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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

FROM : SA RICHARD S. BRANDT

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 4/11/68

On 4/11/68 Mr. GENE GETT, 2490 Browning Circle, Memphis, Tennessee, telephone number 452-1049, telephonically contacted the Memphis Office and advised that he knows a person who has a white Mustang and operates a citizens band radio, who resides at Memphis, Tennessee. GETT stated that he met this individual at a Saturday morning ham radio operators' breakfast at Ferguson's Cafe on Summer Avenue in Memphis approximately 6 months ago. GETT advised that this individual goes under the radio name of "Honest Herc." GETT further advised that all radio operators operate on citizens band #3.

GETT advised that he believes "Honest Herc" is employed at a used car lot in the northeast section of Memphis and was described as being a white male, 6 feet, slender build, about 35 or 36 years of age, with a receding hairline.

No lead is being set forth at this time to locate and interview "Honest Herc," owner, white Mustang with citizens band radio, and this is being left to the discretion of the reviewing Agent.

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FBI BOSTON

826PM URGENT 4-15-68 WMG

TO DIRECTOR 44-28861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES FOUR FOURTEEN LAST.

DANCING SCHOOLS IN FOUR STATES COVERED BY BOSTON OFFICE
CONTACTED THIS DATE AND NONE HAD RECORD OF GALT ATTENDING ANY
COURSES DURING PAST THREE YEARS. CHECKS ALSO MADE UNDER NAMES
HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER, AND JOHN WILLARD. NO
INDIVIDUALS ANSWERING DESCRIPTION OF GALT RECALLED AS HAVING
TAKEN COURSES IN SCHOOLS CONTACTED.

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URGENT 4/15/68 VFP

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM MOBILE 157-2627

MURKIN. CR. OO MEMPHIS.

REBUTEL, APRIL TWELVE LAST.

ON APRIL FIFTEEN INSTANT CHECK AT THE ALABAMA STATE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS RE NAMES GALT, WILLARD AND LOWMEYER AND VARIATIONS OF THESE NAMES FAILED TO REFLECT ANY BIRTHDATE OF JULY TWENTY, THIRTYONE, THROUGH THE YEARS TWENTYEIGHT TO THIRTY TWO.

RALPH W. ROBERTS, REGISTRAR, ADVISED THAT TO CHECK FOR ALL MALE BIRTHS ON [REDACTED] WOULD ENTAIL THE CHECKING OF THE ENTIRE PERIOD FROM TWENTYEIGHT THROUGH THIRTYTWO, AS THE BIRTHS ARE RECORDED IN FIVE YEAR PERIODS AND ARE NOT LISTED AS TO SPECIFIC DATE OR AS TO MALE OR FEMALE. ROBERTS ADVISED HE WOULD ESTIMATE THE TIME NECESSARY TO THOROUGHLY CHECK AND RECORD THE INFORMATION DESIRED WOULD
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TAKE APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AND HE WOULD HAVE TO HIRE A PERSON, AS HIS PERSONNEL WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE ADDITIONAL WORK, AND IT IS THE POLICY OF HIS OFFICE NOT TO PERMIT AGENCIES TO DO THEIR OWN CHECKING. ROBERTS STATED HE COULD RECALL A RETIRED EMPLOYEE WHO WAS ACQUAINTED WITH THE SYSTEM TO PERFORM THE SEARCH, AND HIS ESTIMATE OF THE COST WOULD BE BETWEEN THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS TO FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS TO OBTAIN THE REQUESTED INFORMATION.

ADVISE WHETHER ADDITIONAL SEARCH DESIRED. P.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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Date: **4/18/68**Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
MURKIN

Re Charlotte teletype to Director and Memphis
dated 4/15/68.

There are being furnished Memphis herewith an
original and eight copies of an insert concerning DONALD
G. DENTON.

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- ② - Memphis (44-1987) (Encls. - 9) *mem*
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RE: DONALD G. DENTON ✓

The following investigation was conducted by
SA EDWARD W. LUDEMANN:

AT HAVELOCK, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 15, 1968, THOMAS BENTON, Criminal Investigations Division, advised that Corporal DONALD G. DENTON, Marine Serial Number [REDACTED], MAD, NATTC, Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tennessee, was residing at the Base Motel, 133 Main Street, Havelock, North Carolina. He advised that DENTON stated he was driving a 1965 white Mustang, two door, with Tennessee License KN-3502, with a Mississippi driver's license. DENTON stated that the Memphis Police Department had confiscated his car because he thought he had killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BENTON advised that he had been in contact with the Marine Corps Air Station, at Memphis and that DENTON is on leave from April 6, 1968, through April 22, 1968.

HARRY CRISIAN, Manager, Base Motel, advised that DENTON had resided at his motel since April 9, 1968. He advised he considers DENTON "weird" and said he married a Cherry Point, North Carolina, servicewoman on April 12, 1968. He said DENTON very rarely leaves the motel. He described DENTON as follows:

Height:	5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 9 inches
Weight:	145 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Hazel

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Age:	20 to 21 years old
Nose:	Prominent
Complexion:	Light
Characteristic:	Missing front teeth

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987-Sub E)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA EUGENE G. DOUGLASS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReCEtel to Bureau and ME 4/15/68 in 44-1987-Sub E, serial 397.

44-1987-Sub E-397

On 4/17/68 Mr. WALTER HALL, Auto Theft Bureau, Memphis PD, advised that a 1965 Mustang bearing Tennessee license KN-3502 is not presently on the Memphis PD lot and according to a check made by him had not been on this lot.

