

FBI MEMPHIS

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2:08PM URGENT 4-13-68 JKW

TO MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO NEW ORLEANS, APRIL THIRTEEN, INSTANT  
AT TWELVE EIGHTEEN AM.

CONTACT AT DMV BATON ROUGE, LA., DETERMINED THAT  
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT LA. LICENSE ONE SIX TWO TWO ZERO  
IS REGISTERED TO A BLUE AND WHITE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR FOUR-DOOR  
FORD, VIN FOUR A SIX TWO TWO ONE EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN ONE ZERO,  
OWNED BY PRENTISS LEE TRACTOR COMPANY, TWO ZERO EIGHT  
WHITE COLAMUS, WEST MONROE, LA. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION  
BEING CONDUCTED RE THIS VEHICLE.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: SAC, LITTLE ROCK  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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INVESTIGATION MEMPHIS REVEALED JAMES A. CAPPS, TWO NINE TWO FOUR YOUNGWOOD ROAD, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, WAS REGISTERED AT HOLIDAY INN, FOUR ZERO TWO TWO THOMAS, MEMPHIS, FROM APRIL SEVEN, LAST, TO APRIL ELEVEN, LAST. HE WAS DRIVING A FORD, ARK. LICENSE BAU- THREE EIGHT FIVE.

AT LITTLE ROCK, DETERMINE IF CAR A WHITE MUSTANG, AND IF INFORMATION POSITIVE, ASCERTAIN ANY CONNECTION CAPPS MAY HAVE WITH ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

ALSO, M. C. TAYLOR, TWO ONE ONE S. TAYLOR STREET, PIGGOTT, ARKANSAS, WAS REGISTERED AT RIP VAN WINKLE HOTEL, SEVEN NINE TWO ZERO HIGHWAY FIFTY-ONE NORTH, MILLINGTON, TENN., FROM APRIL FOUR-FIVE, LAST. HE WAS DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX FORD, ARK. LICENSE AMP NINE EIGHT FIVE.

ASCERTAIN IF AUTOMOBILE IS WHITE MUSTANG, AND IF INFO POSITIVE, DETERMINE POSSIBLE CONNECTION TAYLOR MAY HAVE WITH ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO SAN ANTONIO  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
MURKIN, CR.

INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REVEALED THAT SURMAN G. YOUNG,  
FOUR TWO ZERO SIX MACKEY DRIVE, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, REGISTERED  
HOLIDAY INN, FOUR ZERO TWO TWO THOMAS, MEMPHIS FROM APRIL FIVE  
TO SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, DRIVING SIXTY SIX FORD WITH TEXAS  
LICENSE FRR SIX SIX.

SAN ANTONIO AT AUSTIN DETERMINE IF AUTOMOBILE IS WHITE  
MUSTANG AND IF INFORMATION POSITIVE ADVISE DALLAS AT FORT  
WORTH TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE CONNECTION YOUNG MAY HAVE WITH  
ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ALSO H. L. TOUCHSTONE, THREE THREE SEVEN HILLTOP, WYLIE,  
TEXAS, REGISTERED RIP VANWINKLE MOTEL, SEVEN NINE TWO ZERO,  
HIGHWAY FIFTY ONE, NORTH, MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE, FROM  
APRIL FOUR - FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT, DRIVING SIXTY SIX FORD WITH  
TEXAS LICENSE KKJ ONE FIVE FIVE.

DETERMINE IF AUTOMOBILE IS WHITE MUSTANG AND IF  
INFORMATION POSITIVE ADVISE DALLAS AT WYLIE, TEXAS, TO  
DETERMINE POSSIBLE CONNECTION TOUCHSTONE MAY HAVE WITH  
ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

PENDING. END.

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447 PM CST URGENT 4-15-68 IJP  
TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) 1P

MURKIN, CR.

REURTEL APRIL THIRTEEN, LAST.

REGISTRATION DATA FOR SIXTYEIGHT TEXAS LICENSE F R R SIX SIX

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NOT ON FILE WITH TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, ASUTIN, AS YET. LICENSE  
ISSUED WICHITA COUNTY, TEXAS.

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SIXTYEIGHT TEXAS LICENSE K K J ONE FIVE FIVE ISSUED FOR SIXTYSIX  
FORD COUNTRY SEDAN, VIN SIX D SEVEN FOUR Y ONE ZERO EIGHT FOUR SIX  
NINE REGISTERED HAROLD L. TOUCHSTONE BOX THREE NINE NINE WILEY,  
TEXAS.

*H.L. + 44-1987-Sub E-256*

DALLAS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT  
VEHICLE BEARING SIXTYEIGHT TEXAS LICENSE F R R SIX SIX IS WHITE  
MUSTANG, TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH ASSASSINATION OF DR.  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. P/

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TO: DALLAS (44-2649)  
FROM: SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)  
MURKIN, CR.

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REMETEL APRIL THIRTEEN, LAST.

FOR INFO DALLAS, RE TEL ADVISED INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REVEALED SURMAN G. YOUNG, FOUR TWO ZERO SIX MACKAY DRIVE, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, REGISTERED HOLIDAY INN, FOUR ZERO TWO TWO THOMAS, MEMPHIS, FROM APRIL FIVE TO SEVEN, LAST, DRIVING SIXTY-SIX FORD WITH TEXAS LICENSE F R R SIX SIX.

REGISTRATION DATA FOR SIXTYEIGHT LICENSE F R R SIX SIX NOT ON FILE TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, AUSTIN, AS YET. PLATES ISSUED WICHITA COUNTY, TEXAS.

DALLAS CONTACT WICHITA COUNTY TAX OFFICE FOR DATA INSTANT LICENSE TO DETERMINE IF VEHICLE ISSUED FOR IS WHITE MUSTANG. IF SO, ASCERTAIN IF OWNER HAS POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL. P.

END

1-San Antonio  
1-Dallas (AM) (CONFIRMATORY)  
1-Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
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DAW/daw

Dictated to Zelva Baranin  
at Dallas, by David A. Wall

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO CINCINNATI  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
MURKIN, CR.

INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REVEALED LAWRENCE E. SMITH  
BOX TWO FIVE FIVE HARRISON ROAD, LOVELAND, OHIO, REGISTERED  
AT RIP VAN WINKLE MOTEL, SEVEN NINE TWO ZERO, HIGHWAY FIFTY  
ONE NORTH, MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE, FROM APRIL FIVE TO SEVEN,  
SIXTY EIGHT, DRIVING SIXTY SEVEN FORD WITH OHIO LICENSE, ONE  
ZERO SEVEN SEVEN G G.

