE TELEPHONE CALLS MADE TO BELLEGLADE, FLORIDA, ON PERTINENT DATES.

RE SUSPECT EVERETT SHANNON RAY.

44-1987-Sub E-796

SUSPECT LOCATED MEMPHIS, EMPLOYED BY TENNESSEE FABRICATORS,

JCH/acp

(1)

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent *WA 5:40 p* M Per *Dand*

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TWO THREE SIX SIX PROSPECT, MEMPHIS. SUSPECT INTERVIEWED
AND ELIMINATED ON BASIS OF APPEARANCE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P END.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT

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TO SACS HOUSTON (44-1509)
KANSAS CITY (44-760)
SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

FROM SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987-SUB E) (2P)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

Sub B-79

RE: W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER, LAWRENCE RAND
OR REND.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU, HOUSTON, KANSAS CITY AND
SAN FRANCISCO APRIL FIVE LAST, AT SEVEN FORTYFIVE A.M.;
KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND HOUSTON, APRIL FIVE
LAST, AT TWO FIFTYONE A.M.; SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU,
HOUSTON, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS, APRIL FIVE LAST AT ONE
THIRTYTWO P.M.; HOUSTON TEL TO MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND
SAN FRANCISCO APRIL FIVE LAST AT TWELVE TWENTYONE P.M.

FOR INFO, TWO HOTEL REGISTRATION CARDS FROM THE WILLIAM
LEN HOTEL, MEMPHIS, RE: REGISTRATION FOR VINCENT WALKER,
FOUR FOUR NINE STEINER, SAN FRANCISCO AND LAWRENCE RAND OR
REND, TWO EIGHT THREE TWO POLK, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, ON

Airtel ~~APRIL FOUR~~ LAST, SUBMITTED TO LAB FOR EXAMINATION.

Teletype ~~NOTE POSSIBLE VARIATION IN POLK STREET ADDRESS, SINCE~~

A.M. ~~PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED AS TWO FIVE THREE TWO POLK.~~

A.M.S.D. ~~HEG:tjm (1)~~

GYLFE HEG

Spec. Del. _____

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Special Agent in Charge

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Per _____

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ALL RECEIVING OFFICES DETERMINE IF STEINER AND/OR POLK STREETS ARE STREETS IN YOUR RESPECTIVE CITIES AND IF SO DETERMINE IF THESE ADDRESSES, NOTING VARIATION FROM TWO FIVE THREE TWO TO TWO EIGHT THREE TWO POLK, ARE POSSIBLE ADDRESSES. ALSO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND FURNISH BACKGROUND, AS WELL AS PHOTO IF AVAILABLE RE WALKER AND RAND OR REND, BASED ON VARIATION IN STREET ADDRESS NUMBERS.

EXPEDITE AND SUTEL.

P. END.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re Memphis teletype, 5/17/68.

Re: VINCENT WALKER

San Francisco in teletype dated 4/5/68, advised 449 Steiner Street, San Francisco, is a non-existent address. San Francisco indices and San Francisco Police Department records reveal no information identifiable regarding VINCENT WALKER.

Records of the Credit Bureau Metro, Inc., San Jose, Calif., covering the Bay Area, did not disclose any information identifiable with VINCENT WALKER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

- 2 - Memphis (RM)
 - 2 - Houston (RM)
 - 2 - Kansas City (44-760) (RM)
 - 2 - San Francisco
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Boyer RB
Hyde

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Special Agent in Charge

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 24, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680522041 JK

Specimens received 5/22/68

Q349 Registration card of the Wm. Len Hotel, Memphis,
Tennessee, Folio No. 42754, in the name "Vincent Walker"Q350 Registration card of the Wm. Len Hotel, Memphis,
Tennessee, Folio No. 42761, in the name "Lawrence Rand"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing appearing on Q349 was not prepared by James Earl Ray, K171, K211 and K257. Differences were noted between the handwriting appearing on Q350 and the known handwriting of Ray, but because of the distorted nature of the questioned material on Q350 a definite opinion could not be reached.

Q349 and Q350 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

44-1987-Sub E-795



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 24, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-680522041 JK**

Examination requested by: **Memphis**

Reference: **Airtel 5/20/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of the two items submitted.

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Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Reurairtel 5-20-68, submitting two registration cards of the Wm. Len Hotel, Q349 and Q350.

Six latent fingerprints of value developed on Q349 and five latent fingerprints of value developed on Q350. Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #005942G.

Q349 and Q350 enclosed.

Laboratory reporting separate.

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RE MEMPHIS TEL MAY TWO EIGHT LAST.

FILES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFI-
FIABLE WITH VINCENT WALKER, ^{44-1987-Sub-E-79} LAWRENCE REND, OR LAWRENCE RAND. ^{Sub-E-79} INVE-
STIGATION CONDUCTED IN THE VICINITY OF FOUR FOUR NINE STEINER STREET
AND TWO FIVE THREE TWO POLK ST., SAN FRANCISCO, REFLECTED THAT THESE
ARE FICTITIOUS ADDRESSES.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN THE VICINITY OF TWO EIGHT THREE TWO
POLK ST., SAN FRANCISCO, REFLECTED THAT THIS IS THE RESIDENCE OF
MICHAEL A. CONROY.