He determined that 1968 Tennessee license KN-3502 is registered to D. G. DENTON, Coldwater, Miss., for a 1965 Ford Mustang, VIN 5F07A671243.

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FBI CHARLT

635 PM URGENT 4-15-68 HLH

TO: DIRECTOR, AND MEMPHIS

FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

*9:00 PM 4/15/68
SOG Supv. Helgeson, Drive
planned + wanted matter
resolved with PD + MADINAS,
Melhigton - thru have
Charlotte interview Denton
if appropriate. MJP*

THOMAS BENTON, CID, ADVISED THAT CPL. DONALD G. DENTON,

MSN

MAD, NATTC, NAS,

*44-1987-Sub-B-72
Ident*

MCAS, MEMPHIS, IS RESIDING AT BASE MOTEL, ONE THREE THREE
MAIN ST., HAVELOCK, N. C. HE ADVISED THAT DENTON STATED
HE WAS DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE WHITE MUSTANG, TWO-
DOOR, TENNESSEE LICENSE KN-THREE FIVE ZERO TWO, WITH A MISS.
DRIVER'S LICENSE AND THAT THE MEMPHIS PD CONFISCATED HIS
CAR BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT HE HAD KILLED KING.

BENTON ADVISED THAT HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH MCAS
MEMPHIS AND THAT DENTON IS ON LEAVE FROM APRIL SIX THRU
TWENTY SECOND, SIXTY-EIGHT.

HARRY CRISIAN, CITY MANAGER OF SAID MOTEL, ADVISED THAT
DENTON HAS RESIDED AT HIS MOTEL SINCE APRIL NINE, LAST. HE
ADVISED THAT HE CONSIDERS DENTON WEIRD AND THAT HE JUST
MARRIED A CHERRY POINT, N. C., SERVICEWOMAN ON FRIDAY,
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on prints
JAC*

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APRIL TWELVE, LAST. HE DESCRIBED DENTON AS FOLLOWS:
FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TO FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TALL,
ONE FOUR FIVE POUNDS., BROWN HAIR, HAZEL EYES, PROMINENT
NOSE, TWENTY TO TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, MISSING FRONT TEETH
WITH LIGHT COMPLEXION.

CRISIAN ADVISED THAT DENTON VERY RARELY LEAVES THE MOTEL.

MEMPHIS CHECK OUT DENTON'S WHEREABOUTS ON
MARCH THIRTY AND APRIL FOUR, SIXTY-EIGHT. ADVISE CHARLOTTE
IF ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION REQUESTED.

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FBI DETROIT

9:20PM DEFERRED 5/22/68 LPS 1P

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, DETROIT AND MEMPHIS MAY THREE LAST.

RE HAROLD G. ANDERSON

CONTACT WITH ALL BRICKLAYERS AND MASONS UNION LOCALS, EMPLOYMENT
AGENCIES, FORD MOTOR CO., CHRYSLER CORP., GENERAL MOTORS CORP.
INDICATES NO ONE EMPLOYED UNDER NAME HAROLD ANDERSON, SOCIAL
SECURITY NUMBER IN

METROPOLITAN DETROIT AND SURROUNDING TOWNS.

DETROIT WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ANDERSON UACB.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Birmingham,
Charlotte, Detroit, Los Angeles, and Memphis dated 4/15/68,
and Charlotte teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Detroit, and
Memphis dated 4/16/68.

Sub E 396

There are being furnished Memphis herewith
an original and eight copies of an insert concerning WILLIAM
JENNINGS BRYAN LEE.

② - Memphis (44-1987) (Encls. - 9) *Mem*
2 - Charlotte (44-1365)

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Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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RE: WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs EMANUEL R. JOHNSON and GEORGE B. KNIGHT on April 15 and 16,
1968:

AT GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 16, 1968, Mrs. RUTH OWEN, Gaston County Register of Deeds, Gastonia, North Carolina, made available Volume 20-B of 1933 birth records which indicated that WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE, white male, was born [redacted] at Gastonia, North Carolina. His father was listed as J. D. LEE, white male, age 34 (in 1933), place of birth Tennessee, and his occupation was textile worker. His mother was shown as MAEBELL TURNER LEE, white female, age 17 (in 1933), place of birth Tennessee, and occupation housewife.

No record of WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE or his family could be located at the following named places:

Gastonia Police Department

Gaston Rural Police Department

United States Post Office

Gaston County Merchants Association

Duke Power Company

Gaston County Voting Records

Local Board 36

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The following investigation was conducted by
IC MARION E. HILLIARD:

AT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

On April 16, 1968, Mrs. NELDA BARDEN, Registration Section, and Mrs. DELORES BEASLEY, Driver's License Section, both North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, and Mrs. MARGARET YATES, North Carolina Selective Service Headquarters, all advised that they could locate no record concerning WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE.

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI ATLANTA

551P EDT URGENT 5/3/68 VSC
TO DIRECTOR AND DETROIT AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS, MAY TWO,
LAST.

RE HAROLD G. ANDERSON:

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REFERENCE OF ALBERT PICK MOTEL, ATLANTA, REFLECTS SOCIAL
SECURITY NUMBER OF ANDERSON AS TWO FIVE EIGHT DASH FIVE FOUR DASH
FOUR FOUR TWO ZERO AND INDICATES ANDERSON CAME TO ALBERT PICK MOTEL
THRU ATLANTA UNION MISSION.