CINCINNATI AT COLUMBUS DETERMINE IF ~~AUTOMOBILE~~ IS WHITE  
MUSTANG AND IF INFORMATION POSITIVE AT LOVELAND, OHIO, DETERMINE  
POSSIBLE CONNECTION SMITH MAY HAVE WITH ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO MOBILE  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
MURKIN, CR.

INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REVEALED MICHAEL L. MORSE,  
FIVE ZERO TWO FOUR EIGHTH TERRACE SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,  
REGISTERED RIP VAN WINKLE MOTEL, SEVEN NINE TWO ZERO HIGHWAY  
FIFTY ONE NORTH, MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE, FROM APRIL FOUR - FIVE,  
SIXTY EIGHT, DRIVING SIXTY SEVEN FORD ALABAMA LICENSE ONE A  
SEVEN SIX FOUR FOUR FOUR.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY DETERMINE IF AUTO IS WHITE MUSTANG  
AND IF INFORMATION POSITIVE ADVISE BIRMINGHAM TO DETERMINE  
POSSIBLE CONNECTION MORSE MAY HAVE WITH ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ALSO DR. ROY FRANKLIN STINSON, ONE TWO THREE COX STREET,  
AUBURN, ALABAMA, REGISTERED RIP VAN WINKLE MOTEL, SEVEN NINE TWO  
ZERO HIGHWAY FIFTY ONE NORTH, MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL SIX  
SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, DRIVING SIXTY FIVE MUSTANG, ALABAMA LICENSE  
FOUR SEVEN - THREE FOUR EIGHT ZERO EIGHT.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY DETERMINE IF AUTO IS WHITE IN  
COLOR AND IF INFORMATION POSITIVE AT AUBURN DETERMINE POSSIBLE

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CONNECTION STINSON MAY HAVE WITH ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN  
LUTHER KING.

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URGENT

TO: SAC BIRMINGHAM(44-1740)

FROM: SAC MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN.

METEL TO MOBILE 12:36AM APRIL THIRTEEN IN PART QUOTED AS  
FOLLOWS:

"INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REVEALED MICHEEL L. MORSE, FIVE ZERO  
TWO FOUR EIGHTH TERRACE SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. REGISTERED RIP  
VAN WINKLE MOTEL, SEVEN NINE TWO ZERO, HIGHWAY FIFTY ONE NORTH,  
MILLINGTON, TENN. FROM APRIL FOUR-FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT, DRIVING  
SIXTY SEVEN FORD, ALABAMA LICENSE ONE A SEVEN SIX FOUR FOUR FOUR  
MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY DETERMINE IF AUTO IS WHITE MUSTANG AND  
IF INFORMATION POSITIVE, ADVISE BIRMINGHAM TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE  
CONNECTION MORSE MAY HAVE WITH ASSASSINATION MARTIN LUTHER KING JR"

ALA. LICENSE RECORD INFO DOES NOT REFLECT COLOR OF CAR AND  
ACCORDINGLY BIRMINGHAM SHOULD ASCERTAIN COLOR AND HANDLE AT BH.

AIRMAIL COPY ME.

JTB/

1 cc MEMPHIS (AIRMAIL)

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: ME)

*44-1987-Sub E-25D*

RE: Dr. ROY FRANKLIN STINSON,  
123 Cox St., Auburn, Ala.  
Registered Rip Van Winkle Motel,  
Millington, Tenn.  
4/6-7/68

Re Memphis airtel to Mobile 12:36 A.M., 4/13/68.

Lead for Mobile at Montgomery, Ala., concerning the automobile of MICHAEL L. MORSE of Birmingham, Ala., was referred to Birmingham by teletype 4/13/68, copy to Memphis.

Concerning Dr. ROY FRANKLIN STINSON, 123 Cox St., Auburn, Ala., SA ROY H. EVELAND on 4/13/68, contacted Lt. UTHUR ELDER, Auburn, Ala. PD. A short time later this date Lt. ELDER advised SA EVELAND that he had ~~presently~~ observed the 1965 Mustang, bearing Ala. 1968 license 47-34808 registered to Dr. STINSON. Lt. ELDER advised that this car is dark green in color.

Inasmuch as this car is dark green rather than white, no further inquiry is being made concerning this car in line with instructions in retel.

②-Memphis  
2-Mobile  
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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO PHILADELPHIA  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
MURKIN, CR.

INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REVEALED LT. JIMMY B. MORGAN,  
MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE, REGISTERED CASCADE MOTEL, SIX FOUR EIGHT ONE  
HIGHWAY FIFTY ONE NORTH, MEMPHIS, ON APRIL ONE, SIXTY EIGHT,  
DRIVING FORD WITH PENNSYLVANIA LICENSE THREE C ZERO EIGHT  
FOUR FIVE. <sup>o</sup>

PHILADELPHIA AT HARRISBURG DETERMINE IF AUTOMOBILE IS  
WHITE MUSTANG. SUTEL.

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1126AM URGENT 4-13-68 ECK  
TO MEMPHIS 44-1987  
FROM PHILADELPHIA 44-1368 (P) 1P

MURKIN

REURTEL TWELVE FORTY AM INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION HARRISBURG, PA, REFLECTS INSTANT LICENSE PLATE  
ISSUED ON T DASH TWO TITLE (OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLE) TO JIMMY B. MORGAN, *44-1987-Sub E 259*  
THREE CONROY WAY, TARENTUM, PA, ON FEB TWENTY SIXTYSEVEN FOR A  
FORD SEDAN, VIN FIVE A SIX EIGHT X TWO ONE SEVEN ZERO SEVEN FIVE.  
RECORDS AT HARRISBURG DO NOT MAINTAIN COLOR OF VEHICLES OR MODELS,  
OTHER THAN IT WAS A FORD SEDAN.

NATB VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION BOOK REFLECTS INSTANT VIN WOULD  
PERTAIN TO A SIXTYFIVE FORD GALAXIE FIVE HUNDRED/XL TWO-DOOR HARDTOP.

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1200 PM URGENT 4-12-68 JWD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE, MEMPHIS  
FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN.