FILES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFI-
FIABLE WITH MICHAEL A. CONROY.

MICHAEL A. CONROY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, UNION CARBIDE CO.,
TWO TWO BATTERY ST., SAN FRANCISCO, ON MAY TWO NINE INSTANT, ADVISED
HE HAS RESIDED AT TWO EIGHT THREE TWO POLK ST., SAN FRANCISCO, SINCE
ONE NINE SIX ONE. HE EXAMINED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISED
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HE DID NOT KNOW THIS INDIVIDUAL BUT HAD SEEN PHOTOS IN LOCAL PAPERS. HE ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW ANYONE BY THE NAME OF VINCENT WALKER, LAWRENCE RAND, OR LAWRENCE REND. HE ADVISED NO ONE BY THESE NAMES HAD RESIDED AT TWO EIGHT THREE TWO POLK STREET TO HIS KNOWLEDGE.

THE RECORDS OF THE METRO CREDIT BUREAU, SAN JOSE, CALIF., COVERING SAN FRANCISCO AND OAKLAND-BERKELEY, WERE RECHECKED AND NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED. THE CREDIT RECORD CHECK OF APRIL FIVE, LAST, REFLECTED THAT LAWRENCE RAND, AKA LON RAND, LAWRENCE WING RAND, WAS EMPLOYED BY THE EMERYVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, EMERYVILLE, CALIFORNIA. INQUIRY AT THE EMERYVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REFLECTED RAND WAS EMPLOYED BY THE MARIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, MARIN COUNTY, ON APRIL FIVE, LAST, ADVISED LAWRENCE RAND, RESIDENCE TWELVE JOSEPHINE, SAUSALITO, CALIF., IS EMPLOYED IN THE FAIRFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A LIBRARIAN AND WAS AT WORK DURING THE ENTIRE WEEK OF APRIL ONE THROUGH FIVE, LAST.

CREDIT CHECKS REFLECTED THAT ONE VINCENT WALKER, AKA U. VINCENT WALKER HAD RESIDED AT SIX SIX CLEARY ST., SAN FRANCISCO, AND SIX FIVE ZERO FOUR E. FOURTEENTH ST., OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.

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MRS. THELMA DUNCAN, SIX FIVE ZERO FOUR E. FOURTEENTH ST., OAKLAND, ADVISED THAT VINCENT WALKER IS HER EX-HUSBAND. MRS. DUNCAN ADVISED SHE IS ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND STATED THAT HER HUSBAND, ALSO A NEGRO, AGE FIVE FIVE YEARS, WAS A USED CAR SALESMAN SOME PLACE IN THE BAY AREA. SHE STATED HER MARRIAGE TO VINCENT WALKER WAS DISSOLVED BY ANNULMENT WHEN IT WAS DETERMINED THAT HE WAS MARRIED TO TWO OTHER WOMEN AT THE SAME TIME SHE WAS MARRIED TO HIM.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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To: SACs, Memphis (44-1987)
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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re suspects W. Davis, B. Chidlow, Vincent
Walter and Lawrence Rand.

Reference is also made to report of SA James S.
Weir dated 5/17/68 at Houston.

Pages three and four of rerep set forth
information furnished by Lupy Delao who operated the
limousine which transported six persons from the Houston
Airport during the early morning of April 5, 1968.
According to Delao, three of the men were dropped at the
Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel, two were dropped at the Rice Hotel
and one was dropped at the Downtowner Motel. Investigation
was conducted by Houston at the Rice Hotel, as well as
neighboring hotels; however, there is no indication of any
investigation being conducted at either the Sheraton-
Lincoln Hotel or the Downtowner Motel. Delao also advised
that the two individuals he dropped at the Rice Hotel
indicated at first that they intended to be dropped at
the Downtowner Motel.

If not already handled, Houston should immediately
conduct additional investigation at the Sheraton-Lincoln
Hotel and the Downtowner Motel, as well as other hotels and
motels near those two sites. Determine if any guests
checked in following the arrival of Delta Flight 157. If
such persons are located and identified, you should set out
appropriate leads to interview them if they are no longer

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in Houston. Through the records of Delta Airlines, Houston should also determine other persons who were aboard the flight and attempt to identify, locate and interview.

Memphis, if not already handled, should determine whether or not Walter and Rand had reservations at the William Len Hotel. Also determine the method utilized in paying for their rooms - cash, check or credit card. Determine from car rental agencies in the area of the William Len whether any vehicles were rented during the pertinent period to individuals named Davis, Chidlow, Walter or Rand.

This phase of the investigation is to be given your continued expeditious attention so that it may be resolved at the earliest possible time.

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