ANDERSON DESCRIBED AS FORTYFIVE TO FIFTY YRS OF AGE, FIVE FT
THREE IN., ONE THIRTY LBS., GRAY-BLACK HAIR, RUDDY COMPLEXION AND
INDICATES INTELLIGENCE ABOVE LEVEL OF ORDINARY ITINERANT LABORER.
ANDERSON WORKED AS UTILITY MAN AND DISHWASHER AT MOTEL.

DETROIT THRU LABOR UNIONS AND MISSIONS, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND
INTERVIEW ANDERSON, BEARING IN MIND ANDERSON WAS
FIRST PERSON TO OCCUPY ROOM FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY JAMES EARL RAY,
ONE ONE THREE - FOURTEENTH ST., NE, ROOM TWO. IF LOCATED, EXHIBIT
KNOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND INTERVIEW IN DEPTH CONCERNING
CONDITION AND ITEMS INROOM, WHICH ANDERSON MAY HAVE USED, TAKEN AND/OR
THROWN AWAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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FBI DETROIT

10:00PM URGENT 5/2/68 LPS 1P

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE DETROIT TEL TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS FIVE ONE LAST.

RE WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE AND HAROLD G. ANDERSON.

RECORDS OF ALL METROPOLITAN DETROIT LOCALS OF BRICKLAYERS
AND MASONS UNION REVIEWED THIS DATE AND NO ONE IDENTIFIABLE
WITH HAROLD G. ANDERSON CONTAINED THEREIN.

ATLANTA FORWARD FULL PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND SOCIAL SECURITY
NUMBER OF ANDERSON TO DETROIT, IF KNOWN, IN ORDER THAT ALL CONTRACTORS
IN METROPOLITAN DETROIT AREA MAY BE CONTACTED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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9:39 PM URGENT 5-1-68 SPW 1P

TO: DIRECTOR 44-38861 ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS

FROM: DETROIT 44-989

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DETROIT AND MEMPHIS THIS DATE
RE WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE AND HAROLD G. ANDERSON

PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY APPEARING ON IO FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO
WAS EXHIBITED TO LEE FOUR TWENTY TWO LAST AND HE INDICATED THIS WAS
NOT PHOTO OF PERSON HE MET IN ATLANTA FOUR FOUR LAST, WHO HAD
ALLEGEDLY JUST COME FROM TENNESSEE IN A "HOT CAR".

THIS DATE LEE ADVISED HE IS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFO
CONCERNING POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS OF HAROLD G. ANDERSON, OR ANY
INDIVIDUALS ANDERSON MIGHT CONTACT. LEE BELIEVES ANDERSON SAID
HE WAS A BRICK MASON.

DETROIT WILL CONTACT LOGICAL UNIONS RE WHEREABOUTS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-388)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau dated 4/16/68.

Enclosed for the information of all offices
are two copies each of a photograph of WILLIAM JENNINGS
WYNN LEE, FBI #000000.

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Also enclosed for the information of Los
Angeles is one copy of Detroit teletype to Bureau 4/16/68.

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FBI DETROIT

11:29 PM URGENT 4-16-68 SPW

TO: DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, CHARLOTTE.

FROM: DETROIT 44-989

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, BRIMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES,
DETROIT, CHARLOTTE FOUR SIXTEEN INSTANT.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE ~~RE~~-INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND HE
INDICATED THE PERSON HE SPOKE TO ONE FOUR FIVE LAST AND NINE
LAST LOOKS LIKE COMPOSITE BASED ON DESCRIPTION OF WITNESSES IN
MEMPHIS EXCEPT HE FELT THE PERSONS HAIR WAS FLATTER ON TOP. HE
COULD PROVIDE NO FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PERSON.

LEE VERIFIED ANDERSON ACCOMPANIED HIM TO MICHIGAN ON FOUR NINE
LAST BUT HE HAS NOT SEEN ANDERSON SINCE THEY ARRIVED IN MICHIGAN
ON FOUR TEN LAST. HE DOES NOT KNOW ANDERSON'S FIRST NAME BUT
BELIEVES HE IS ORIGINALLY FROM ATLANTA VICINITY. HE DOES NOT
BELIEVE ANDERSON SPOKE TO OR KNEW PERSON HE MET IN ATLANTA
FOUR FIVE LAST.

BIRMINGHAM AND LOS ANGELES RECEIVING COPIES BY MAIL

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7:35PM 4-16-68 URGENT CPO

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, DETROIT, AND MEMPHIS
FROM CHARLOTTE /44-1365/ 2P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPES APRIL FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN LAST, AND
DETROIT TELETYPE APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

RE WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE.

MRS. RUTH OWEN, GASTON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS, GASTONIA,
N. C., MADE AVAILABLE TODAY VOLUME TWENTY DASH B OF NINETEEN
THIRTY-THREE BIRTH RECORDS INDICATING THAT WILLIAM JENNINGS
BRYAN LEE, WHITE MALE, WAS BORN [REDACTED] AT
GASTONIA, N. C. HIS FATHER WAS LISTED AS J. D. LEE, WHITE MALE,
AGE THIRTY-FOUR IN THIRTY-THREE, POB TENNESSEE, OCCUPATION
TEXTILE WORKER. HIS MOTHER IS [REDACTED] WHITE FEMALE,
AGE SEVENTEEN IN THIRTY-THREE, POB TENNESSEE, OCCUPATION
HOUSEWIFE.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT GASTONIA AND RALEIGH,
N. C., ON APRIL FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN, LAST, WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS. NO RECORD COULD BE LOCATED PERTAINING TO THE LEE
FAMILY AT GASTONIA PD, GASTON RURAL POLICE DEPT. (SO),
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LB THIRTY-SIX, USPO, THE GASTON COUNTY MERCHANTS ASSN., DUKE POWER CO. RECORDS, PUBLIC SERVICE RECORDS, AND GASTON COUNTY VOTING RECORDS, ALL GASTONIA, N. C.; AND STATE SELECTIVE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS AND REGISTRATION SECTION AND DRIVERS LICENSE SECTION OF NCDMV, ALL RALEIGH, N.C.