*DB 44-1987-291*

JEFF RICHARDSON ADVISED THIS DATE THAT APPROXIMATELY  
TWENTY TO TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO FIRST NAME UNKNOWN GAULT,  
REPEAT GAULT, TRAVELED IN THE RIPLEY, TIPPAAH COUNTY, MISS.,  
AREA, PROCLAIMING HIMSELF A "BLACK SHIRT" AND EXTOLLING  
VIRTUES OF ADOLPH HITLER AND THE NAZI PARTY. FNU GAULT NOT  
BELIEVED TO HAVE HAD CHILDREN WHEN IN MISS.

FNU GAULT IS BROTHER OF EZRA GAULT, WHITE MALE, AGE FIFTY  
FIVE, WHO CURRENTLY RESIDES HIGHWAY NINETY, LAWTEY, OR LAWTON,  
FLORIDA, WHERE ENGAGED IN PULPWOOD AND SAWMILL BUSINESS WITH TOMMY  
TATUM, WHITE MALE, AGE FIFTY FIVE. RICHARDSON, ABOVE, IS BROTHER-  
IN-LAW OF TATUM.

TATUM AND EZRA GAULT FORMERLY RESIDED TIPPAAH COUNTY, MISS.,  
MOVED TWENTY TO TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO TO BEAR CREEK, ALA.,  
WHERE RESIDED SEVERAL YEARS, THEN MOVED TO LAWTEY, OR LAWTON, FLA.  
EZRA GAULT HAD ONE DAUGHTER, NO SONS.

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BIRMINGHAM, AT BEAR CREEK, ALABAMA, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY  
FNU GAULT. ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE ANY FAMILY CONNECTION WITH  
SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

JACKSONVILLE, AT LAWTEY, FLORIDA, CONTACT EZRA GAULT AND  
TOMMY TATUM RE FNU GAULT IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP INFO  
RE SUSPECT GALT.

END.

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Employee

RECHARGE

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

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Employee

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TO: SAC, DETROIT  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: ME

INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REVEALED LARRY K. DOWDY, THREE  
ZERO FOUR FIVE SIX LISCH, GIBRALTER, MICHIGAN, AND H. W.  
O'NEIL, ONE HORSESHOE DRIVE, BRIGHTEN, MICH., REGISTERED  
HOLIDAY INN, FOUR ZERO TWO TWO THOMAS, MEMPHIS, FROM APRIL  
FIVE - SEVEN, LAST, DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT FORD,  
MICH. LICENSE TWO FIVE FOUR D ONE SIX. DOWDY EMPLOYED  
FLANNERY FORD, INC.

AT LANSING, DETERMINE IF AUTOMOBILE IS WHITE MUSTANG,  
AND IF INFORMATION POSITIVE, DETERMINE DOWDY'S ADDRESS AND  
INTERVIEW TO DETERMINE CONNECTION WITH ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING.

AT BRIGHTEN, INTERVIEW O'NEIL RE SAME MATTER.

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FBI DETROIT

207PM URGENT 4/13/68 NCN 1P

TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN: CIVIL RIGHTS, (OO: MEMPHIS)

REURTEL, INSTANT DATE.

MICH. LIC. TWO FIVE FOUR ONE SIX ISSUED TO

FLANNERY FORD, ONE FIVE ONE FIVE FORT, LINCOLN PARK, MICH.

MR. DICK FLANNERY ADVISED LIC. USED BY EMPLOYEE LARRY K

*44-1987-Sub E-262*  
DOWDY ON RECENT TRIP TO MEMPHIS, TENN. FOR A WEDDING.

LIC. USED ON A NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT WHITE FORD COUNTRY


SEDAN STATION WAGON. NO FURTHER INQUIRY BEING MADE.

END.

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*Joe* 

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO BALTIMORE  
FROM MEMPHIS  
MURKIN, CR.

INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REVEALED RALPH E. COARTS ✓ TWO  
TWO TWO HIGH MEADOW, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, REGISTERED AT  
RIP VAN WINKLE MOTEL, SEVEN NINE TWO ZERO, HIGHWAY FIFTY ONE,  
NORTH, MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE, APRIL SEVEN - NINE, SIXTY EIGHT,  
DRIVING FORD WITH MARYLAND LICENSE BR ONE SEVEN EIGHT NINE. ✓

AT ANNAPOLIS DETERMINE IF AUTO IS WHITE MUSTANG AND  
IF INFORMATION POSITIVE AT BALTIMORE DETERMINE POSSIBLE  
CONNECTION COARTS MAY HAVE WITH ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.

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FBI BALTO

1040AM URGENT 4-13-68 RJW

TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM BALTIMORE (44-669)

MURKIN, CR.

RE MEMPHIS TEL FOUR THIRTEEN INSTANT.

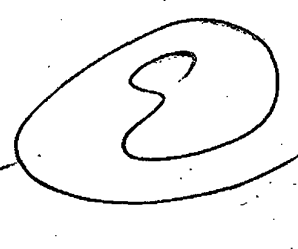
DMV RECORDS, GLEN BURNIE, MARYLAND, REFLECT MARYLAND LICENSE  
BR ONE SEVEN EIGHT NINE REGISTERED FOR NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT FORD  
STATIONWAGON TO RALPH EMERSON COARTS, SAME ADDRESS. BALTIMORE INDICIES  
CONTAIN NO PERTINENT REFERENCES RE COARTS.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO JACKSON  
FROM MEMPHIS  
MURKIN, CR.

INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REVEALED A. W. DENLSON, <sup>D</sup>COLDWATER, MISSISSIPPI, REGISTERED AT ALBERT'S MOTEL, FIVE TWO NINE SIX, HIGHWAY FIFTY ONE NORTH, MEMPHIS, ON APRIL TWO SIXTY EIGHT, DRIVING FORD WITH MISSISSIPPI LICENSE W TWO FOUR FIVE ONE.

JACKSON AT JACKSON DETERMINE IF AUTOMOBILE IS WHITE MUSTANG AND IF INFORMATION POSITIVE AT COLDWATER, MISSISSIPPI, DETERMINE POSSIBLE CONNECTION DENLSON MAY HAVE WITH ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)  
MURKIN

Re Memphis teletype to Jackson, 4/13/68, and Jackson teletype to Memphis, 4/13/68.

JOHN PICKLE, MHSP, Dispatcher, Batesville, Miss., advised that Mississippi license W2451 is registered to IKE DANIELS, 604 Short Street, Greenville, Mississippi, for a 1956 Plymouth, two door.

On 4/13/68, Sheriff JOE W. TAYLOR (NA), Tate County, Senatobia, Miss., which covers Coldwater, Mississippi, advised the name A. W. DENLSON and IKE DANIELS were unknown to him.

On 4/13/68, records, Credit Bureau, Oxford, Miss., which covers Tate County, Miss., were negative re A. W. DENLSON and IKE DANIELS.

On April 13, 1968, a review of telephone directory for Coldwater, Senatobia, and area was negative re A. W. DENLSON.

On 4/13/68, SA CHARLES W. WILMORE, JR., confirmed that Miss. license W2451 was registered to IKE DANIELS, 604 Short Street North, Greenville, Mississippi, for a 1956 Plymouth, two door.

② - Memphis  
3 - Jackson  
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Records, Greenville PD, reflect DANIELS is a Negro male with date of birth  or . DANIELS has arrest record for minor misdemeanors, Greenville Police Department. Records on A. W. DENLSON negative.

Greenville Police Department has record on A. W. DONALDSON (ABNER WESSON DONALDSON), a white male.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 4/13/68 W. H. BURFORD, Assistant Postmaster, U. S. Post Office, Coldwater, Mississippi, advised that he could locate no record on A. W. DENLSON from Coldwater, Miss.

For the information of the Memphis Division, ABNER WESSON DONALDSON, FBI Number 2-172508, is known to both the Memphis and Jackson Divisions as a small time gambler and small time hoodlum as well as a burglar.

DONALDSON described from Jackson indices as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'7 3/8"
Weight	171 pounds
DOB	<input type="text"/>
POB	Troy, Tennessee.

DONALDSON's photograph is available at the Sheriff's Office, Memphis, Tennessee, number 18031.

The very good possibility exists that A. W. DENLSON is identical with ABNER WESSON DONALDSON.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

JN 157-9586

Eliminate DONALDSON by displaying his photograph to witness number two. Display DONALDSON's photograph to appropriate personnel, Albert's Motel, 5296 Highway 51 North, Memphis, in an effort to determine if he is identical with A. W. DENLSON.

JACKSON

AT GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

1. Will contact IKE DANIELS, 604 Short Street, Greenville, and ascertain why his license tag W2451 was displayed on a white Ford on 4/2/68 at Memphis, Tennessee, at Albert's Motel.

2. Determine if DANIELS knows A. W. DENLSON or ABNER WESSON DONALDSON, aka Snooky.

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638 PM DEFERRED 4-13-68 JBC

TO MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO JACKSON APRIL THIRTEEN INSTANT.

TATE COUNTY, MISS. TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, CREDIT BUREAU,  
SO, AND POST OFFICE, COLDWATER, MISS. NEGATIVE RE A. W.  
DENLSON.

MISS. LICENSE W TWO FOUR FIVE ONE REGISTERED TO IKE DANIELS  
SIX ZERO FOUR SHORT ST. GREENVILLE, MISS. FOR  
FIFTYSIX PLYMOUTH TWODOOR.

GREENVILLE PD NEGATIVE RE A. W. DENLSON, BUT HAS  
RECORD ON DANIELS, N/M, DOB [REDACTED]

GREENVILLE PD HAS RECORD ON ABNER WESSON DONALDSON.

DONALDSON IS KNOWN TO BOTH MEMPHIS AND JACKSON DIVISIONS  
AS BURGLARER HAS FBI NUMBER TWO - ONE SEVEN TWO FIVE SERO  
EIGHT, WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES AND THREE EIGHTS,  
ONE SEVEN ONE POUNDS, DOB [REDACTED],  
TROY, TENN., SHELBY COUNTY, TENN. SO # ONE EIGHT ZERO THREE  
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MEMPHIS NOTE POSSIBILITY EXISTS, A. W. DENLSON IDENTICAL WITH ABNER WESSON DONALDSON, AKA., "SNOOKY".

MEMPHIS DISPLAY PHOTO OF DONALDSON TO WITNESSES AND ALBERTS MOTEL PROPRIETOR TO DETERMINE IF HE IS IDENTICAL WITH DENLSON. IF DONALDSON CANNOT BE ELIMINATED BY PHOTO MEMPHIS SHOULD REQUEST LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION TO COMPARE HIS PRINTS WITH LATENT PRINTS OF VALUE.

SIXTYEIGHT MISS. TAG W - TWO FOUR FIVE ONE WAS OBSERVED BY BUAGENT ON GREEN FIFTYSIX PLYMOUTH TWO-DOOR. IKE DANIELS, OWNER OF PLYMOUTH, ADVISED TAG HAD BEEN ON PLYMOUTH CONTINUALLY TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. PLYMOUTH WAS NOT LOANED TO ANYONE AND HAS NOT BEEN OUT OF THE STATE OF MISS. DANIELS SAID A. W. DENLSON UNKNOWN TO HIM.

DETAILED AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis are two report inserts, 15 copies of each, total 30 inserts, concerning investigation of suspect A. W. DENLSON.

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F B I SEATTLE

802PM URGENT 4/12/68 PJW

TO BUTTE AND MEMPHIS

FROM SEATTLE (44-371) /1PG/

MURKIN

ON THIS DATE, HEMMIE KASKI, TWO TWO ONE ONE WEST TWENTYSEVENTH STREET, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, REPORTED THAT LATE AFTERNOON OF APRIL TEN, LAST, HE SAW A MAN IN NORTHEAST VANCOUVER WHO RESEMBLED THE SKETCH OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT IN THIS CASE WHICH APPEARED IN THE PRESS. THE SUBJECT PURCHASED A NEWSPAPER FROM A STAND IN THE TOTEM POLE SHOPPING AREA, AND THEN ENTERED A LATE MODEL INTERNATIONAL JEEP, WHITE OVER BLUE, WITH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT IDAHO LICENSE FIVE B SEVEN ZERO THREE, AND THEN LEFT THE SHOPPING AREA. KASKI DESCRIBED SUSPECT AS WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY, HEIGHT FIVE FEET EIGHT TO FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE SIXTYFIVE TO ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, HAIR BLOND AND REDDISH, AND WEARING OVERALLS AND A CHECKERED SHIRT.

BUTTE IDENTIFY REGISTERED OWNER OF ABOVE LICENSE AND ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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BUTTE ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS  
FROM SEATTLE (44-371) /2PG/

MURKIN

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

REBUTEL TO ATLANTA AND SACS APRIL TEN SIXTYEIGHT REGARDING CHECKS  
ON INS FILES.