DETROIT REINTERVIEW BETTY REITERMAN FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING RELATIVES OR ACQUAINTANCES IN GASTONIA, N. C., AREA WHO MAY KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF LEE.

AM COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM AND LOS ANGELES.

END.

TSJ

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FBI DETROIT

229 AM URGENT 4-16-68 VMC
TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS
FROM DETROIT (44-989) 2P

MURKIN

REMYTEL TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, CHARLOTTE, MEMPHIS FOUR
FIFTEEN LAST AND DE CALL TO AT THIS DATE.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE, TWO ZERO ONE TWO BELMONT,
HAMTRAMCK, MICH., INTERVIEWED FOUR FIFTEEN LAST AND ADVISED HE ARRIVED
ATLANTA LATE AFTERNOON FOUR FIVE LAST FROM DETROIT. HE WENT TO
ROOMING HOUSE ON FOURTEENTH STREET, N.E. (ADDRESS UNKNOWN) AND OBTAINED
A ROOM. AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE PM FOUR FIVE LAST HE MET A WHITE
MALE AT THE CORNER, TWO DOORS FROM THE ROOMING HOUSE. HE DESCRIBED
THIS MAN AS TWENTY FIVE TO TWENTYSIX, FIVE EIGHT, ONE FORTY FIVE,
SLENDER BUILD, SHORT LIGHT BROWN HAIR COMBED STRAIGHT BACK, BLUE
EYES, LIGHT COMPLEXION, GRAY SUIT, WHITE SHIRT, TIE (UNDONE) AND
TWO DAY GROWTH OF BEARD. HE DID NOT ASK THIS MAN'S NAME AND IT WAS
NOT VOLUNTEERED.

THIS MAN SAID HE HAD JUST COME IN FROM TENNESSEE AND HAD JUST
DROPPED A HOT CAR. HE INDICATED THE CAR WAS RELATIVELY NEW. THE
MAN WANTED SOME MONEY AND WHEN HE FOUND OUT LEE WAS ALSO BROKE SAID
THEY SHOULD GET TOGETHER AND PULL A JOB. LEE DECLINED.

LEE TOLD THE MAN HE COULD GET SOME HELP FROM THE HIPPIES WHO
LIVED TWO DOORS FROM THE ROOMING HOUSE.

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LEE AGAIN SAW THE MAN ON THE STREET MONDAY FOUR EIGHT LAST BUT DID NOT SPEAK TO HIM. LEE LAST SAW HIM AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY FOUR NINE LAST AS LEE WAS LEAVING FOR MICHIGAN. THE MAN TOLD LEE HE WAS LIVING WITH THE HIPPIES AND WAS PAYING THEM ONE DOLLAR A DAY TO HIDE HIM. THE MAN INDICATED HE WAS TO GET SOME DIFFERENT CLOTHES FROM THE HIPPIES.

TO THE BEST OF LEE'S KNOWLEDGE THIS MAN DID NOT OCCUPY A ROOM AT THE BOARDING HOUSE AT ANY TIME.

COMPOSITES BASED ON DESCRIPTIONS AT BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS WILL BE EXHIBITED TO LEE THIS DATE AND RESULTS WILL BE FORWARDED BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM AND CHARLOTTE.

END.

DGB

FBI MEMPHIS

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4/15/68

Airtel

To: SAC's Atlanta (44-3386)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype 4/15/68.

Latent prints this case not identical fingerprints
William Jennings Bryan Lee FBI #88282. No palm prints here
for Lee.

1 - Detroit (44-689)

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FBI DETROIT

5:50 PM URGENT 4-15-68 SFB

TO DIRECTOR

ATLANTA

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RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL FIFTEEN INSTANT, SETTING FORTH RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, ROOMING HOUSE MANAGER, ATLANTA, WITH COPIES DIRECTED TO DETROIT AND OTHER OFFICES.

INTERVIEW OF BETTY REITERMAN INDICATES WILLIAM LEE, MENTIONED IN RETEL, IS HER BROTHER, WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] NORTH CAROLINA OR CHICAGO, ILL., FIVE FT., EIGHT AND ONE HALF INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS, DARK BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, NO KNOWN SCARS OR MARKS, MARRIED, WIFE NAMED JOANNE LEE WITH FOUR CHILDREN, OCCUPATION - WELDER WHEN EMPLOYED, LAST SAW LEE IN DETROIT APPROXIMATELY FOUR MONTHS AGO, DOES NOT KNOW HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. STATED LEE DID NOT HAVE ARREST RECORD; HOWEVER, INVESTIGATION DETROIT DISCLOSES THAT LEE HAS LENGTHY ARREST RECORD AND IDENT WITH SUBJECT OF FBI NO. [REDACTED] REITERMAN FURTHER