INS FILE, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, ON JAMES ERIC GAULT REVIEWED. THIS  
PERSON ONLY HANDLED BY INS ON ONE OCCASION, AND THIS OCCURRED ON MARCH  
ELEVEN, SIXTYTHREE.

INS RECORDS AT SPOKANE DESCRIBE JAMES ERIC GAULT AS A CANADIAN  
CITIZEN, BORN [REDACTED], COPPER CLIFF,  
ONTARIO, CANADA; ADDRESS IN MARCH SIXTYTHREE, ALDER FLATS, ALBERTA,  
CANADA, AND PREVIOUS ADDRESS OF NARAMATA, BRITISH COLUMBIA; HEIGHT  
SIX FEET TWO INCHES, WEIGHT ONE SEVENTYFIVE IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE,  
HAIR BROWN, EYES HAZEL, SCAR TIP OF RIGHT INDEX FINGER. HIS FATHER,  
JAMES THOMAS GAULT, DECEASED, CANDIAN CITIZEN; HIS MOTHER, EMILY MARY  
BEHAN GAULT, RESIDED IN WINDSOR, ONTARIO, IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE; A  
DAUGHTER LISTED AS JANICE GAULT, AND EX-WIFE ELLEN F. COUGHLIN,  
WINDSOR, ONTARIO.

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IN SIGNED STATEMENT TO INS, GAULT STATED HE CHANGED HIS NAME LEGALLY TO SPANY ERIC ANG IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, IN NINETEEN FIFTYNINE.

INS WERE ADVISED BY RCMP THAT GAULT HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH RUNNING THE BORDER IN NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, AND AT THAT TIME HAD BEEN CONSIDERED MENTALLY DISTURBED. THE RCMP VERIFIED FOR INS IN MARCH, SIXTYTHREE, THAT THIS GAULT HAD BEEN EMPLOYED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA AND ON MARCH ELEVEN, SIXTYTHREE, GAULT WAS ALLOWED TO VOLUNTARILY DEPART FOR CANADA.

NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS GAULT, WHO WOULD NOW BE FIFTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE, IN INS FILE.

INS FILE ON ERNEST GAULT, BORN [REDACTED], BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, NOT LOCATED SEATTLE.

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FBI SAN FRAN

8:29PM 4-12-68 URGENT MXG

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

MURKIN,

RE BUTEL APRIL TEN LST AND ASN FRANCISCO TEL APRIL ELEVEN  
LAST.

SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

THIS DATE RECHECKED GENERAL INDEX AND DETERMINED SIX INDIVIDUALS  
NAMED GAULT OF RECOED AND NOT SEVEN. ALL SIX FILES REVIEWED AND  
DETERMINED THAT ONE RELATES TO A FEMALE WHO ARRIVED IN UNITED STATES  
SEPTEMBER NINE NINETEEN FIFTY, AND FIVE FILES RELATE TO ONE FAMILY,  
NAMELY DAVID DOHERTY AND HELEN ELIZABETH GAULT AND THREE  
CHILDREN, LAST ADDRESS SEVEN TWO THEE PORTER WAY, STOCKTON,  
CALIFORNIA, AS OF AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO. ALL ARRIVED U.S.  
OCTOBER TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN FIFTYNINE.

DAVID DESCRIBED AS BORN [REDACTED],  
BELFAST, NORTH IRELAND, AND OLDEST SON, JOSEPH MORITZ GAULT,  
BORN [REDACTED], ROSTREVOR, NORTH IRELAND.

DAVID DESCRIBED IN NINETEEN FIFTYNINE AS BRITISH NATIONALITY,  
HEIGHT SIX FEET, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED EIGHTYFIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR,  
BLUE EYES, EMPLOYED IN CANADA AS TOOL AND DIE MAKER. NINETEEN  
FIFTYNINE DESCRIPTION OF JOSEPH TOO OLD TO BE OF VALUE.

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT NATURALIZATION OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO,  
CONTAINS NO RECORD FOR DAVID DOHERTY AND HELEN ELIZABETH GAULT.  
DAVID GAULT NOW RESIDES ONE ONE FIVE FIVE SIERRA VISTA WAY,  
LAFAYETTE, CALIFORNIA, AND ACCORDING TO TELEPHONE COMPANY RECORDS,  
EMPLOYED WITH UNNAMED STEVEDORE COMPANY OR AS A STEVEDORE. CREDIT  
REPORT LISTS GAULT AS EMPLOYED BY JONES STEVEDORE COMPANY AS OF  
DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE.

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FBI NEWARK

900PM URGENT 4-12-68 RGH

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND TAMPA PLAINTEXT  
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

ON APRIL TWELVE INSTANT, ROBERT SCHLICK, LAVALETTE, NJ, ADVISED THAT MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS WORKED FOR HIM WHEN BOTH WERE EMPLOYED BY BIRDSSELL CONSULTING ENGINEERS, BELMAR, NJ. SCHLICK HAS NOT SEEN SKAGGS FOR OVER ONE YEAR. ON TWO FIVE LAST, HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ARK. HIGHWAY DEPT. REQUESTING A REFERENCE FOR SKAGGS. SCHLICK RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM SKAGGS ON APRIL ONE LAST AT TWO THIRTY AM FROM RICHMOND, VA. SKAGGS WANTED JOB BUT SCHLICK TURNED HIM DOWN. SCHLICK STATED THAT SKAGGS HAS STATED MANY TIMES THAT HE IS GOING TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHLICK STATED SKAGGS IS A VERY BIGOTTED PERSON AND CAPABLE OF SUCH AN ACT.

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SCHLICK STATED HE IS REPORTING THIS BECAUSE HE READ IN THE NEWSPAPER THAT THE PERSON COMMITTING THIS CRIME HAD ARK. LICENSE PLATES ON HIS CAR. SCHLICK STATED THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF SUSPECTED KILLER AS APPEARS IN THE "NY DAILY NEWS" IS NOT SIMILAR TO SKAGGS EXCEPT THAT THE ER AND CHIN LINE IS SIMILAR. SKAGGS FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF SKAGGS:

WHITE MALE, TWENTY FIVE OR TWENTY SIX, SIX FEET, ONE SIXTY FIVE LBS., BLUE EYES, BLOND WAVY HAIR, CHARACTERISTICS AACNE CONDITION ON FACE, TEETH BAD ON TOP, MARITAL STATUS DIVORCED, WIFE UNKNOWN, FORMERLY RESIDED IN OCEAN GROVE, NJ (EXACT ADDRESS UNKNOWN), ONE SMALL SON, AGE UNKNOWN, MILITARY SERVICE U.S. ARMY (SP-FOUR) (SIXTY FIVE - SIXTY SIX).