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ADVISED THAT LEE'S MOTHER, MRS. WALTER CROSBY, RESIDES IN WARREN, MICH. AREA AND DURING INTERVIEW REITERMAN WAS RETICENT TO VOLUNTEER SPECIFICS. SOME SIMILARITIES NOTED BETWEEN PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF LEE AND SUSPECT GALT. INTERVIEW WITH BETTY REITERMAN, ONE NINE FIVE TWO WALTZ, WARREN, MICH., CONTINUING. LEE'S MOTHER WILL ALSO BE INTERVIEWED BY DETROIT. DETROIT ENDEAVORING TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OF LEE.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL WITH CASE ENTITLED "WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE; ITSMV", AS REFLECTED IN REPORT OF SA DEAN C. ROLSTON, DATED FEBRUARY TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN FIFTY TWO, AT KANSAS CITY, KC 00. DESCRIPTION OF LEE AS SET FORTH IN SA ROLSTON'S REPORT SHOWS HE WAS BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA, FIVE FT., TEN INCHES, ONE FIVE FOUR LBS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, WHITE, SCARS AND MARKS - THREE QUARTER INCH SCAR MIDDLE OF FOREHEAD, ARMY SERIAL NO. [REDACTED]

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BUREAU REQUESTED TO CHECK INDICES ON WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN LEE, SEARCH RECORDS IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, AND COMPARE FINGERPRINTS WITH ANY LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE.

INVESTIGATION DETROIT CONTINUING.

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FBI NEW YORK

5:15 PM URGENT 4-15-68 WS

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN, CR.

ON THIS DATE, NASSAU COUNTY PD ARRESTED JOHN A. BURNS,
EIGHT-EIGHT ALLEN AVENUE, OCEANSIDE, NEW YORK, AS HE
ATTEMPTED TO LEAVE GAS STATION WITHOUT PAYING FOR GAS.
HE RESISTED ARREST AND SEARCH OF HIS VEHICLE DISCLOSED
TWO RIFLES, FOUR GUNSIGHTS, TWO PAIRS OF BINOCULARS.
BURNS, DURING QUESTIONING, BECAME INCOHERENT AND AT ONE TIME
SAID THAT HE HAD KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING. HE LATER
RE ANTED THIS STATEMENT AND CONTINUED TO RAMBLE MAKING
QUESTIONING IMPOSSIBLE. HE WAS TAKEN TO PSYCHIATRIC WARD,
MEADOWBROOK HOSPITAL, EAST MEADOW, NEW YORK, AND LATER
ARRAIGNED IN NASSAU COUNTY AND CHARGED WITH PETTY LARCENY
AND RESISTING ARREST. HE WAS HELD IN LIEU OF THREE HUNDRED
DOLLARS BAIL AND HAS BEEN RETURNED TO MEADOWBROOK HOSPITAL,
FOR FURTHER PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION. BURNS IS INCOHERENT
AT PRESENT TIME AND QUESTIONING NOT POSSIBLE RE WHEREABOUTS
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ON APRIL FOUR, LAST. NASSAU COUNTY PD FORWARDING FINGERPRINT CARD TODAY TO IDENT DIVISON. FINGERPRINT CARD DISCLOSED BURNS, NASSAU COUNTY PD NUMBER FOUR SEVEN TWO ONE ONE, PRIMARY FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION THIRTEEN OVER EIGHTEEN, WITH AFOREMENTIONED HOME ADDRESS. IDENT DIVISION UPON RECEIPT OF FINGERPRINT CARD REQUESTED TO COMPARE PRINTS WITH PRINTS OF UNSUB.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LITTLE ROCK

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS, APRIL TWENTYSIX,
SIXTYEIGHT, TWO PM.

REFERENCED TELETYPE STATES JAMES PAFFORD OF SPRINGHILL,
LOUISIANA, ALLEGEDLY MADE A THREAT AGAINST KING ON
JANUARY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYFIVE. THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF
SPRINGHILL DID NOT GIVE ANY CREDENCE TO THE REPORT.
PAFFORD WAS REPORTEDLY A GUN COLLECTOR OF GOOD REPUTATION
RESIDING IN CULLEN, LOUISIANA.

RECENT INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE REVEALS PAFFORD
NOW RESIDES AT MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS, AND HAS LIVED THERE
FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. LITTLE ROCK HAS CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION
TO ELIMINATE PAFFORD AS THE SUBJECT OF THIS CASE BY
ASCERTAINING HIS WHEREABOUTS ON PERTINENT DATES.

① - Memphis (AIRMAIL COPY)
1 - New Orleans
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REFERENCED TELETYPE STATES THAT, ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT IN THIS CASE, INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF PAFFORD MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

LITTLE ROCK AT MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF PAFFORD MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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URGENT

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS
FROM: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

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BUREAU FILES ON KING REFLECT THE FOLLOWING:

INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED BY YOUR OFFICE THAT ONE JAMES PAFFORD OF SPRING HILL, LOUISIANA, HAD ALLEGEDLY MADE A THREAT AGAINST KING ON JANUARY EIGHTEEN SIXTY FIVE. THE CHIEF OF POLICE REUBEN O'NEAL, OF THE SPRING HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT DID NOT GIVE ANY CREDENCE TO THE REPORT. PAFFORD WAS REPORTEDLY A GUN COLLECTOR OF GOOD REPUTATION RESIDING IN CULLEN, LOUISIANA.

ON JUNE TWENTY-TWO SIXTY FIVE, ONE CARROLL JORDAN, THREE ZERO SEVEN SIXTH STREET, MONROE, LOUISIANA, TURNED IN A WALLET TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT HE FOUND IN WEST MONROE. A LOUISIANA DRIVERS LICENSE IN THE WALLET HAD BEEN ISSUED TO WILLIAM R. DAVID, ROUTE ONE, CALHOUN, LOUISIANA, WHOSE DOB INDICATED AS [REDACTED] A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD WAS ALSO FOUND IN THE NAME OF BILLY BOB DAVID, SON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A LETTER IN THE WALLET WAS ADDRESSED TO THE IMPERIAL WIZARD OF THE KKK INDICATING THE WRITER WAS WILLING TO

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TELETYPE SAC, NEW ORLEANS
RE: MURKIN

**EXTERMINATE MR. JOHNSON'S BOSS, MARTIN LUTHER KING, FOR FIVE
MILLION DOLLARS. THE LETTER WAS SIGNED "BILLY BOB DAVID AND
ASSOCIATES." IN PARENTHESES THE NAMES DALE TAYLOR, G.E. JOHNSON,
DECKIE MC INTOSH, AND KENT HALE WERE LISTED. YOU ADVISED AT THE
TIME THAT COP, MONROE, COULD FIND NO INFORMATION IN HIS FILES
CONCERNING THESE PERSONS.**

**ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT,
YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THE
ABOVE MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.**

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL.

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Date: 4/16/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Little Rock teletype to Bureau, Memphis and
New Orleans, 4/15/68, at 4:37 PM.RE: JAMES CARL PAFFORD

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies each of two
FD 302's setting forth results of interviews with Mr.
DENNIS P. SIMMONS and Mr. VINCENT TUMINELLO on 4/16/68,
at Springhill, La.

The following is a synopsis of the enclosed
FD 302's:

Two individuals of Springhill, La., advised
that JAMES CARL PAFFORD of Magnolia, Ark., was in their
company from 3/28/68 until 3/30/68, and assisted in
chaperoning students at Baton Rouge, La.

② - Memphis (Encs. 50) (RM)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 19681

Mr. DENNIS P. SIMMONS, Industrial Arts Teacher, Springhill High School, Springhill, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

SIMMONS is the co-sponsor of the Industrial Arts Club. On March 28, 1968, this club made a trip from Springhill, Louisiana, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. JAMES CARL PAFFORD is well known to SIMMONS and was formerly a resident of nearby Cullen, Louisiana. PAFFORD now operates an ambulance service at nearby Magnolia, Arkansas. PAFFORD drove his own station wagon and hauled six high school students on the trip from Springhill, Louisiana, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on March 28, 1968. The group left Springhill about 11:30 AM on March 28, 1968, and arrived at Baton Rouge about 6:00 PM the same date. The group, including PAFFORD, stayed at the White House Inn in Baton Rouge until March 30, 1968. On that date they departed Baton Rouge at 11:30 AM and arrived back in Springhill at 5:30 PM.

SIMMONS was in regular contact with PAFFORD during this entire period and knows that PAFFORD did not make any other trips during that period.

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On 4/16/68 at Springhill, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 19681

Mr. VINCENT TUMINELLO, Mechanical Drawing Teacher, Springhill High School, Springhill, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

TUMINELLO is sponsor of the Industrial Arts Club, made up of high school students, which club made a trip from Springhill, Louisiana, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on March 28, 1968. JAMES CARL PAFFORD accompanied the club and hauled six high school students in his station wagon. The group, including PAFFORD, left Springhill, Louisiana, about 11:30 AM, March 28, 1968, and arrived at Baton Rouge about 6:00 PM the same date. The entire group stayed at the White House Inn in Baton Rouge that night. PAFFORD's wife arrived in Baton Rouge by bus about 11:00 PM, March 28, 1968, and was with the group after that time.

TUMINELLO was in regular contact with PAFFORD in Baton Rouge until the group departed Baton Rouge about 11:30 AM, March 30, 1968, and he saw PAFFORD at Springhill, Louisiana, when the group arrived there about 5:30 PM, March 30, 1968.

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FBI NEW ORLS

1: 11:40AM URGENT 4-16-68 MMW
TO DIRECTOR, LITTLE ROCK, AND MEMPHIS
FROM NEW ORLEANS
MURKIN

RE LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST,
FOUR THIRTYSEVEN PM.

RE JAMES CARL PAFFORD

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DENNIS P. SIMMONS AND VINCENT TUMINELLO, TEACHERS AT
SPRINGHILL, LOUISIANA, HIGH SCHOOL, STATE JAMES CARL
PAFFORD ACCOMPANIED THEM ON HIGH SCHOOL TRIP FROM SPRINGHILL,
LOUISIANA, TO BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, FROM ELEVEN THIRTY AM,
MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, RETURNING TO SPRINGHILL AT
FIVE THIRTY PM, MARCH THIRTY, LAST.

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

NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 4P (P)

MURKIN. CR.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND LITTLE ROCK
APRIL ELEVEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

ON APRIL TWELVE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, JAMES CARL PAFFORD,
ONE THREE ZERO NORTH JEFFERSON, MAGNOLIA, ARK., ADVISED AS
FOLLOWS:

ON THURSDAY, MARCH TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT, HE LEFT MAGNOLIA
ABOUT SIX AM AND WENT TO SPRINGHILL, LA., HIGH SCHOOL ARRIVING
THERE ABOUT SIX THIRTY AM.