SCHLICK STATED SKAGGS NEVER CALLS HIM COLLECT BUT USES COIN TELEPHONES AS HE CAN HEAR COINS DROPPING INTO THE BOX. SCHLICK STATED SKAGGS'S BROTHER IS CITY COUNSELOR IN PADUCAH, KY. HE STATED HE BELIEVES SKAGGS IS ORIGINALLY FROM PADUCAH. SCHLICK FEELS CERTAIN THAT SKAGGS HAS BEEN ARRESTED BUT DOES NOT KNOW WHERE.

RECORDS OF THE MONMOUTH CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FREEHOLD, NJ, HAVE NO RECORD FOR MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS.

NEWARK FILE FORTY SEVEN DASH THREE EIGHT TWO FIVE, CAPTIONED MORRIS SKAGGS, SR., POSSIBLE IMPERSONATION, PITTSBURGH FILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH ONE ONE SIX NINE FOUR,  
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INDICATES THAT GRCE ROMIGH, CLERK, ORLANDO, FLORIDA, POLICE DEPT., MADE ORIGINAL COMPLAINT AND KNOWS SKAGGS'S BACKGROUND AND LOCATION OF EX-WIFE.

TAMPA, AT ORLANDO, FLA., CONTACT ROMIGH AND THEREAFTER SET OUT LEADS TO ACCOUNT FOR SKAGGS LOCATION ON DATES MARCH TWENTY NINE, AND APRIL FOUR LAST.

PITTSBURGH, BIRMINGHAM, LOUISVILLE, RICHMOND, AND LITTLE ROCK ADVISED BY MAIL COPY.

CORR PAGE TWO LINE FIVE WORD TEN SHD BE "EAR".

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FBI TAMPA

416PM URGENT 4-13-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, NEWARK AND PITTSBURGH  
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN, CR.

RE NEWARK TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWELVE CONCERNING SUSPECT  
MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS. ✓ 44-1987-Sub E-268  
GRACE ROMIGH, ORLANDO PD, ADVISED SKAGGS WAS MARRIED TO  
DAUGHTER OF HER BROTHER. EX-WIFE, CAROL NIFFENEGGER SKAGGS ✓  
WAS BEATEN AND DESERTED WITH TWO SMALL CHILDREN. CAROL'S  
FATHER, W.E. NIFFENEGGER HAS UNLISTED TELEPHONE SEVEN SEVEN  
FOUR ZERO ONE FOUR SEVEN RESIDING FORTY D STREET, VAN BUREN  
HOMES, VANPORT, MAILING ADDRESS BEAVER, PA. HE WOULD BE MOST  
LIKELY TO HAVE HEARD FROM SKAGGS IF HE WERE SEEKING WHEREABOUTS  
OF EX-WIFE, CAROL.

CAROL HIDING FROM SKAGGS HAS UNLISTED, UNKNOWN TELEPHONE  
RESIDING ON CHAPEL ROAD, MONACA, PA. ROMIGH ONLY SAW SKAGGS  
ONE TIME IN PENNSYLVANIA SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

PG CONTACT CAROL NIFFENEGGER AND HER FATHER AND SET OUT LEADS  
STATED IN REFERENCED AIRTEL.

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**AIRTEL**

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

Re Tampa teletype to the Bureau, dated 4/13/68,  
and Newark teletype to the Bureau, dated 4/13/68.

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Regarding MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS:

MORRIS C. SKAGGS was arrested for motor violation  
4/13/68 and confined to Beaver County Jail. He was born  
at Jonesboro, Arkansas, is 5'2", and then weighed  
219 pounds. He has a tattoo on his left forearm and his  
FBI Number 294 654 F.

A photograph of SKAGGS has been obtained and will follow.

Mrs. BETTY NIFFENEGGER, Van Buren Homes, Beaver, Pa., SKAGGS' mother-in-law, advised neither she, her husband, or her daughter, SKAGGS' wife, have had any contact from SKAGGS and are unaware of his whereabouts or activities. She pointed out that her telephone number and her daughter's telephone number and address are unpublished primarily for the reason of avoiding contact with SKAGGS. She stated her mother-in-law, Mrs. RUTH HARRIS, recently had an early morning telephone call believed to be from SKAGGS, but his whereabouts at the time of the call were unknown.

- 3 - Bureau
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The composite drawings of unsub were exhibited to Mrs. NIFFENEGGER, and she stated they did not, in her opinion, look like SKAGGS. She stated SKAGGS' parents reside in Jonesboro, Arkansas, but that family members here have no contact with them primarily to avoid disclosing SKAGGS' wife's address.

Mrs. RUTH HARRIS, Beaver, Pa., advised that sometime during the week prior to 4/13/68, at exactly 4:50 a.m., she received a telephone call from an individual whom she did not initially recognize by his voice, but he mentioned CAROL, and she then determined it to be MORRIS SKAGGS. She stated she talked to another individual who was with SKAGGS, but told them she did not want to talk to them and hung up. She then contacted the operator in an effort to determine where the call had been placed from and the operator told her she could not determine this since it was an out of the district call. Mrs. HARRIS stated the last contact she had was a similarly foolish call in the early hours from SKAGGS prior to Thanksgiving of 1967. She stated her number is the only published telephone number of family members in Beavers County, and the only contact point SKAGGS has.

CAROL SKAGGS resides at 1294 Chapel Road, Monaca, Pa., unlisted telephone 775-6957, and is a high school teacher at Rochester High School. Efforts to locate her, both at her residence and telephonically, the afternoon and evening of 4/16/68, were unsuccessful; however, since a photograph of SKAGGS has been obtained, and based on the contact with CAROL SKAGGS' mother, no further effort will be made to locate her.

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Date: 4/23/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

To : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
From : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)  
Subject: MURKIN  
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Re Pittsburgh airtel to the Bureau dated 4/17/68.

SUSPECT MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS

Enclosed to Memphis and Birmingham are two photographs of MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS.

SKAGGS is described as:

Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Date of Birth:   
Height: 6'2"  
Weight: 215 pounds  
Hair: Blond  
Eyes: Blue

LEADS:

MEMPHIS  
BIRGMINHAM

Will exhibit photos to witnesses for elimination purposes, if deemed appropriate in view of recent developments.