PAFFORD MET A GROUP OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO CHAPERON
THEM TO AN INDUSTRIAL ARTS CONVENTION AT BATON ROUGE, LA.,
OTHER CHAPERONS WERE SPRINGHILL HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS VINCENT
TUMENELO AND F. SIMMONS AND THEIR WIVES.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS AND CHAPERONS LEFT SPRINGHILL, LA.,
ABOUT EIGHT THIRTY AM ON MARCH TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT EN ROUTE
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BATON ROUGE, ARRIVING AT ABOUT TWO PM. THEY CHECKED INTO WHITE HOUSE INN. PAFFORD STATED HIS WIFE CAME TO BATON ROUGE ON A BUS ON MARCH TWENTYEIGHT ARRIVING ABOUT ELEVEN PM.

PAFFORD WAS WITH ABOVE GROUP UNTIL HE AND HIS WIFE RETURNED TO SPRINGHILL ON MARCH THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT AT ABOUT NOON TIME. HE AND WIFE THEN RETURNED TO MAGNOLIA, ARK., ARRIVING ABOUT SIX THIRTY PM, SAME DATE.

PAFFORD ADVISED THAT ON APRIL FOUR HE WAS IN MAGNOLIA, ARK., ALL DAY AND WAS AT MAGNOLIA HOSPITAL WHEN HE HEARD ABOUT KING'S DEATH. HIS WIFE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HIM AT THE HOSPITAL AND ADVISED HIM OF THE SHOOTING.

PRESENT WITH HIM AT THE HOSPITAL WHEN HIS WIFE CALLED WAS AN UNKNOWN LADY WORKING AT THE HOSPITAL LUNCH COUNTER, A NURSE NAMED CAROL MC KENZIE, AND ANOTHER UNKNOWN NURSE.

MRS. CAROL PAFFORD WAS INTERVIEWED AT HER PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, MAGNOLIA, ARK., AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

ON MARCH TWENTYEIGHT NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, HER HUSBAND LEFT AT ABOUT SEVEN AM FOR SPRINGHILL, LA. ON SAME DATE AT ABOUT
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TWO PM SHE TOOK A BUS FROM MAGNOLIA TO BATON ROUGE, LA.,
ARRIVING ELEVEN FIFTYFIVE PM. HER HUSBAND MET HER AT THE BUS
TERMINAL WHEN SHE ARRIVED IN BATON ROUGE. SHE AND HUSBAND
STAYED TOGETHER IN BATON ROUGE CHAPERONING APPROXIMATELY
TWENTYFIVE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT AN INDUSTRIAL ARTS CONVENTION.
SHE STATED HUSBAND WAS WITH HER ENTIRE TIME THEY WERE IN BATON
ROUGE.

SHE STATED THAT ON APRIL FOUR SIXTYEIGHT SHE HAD QUIT WORK
AT ABOUT SIX AM AND WAS AT HOME ALL DAY. SOMETIME ABOUT FOUR
OR FIVE PM SHE HEARD THAT KING HAD BEEN SHOT AND SHE TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACTED A MIKE MC KENZIE TO SEE IF HER HUSBAND WAS AT HIS HOUSE.
SHE TALKED TO MIKE MC KENZIE AND HE SAID HER HUSBAND WAS NOT
AT HIS HOUSE AND SHE THEN CALLED THE MAGNOLIA HOSPITAL AND
ADVISED HER HUSBAND THAT KING HAD BEEN SHOT.

MR. AND MRS. PAFFORD ADVISED THEY OWNED A NINETEEN SIXTY-
THREE PONTIAC STATION WAGON, COLOR LIGHT BLUE.

J. W. CLEAVER, MAGNOLIA, ARK., PD, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS RE
PAFFORD:

PAFFORD OPERATES MAGNOLIA AMBULANCE SERVICE WITH CITY AND
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COUNTY SUPPLYING TWO AMBULANCES. PAFFORD LEFT TOWN WEEKEND OF MARCH THIRTY TO GO TO BATON ROUGE, LA. PAFFORD RESIDES MAGNOLIA, ARK., WITH HIS WIFE AND A BROTHER NAMED RAYMOND PAFFORD, WHO IS A STUDENT AT SOUTHERN STATE COLLEGE, MAGNOLIA. CLEAVER STATES PAFFORD OWNS A NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE PONTIAC AND PREVIOUSLY DROVE A VOLKSWAGEN. HE HAS RELATIVES IN CULLEN, LA. NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

MIKE AND CAROL MC KENZIE CURRENTLY VISITING UNKNOWN RELATIVES AT BUNKIE, LA., AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED UPON RETURN.

NEW ORLEANS AT SPRINGHILL, LA., VERIFY PAFFORD'S PRESENCE AT INDUSTRIAL ARTS CONVENTION, BATON ROUGE, LA., ON MARCH TWENTYEIGHT THROUGH THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT, THROUGH INTERVIEWS WITH VINCENT TUMENELO AND F. SIMMONS AT SPRINGHILL, LA., HIGH SCHOOL.

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434 PM URGENT 4-15-68 MLE

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND ALBANY, ATLANTA (44-2386) AND
MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, ET AL, APRIL TWELVE,
SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO ALBANY, MRS. LOUISE GALT, FAIRFIELD, ALABAMA,
MADE AVAILABLE APRIL TWELVE LAST A BOOKLET OF GALT FAMILY
GENEOLOGY WHICH WAS EXAMINED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS REGARDING
NAME ERIC STARVO GALT.

BOOKLET CONTAINED GENERAL INFORMATION THAT GALT FAMILY
WENT TO GEORGIA AND CALIFORNIA. THIS INFORMATION CONTRIBUTED
BY A MARY MEARES GALT, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. MRS. LOUISE GALT ADVISED
THIS PERSON UNKNOWN TO HER AND GAVE ADDRESSES OF PERSONS WHO
MIGHT HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT GALT FAMILY IN CALIFORNIA. AMONG
THESE WAS MRS. ROGER MC ARTHUR, HINSDALE, ILLINOIS.

INVESTIGATION HINSDALE, ILLINOIS, DEVELOPED THAT MRS.

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MC ARTHUR'S HUSBAND RECENTLY DIED AND SHE MOVED TO MARLBORO, VERMONT, CARE OF GENERAL DELIVERY. SHE IS BUILDING A HOME ON EITHER A BROTHER'S OR SISTER'S PROPERTY.

ALBANY AT MARLBORO, VERMONT, CONTACT MRS. ROGER MC ARTHUR AND ASCERTAIN INFORMATION SHE MAY HAVE RE GALT FAMILY IN CALIFORNIA. NOTED THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS SUSPECT THIS CASE DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN [REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, NEAT DRESSER. ALSO ASCERTAIN IF ADDRESS OF MARY MEARES GALT KNOWN TO MRS. MC ARTHUR. SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS BASED ON INTERVIEW.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AM COPY TO MINNEAPOLIS

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FBI LASVEAS

4:12 PM URGENT 4-15-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM LAS VEGAS (157-133)

MURKIN.

REBUTELS, APRIL TWELVE AND FOURTEEN LAST
RE DANCING SCHOOLS.

CHECKS AT DANCING SCHOOLS IN STATE OF NEV. RE GALT,
WILLARD AND LOWNYER NEGATIVE.

RECORDS, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, STILL BEING CHECKED RE
BIRTH DATE

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)
RE: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

Sub E-391

Re Denver teletype to Memphis and San Antonio
4/15/68.

Inquiry at the Fort Brown Motor Hotel, Brownsville, Texas, on 4/15 and 16/68 revealed the only guest fitting the description furnished by WILLIAM CONWAY, Colorado Springs, Colorado, was that of a guest registered as WILLARD MESSICK, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who was arrested by the local police department.

COP GUS O. KRAUSSE, FBI NA, on 4/17/68 advised WILLARD MESSICK was arrested 2 p.m., 4/15/68, on two counts of swindling by worthless check, at which time MESSICK claimed to be from Jacksonville, Florida. On being fingerprinted, he admitted true identity as JACK CHARLES THIESEN, wanted in State of Michigan for parole violation. THIESEN described as white male; age 36; born [redacted] Escambia, Michigan; 5'11"; 210 pounds; brown hair; hazel eyes. He is being held in the local county jail, Brownsville, Texas, on \$2,000 bond set on each of the two charges and a detainer has been placed for the State of Michigan.

Information copy submitted for Denver.

② - Memphis
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2 - SA
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FBI DENVER

1-35 PM URGENT 4-15-68 BID
TO MEMPHIS AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM DENVER 157-203 2P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

TODAY WILLIAM CONWAY, TWO TWO ONE NINE MONROE PLACE, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, ADVISED HE HAD BEEN IN BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, APRIL SIX TO APRIL ELEVEN LAST. CONWAY STATED STAYED AT FORT BROWN HOTEL, WHILE THERE MET UNKNOWN MALE DESCRIBED AS WM, THIRTYFIVE YEARS, TWO FIFTEEN POUNDS, FIVE ELEVEN TO SIX FEET, LIGHT COMPLEXION, BLOND HAIR, WHO ADVISED CONWAY, HE WAS MERCHANT MARINE WHO RESIDED IN UNKNOWN TOWN, FLORIDA,

THIS INDIVIDUAL REPORTEDLY IN BROWNSVILLE ON VACATION AND WIFE CURRENTLY IN FRANKFORT, GERMANY.

CONWAY STATED INDIVIDUAL AROUSED HIS SUSPICIONS AS HE INDICATED FORMERLY IN HOTEL BUSINESS AND AS HE, CONWAY, HOTEL OWNER, NOTED NUMEROUS DISCREPANCIES IN STORY.

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CONWAY STATED WHEN HE READ STORIES CONCERNING MARTIN LUTHER KING-S ASSASSINATION, HE DECIDED TO CALL FBI. CONWAY STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL STILL AT FORT BROWN HOTEL WHEN CONWAY DEPARTED APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

SAN ANTONIO, AT BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION REGARDING THIS INDIVIDUAL AS SUSPECT IN MURKIN.

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FBI CHICAGO

444 PM URGENT 4-15-68 MLE

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL APRIL FIFTEEN INSTANT.

JOHN E. GALT, COTTON BROKER, EIGHT HUNDRED NORTH CLARK,
CHICAGO, ADVISED THIS DATE, HIS SISTER WHO HAD KNOWLEDGE OF
FAMILY TREE IS DECEASED. HE HAS BROTHER DEWEY, AGE SEVENTY,
EMPLOYED US POST OFFICE, CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA, AND BROTHER
HARRY GALT, KENESAW, GEORGIA, EMPLOYED AT LOCKHEED, MARIETTA,
GEORGIA.

JOHN GALT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE RE SUSPECT BEING MEMBER OF
GALT FAMILY OR OTHER MEMBER OF GALT FAMILY OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

ATLANTA AT CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA, INTERVIEW DEWEY GALT
AND AT KENESAW, GEORGIA, INTERVIEW HARRY GALT, RE SUSPECT GALT.

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