- 2 - Memphis (Enc. - 2) *Wm* Armed and Dangerous
  - 2 - Birmingham (Enc. - 2)
  - 2 - Pittsburgh
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*Self Pittsburgh  
to get prints  
submit for elimination*

*Tel sent Pittsburgh  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/26/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO: PITTSBURGH (44-578)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. CR.

RE PITTSBURGH AIRTEL TO MEMPHIS APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.  
OBTAIN FINGERPRINTS OF MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS FOR FBI  
NUMBER AND FORWARD TO BUREAU REQUESTING LATENT FINGERPRINT  
SECTION OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION TO COMPARE WITH LATENTS  
PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED AS EVIDENCE TO BUREAU IN THIS MATTER.

A & D.-P.- END.

Airtel \_\_\_\_\_ See 44-1987-sub E-268-C

Teletype \_\_\_\_\_

A.M. \_\_\_\_\_

A.M.S.D. RFB/vtp

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Registered Approved: R Jensen  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 9:14 17 M Per Boyle RB

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

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
RM  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Memphis teletype to Pittsburgh, dated 4/26/68.

Retel requested that the fingerprints of MORRIS SKAGGS be compared with the latents developed in captioned case.

Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to locate SKAGGS' fingerprints based on the following information and make the requested comparison.

*Morris Clayton* *Sub E-268*

MORRIS SKAGGS, white male, arrested Beaver County Jail No. 133, April 16, 1968, date of birth

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947PM URGENT 4-12-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND SAN FRANCISCO  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TODAY.

MRS. CHARLES A. GALT, A SEVENTY-SEVEN YEAR OLD WIDOW, TOPEKA,  
KS., ADVISED HER HUSBAND HAD THREE CHILDREN BY HIS FIRST MARRIAGE:  
RUTH GALT, BORN [REDACTED], ONE THREE SEVEN FIVE GREEN, SAN  
FRANCISCO; CORINNE GALT KEGEL, EIGHT ZERO EIGHT THIRTY-FIRST AVE.,  
SAN MATEO, CALIF.; AND HOWARD GALT, CHANUTE, KS. SHE DOES NOT  
RECOGNIZE THE NAME ERIC STARVO GALT. THERE WERE NO CHILDREN FROM  
HER MARRIAGE TO MR. GALT.

KANSAS CITY IS CONTACTING HOWARD GALT.

FOR INFO SAN FRANCISCO, ERIC STARVO GALT, IS SUSPECT THIS CASE  
DESCRIBED WM, BORN [REDACTED], FIVE FEET TEN, ONE SIX  
ZERO LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, NEAT DRESSER.

SAN FRANCISCO CONTACT RUTH GALT AND CORINNE GALT KEGEL FOR  
ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE GALT FAMILY IN CALIFORNIA.

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FBI KAN CITY

122PM URGENT 4-13-68 KAM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM  
FROM KANSAS CITY(44-760) P 1P

MURKIN. OO ME.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL APRIL TWELVE LAST AND KANSAS CITY TEL APRIL TWELVE LAST.

HOWARD M. GALT, CHANUTE, KANSAS, ADVISED ONLY KNOWN RELATIVES IN CALIFORNIA ARE SISTERS, RUTH GALT, SAN FRANCISCO; MRS. JAMES (CORINNE) KEGEL, SAN MATEO AS SET OUT RE KANSAS CITY TEL. GALT ADVISED COUSIN RALPH GALT, INSTRUCTOR UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM IS ACTIVE IN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND RALPH'S SON REPORTEDLY SERVING PRISON SENTENCE AS CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR.

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*Corinne Marie Kegel - 44-1987-Sub E-269*

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BIRMINGHAM INTERVIEW RALPH GALT RE POSITIVE WHEREABOUTS ERIC STARVO GALT.

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1040 PM 4/12/68 URGENT LAL

TO LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SACRAMENTO (100-427)

MURKIN. CR. OO: ME.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO SACRAMENTO DATED APRIL THIRTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

CALIF. DMV, SACRAMENTO, ADVISED THIS DATE CALIF. LICENSE

UKM SEVEN THREE ONE <sup>D</sup> REGISTERED TO RICHARD C. <sup>D</sup> OR WANETA F.

CORNELIOUS, <sup>D</sup> ONE FOUR ZERO ONE EIGHT GREENSTONE AVE., NORWALK,

CALIF. FOR A SIXTYSEVEN FORD MUSTANG, ID SEVEN R ZERO ONE T ONE

EIGHT THREE THREE FIVE ZERO.

LOS ANGELES GIVEN INFO IN RETEL AND REQUESTED TO HANDLE.

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1112PM 4-12-68 URGENT JMA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, AND NEWARK  
FROM PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

MURKIN

PAT PARSON (PROFESSIONAL NAME) TRUE NAME PAT TOMINARO, NEWS  
REPORTER, TV CHANNEL SIX, PHILA., PA., WHO RESIDES BRIDGEWATER, N.J.  
ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HIS BROTHER IN LAW JOHN PETRONELLA, WHO RESIDES  
DURING SCHOOL WEEK WITH PARSON IN BRIDGEWATER, N.J., AND WHO IS A HIGH  
SCHOOL TEACHER AT BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL, BRIDGEWATER,  
N.J., OVERHEARD AT SCHOOL A COLLEAGUE NAME WAYNE MC AFEE, WHO IS  
ORIGINALLY FROM ALABAMA, MAKE COMMENT IN REFERENCE TO A SUSPECT  
RELATIVE TO MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

PETRONELLA ADVISED PARSON HE OVERHEARD MC AFEE IN PRESENCE OF  
HIMSELF AND A WOMAN TEACHER MAKE STATEMENT HE HAS A RELATIVE IN  
ALABAMA WHO RESEMBLES AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION PUBLISHED IN SOME RECENT  
NEWSPAPER. MC AFEE ALSO MADE STATEMENT THAT HIS RELATIVE IN ALABAMA  
IS A DEFINITE BIGOT AND " HE WOULD NOT PUT IT PAST HIS RELATIVE TO  
HAVE SHOT KING." WHEN PERSONALLY APPROACHED BY PETRONELLA, MC AFEE  
"COMPLETELY CLAMMED UP."

PETRONELLA RESIDES WITH PARENTS AT ONE SEVEN THREE ONE UNION  
AVE, UNION, NJ, PHONE (CODE TWO ZERO ONE) SIX EIGHT SEVEN - FOUR TWO.  
SEVEN THREE. WAYNE MC AFEE RESIDES DONALD DRIVE, NORTH SOMERVILLE,  
NJ, PHONE (CODE TWO ZERO ONE) SEVEN TWO FIVE - SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT FOUR.

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NEWARK INTERVIEW PETRONELLA TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION, AND BASED UPON RESULTS INTERVIEW MC AFEE AND SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS.

ABOVE INFO FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY TO NEWARK THIS DATE.

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1124 PM URGENT 4/12/68 VLB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN.

RE: GEORGE RICHARDSON, AKA GEORGIE BOY.

ROBERT LEEDOM POLICE REPORTER, PASADENA STAR NEWS, TODAY IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, STATED SOURCE, WHOSE IDENTITY REFUSED TO DISCLOSE, BUT POSSIBLY NEGRO, ADVISED HIM ONE GEORGE RICHARDSON, AKA GEORGIE BOY, WHITE MALE, DARK HAIR, SHARP FEATURES, "RAT FACE" BROWN MOLE SIZE DIME RIGHT FOREARM IS PERSON WHO ASSASSINATED MARTIN LUTHER KING IN MEMPHIS.

LEEDOM COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND WILL NOT PERMIT SOURCE TO BE INTERVIEWED FURTHER.

SOURCE TOLD LEEDOM RICHARDSON IS MEMPHIS CITIZEN WHO FREQUENTS POOL HALL ON CHELSEA AVE. POSSIBLY NEAR THIRD OR FOURTH STREET LOCATED IN BUILDING IN FLOP HOUSE AREA, NEAR WOOLF RIVER, WHICH IS DARK FADING GREEN IN COLOR. POOL ROOM HAS DOOR IN RIGHT SIDE WHICH LEADS TO SECOND FLOOR.

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SOURCE CLAIMS RICHARDSON KNOWN TO MEMPHIS POLICE INCLUDING ONE "BULL" AND SOURCE OF OPINION POLICE MAY BE INVOLVED IN KILLING.

SOURCE ADVISED WHITE CAR ASSOCIATED WITH CRIME ALLEGEDLY OBSERVED IN USED CAR LOT FEW BLOCKS FROM SCENE OF CRIME PRIOR TO MURDER. CAR HAD RUST SPOT ON RIGHT REAR FENDER.

LEEDOM STATED FOREGOING NOT FURNISHED TO HIS NEWSPAPER AND ONLY FURNISHED TO FBI IN STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE WITH UNDERSTANDING ANY ACTION INITIATED BASED ON ABOVE WILL BE DISCREET TO AVOID JEOPARDIZING SOURCE. LEEDOM NOT AVAILABLE FOR REINTERVIEW FOR WEEK AS LEAVING LOS ANGELES AREA.

MEMPHIS REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT IDENTIFY GEORGE RICHARDSON AKA AND INTERVIEW.

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11:40 PM URGENT 4-12-68 JWE  
TO DIRECTOR, CHARLOTTE, MEMPHIS  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

ON INSTANT DATE R. OBESTER, DESK CLERK, BRIARCLIFF HOTEL,  
ONE ZERO FIVE ZERO PONCE DE LEON AVE., N.E., ADVISED HE THOUGHT  
HE RECOGNIZED COMPOSITE PHOTO AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH GUEST  
REGISTERED AS H.H. FLETCHER. FLETCHER CALLED HOTEL ON APRIL  
SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT AND MADE RESERVATIONS FOR A DOUBLE AND  
SINGLE. FLETCHER APPEARED AT HOTEL ON APRIL EIGHT LAST AND MADE  
TEN DOLLAR DEPOSIT ON ROOMS. ON APRIL NINE LAST TWO WOMEN  
APPROACHED DESK AND IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS WIFE AND FRIEND OF  
FLETCHER. FLETCHER AND WIFE OCCUPIED ROOM FIVE ZERO ONE AND  
OTHER GIRL OCCUPIED FIVE TWO EIGHT. APPEARED FLETCHER DID NOT HAVE  
AUTOMOBILE BUT WAS TRAVELING IN SECOND GIRLS AUTO.

APD OFFICER JACK POPHAM ASSIGNED TO BEAT AROUND HOTEL ALSO  
RECOGNIZES COMPOSITE AS INDIVIDUAL HE SAW AROUND THE HOTEL.

DAVID ELLER ALTERNATE DESK CLERK ALSO PLACES PERSON  
SIMILAR TO COMPOSITE IN AND AROUND HOTEL.

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SEARCH OF HOTEL ROOM REVEALED MAKING REFERENCES IN CONNECTION WITH TRIP TO MEXICO.

MR. AND MRS. FLETCHER GAVE ADDRESS AS SIX ONE FIVE STIRLING ST., GREENSBORO, N.C.

SECOND GIRL IDENTIFIED BY REGISTRATION RECORD AS SARAH E. COLLINS, SIX ZERO ONE GUILFORD AVE., GREENSBORO, N.C. AND WAS DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET THREE INCHES, TWENTY THREE OR TWENTY FOUR OR YOUNGER, DISHWATER BLOND, MEDIUM LENGTH, GLASSES, HIPPIE TYPE DRESS.

CHARLOTTE AT GREENSBORO WILL DETERMINE IF FLETCHERS RESIDE AT SIX ONE FIVE STIRLING ST. AND DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS ON APRIL FOUR THRU PRESENT. WILL DETERMINE SARAH E. COLLINS' CONNECTION WITH FLETCHERS AND VERIFY ADDRESS.

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708 PM URGENT 4-13-68 JMC  
TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, AND MEMPHIS  
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1635)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWELVE LAST AND  
ATLANTA TELEPHONE CALL TO CHARLOTTE APRIL THRITEEN INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION AT GREENSBORO, N.C., REVEALS THERE IS A  
SIX ONE FIVE STERLING STREET, GREENSBORO, N.C. OWNER AND  
PRESENT RESIDENTS CONTACTED ADVISED H. H. FLETCHER ~~NOT~~ *44-1987-Sub E-273*  
KNOWN TO THEM.

INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THERE IS A SIX ZERO ONE  
GUILFORD AVE., GREENSBORO, N.C. NO ONE LOCATED THIS  
ADDRESS TO DATE.

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NO LISTING GREENSBORO DIRECTORYS FOR H. H. FLETCHER  
OR SARAH E. COLLINS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT GREENSBORO.

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