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To: SAC, Jacksonville (44-769)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Submitted major case prints of suspect CLIVE COUNTRY are not identical with latent impressions previously reported remaining unidentified in this case.

Submitted prints and photograph retained Identification Division.

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To: SAC, Jacksonville

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re undated communication from Chief of Police, Jacksonville, Florida, enclosing fingerprints of CLYDE COURTNEY, born [redacted] Louisville, Kentucky.

Unidentified latent fingerprints and latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Courtney.

Fingerprints of Courtney being searched through our main fingerprint file; results will be furnished separately.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
Attn: Identification Division,
Latent Fingerprint Section

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJ: MURKIN
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Suspect: CLYDE COURTNEY

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following:

One photograph of CLYDE COURTNEY, taken by the Jacksonville Police Department on 4/13/68, under Jacksonville Police Department Number 178069.

Also enclosed is one set of Major Case Prints of CLYDE COURTNEY consisting of the rolled impressions together with palm prints and tips. These were taken by the Jacksonville Police Department and need not be returned.

Enclosed for Memphis is a photograph of suspect CLYDE COURTNEY as described under enclosures for Bureau.

The Single Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division is requested to compare the above Major Case Prints with any latents available in connection with subject matter. Major case prints need not be returned upon completion.

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305AM 4/15/68 URGENT LG

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LOUISVILLE, JACKSONVILLE
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

RE JACKSONVILLE TEL APRIL FOURTEEN LAST CONCERNING
CLYDE COURTNEY.

RECORDS PEACEFUL MOTEL, CORDELE GA. CHECKED APRIL
FOURTEEN AND REFLECT COURTNEY STAYED THERE APRIL THREE LAST.

C. M. MASSEY, TENTH STREET, VIENNA, GEORGIA ON APRIL
FOURTEEN CONFIRMED HE WAS WITH COURTNEY APRIL FOUR THROUGH APRIL
EIGHT LAST.

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2:08AM EST URGENT 4-14-68 RCM

TO BUREAU (44-38861), LOUISVILLE, ATLANTA (44-2386), AND
MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, APRIL THIRTEEN LAST.
CLYDE (NMN) COURTNEY, ARRESTED JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT,
SEVEN FORTY PM, APRIL THIRTEEN LAST, JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
NUMBER THREE ZERO TWO ONE TWO, ON CHARGES OF VAGRANCY, AND REPORTED BY
POLICE AS RESEMBLING ARTISTS SKETCH OF UNSUB. COURTNEY INTERVIEWED AT
JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT. COURTNEY DESCRIBED AS WM, AGE THIRTY-
THREE, BORN LOUISVILLE, KY., [REDACTED] FIVE FEET
NINE INCHES, ONE THREE ONE LBS., BROWN EYES, DARK BROWN OR BLACK HAIR
RECEDING AT TEMPLES, SLENDER BUILD, SHARP FEATURES, SOCIAL SECURITY
NUMBER [REDACTED] COURTNEY ADVISED
THAT WHEN ARRESTED HE HAD TWENTYFIVE CENTS AND NO JOB; THAT HE HAS NOT
OWNED A CAR SINCE HIS DRIVERS LICENSE WAS TAKEN AWAY ABOUT THREE YEARS
AGO DUE TO ACCIDENT AT LOMA LINDA, CALIF. STATED IN AUGUST NINETEEN
SIXTYSEVEN WAS RESIDING WITH HIS SISTER, MRS. G. E. SMITH, THREE
ONE NINE EIGHT CANNES ST., RIVERSIDE, CALIF. AND EMPLOYED BY BROTHER-
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IN-LAW, AS PLUMBERS HELPER, RIVERSIDE; LEFT RIVERSIDE APPROXIMATELY NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN BY CAR WITH BROTHER-IN-LAW AND ARRIVED AT ONE ZERO ONE TWO WINKLER AVE., LOUISVILLE, KY., THE RESIDENCE OF HIS MOTHER MRS. LULA SENSABOUGH. COURTNEY RESIDED WITH HIS MOTHER WHILE IN LOUISVILLE AND WAS EMPLOYED AS A JANITOR AT ST. ANTHONY'S HOSPITAL AND JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, LOUISVILLE UNDER MR. (FNU) KRAMER. LEFT LOUISVILLE, KY., SIX AM, APRIL THREE LAST, WITH NEIGHBOR, MR (FNU) JAMES, ONE ZERO ONE ZERO WINKLER AVE., LOUISVILLE AND DROVE TO CORDELLE, GA., ARRIVING ABOUT SIX PM, APRIL THREE LAST. REGISTERED AT PEACEFUL MOTEL, CORDELLE, GA. COURTNEY ADVISED WHILE IN GEORGIA WAS IN COMPANY OF C. H. MASSEY, A CARPENTER, RESIDING TENTH STREET, VIENNA, GA. STATED LEFT VIENNA, GA., SIX PM, APRIL EIGHT LAST VIA GREYHOUND BUS, AND ARRIVED JACKSONVILLE SIX AM, APRIL NINE LAST. LOCAL AUTHORITIES CLAIMED COURTNEY RESEMBLED ARTISTS CONCEPTION AND NEWSPAPERS AND TV WERE AWARE OF SAME PRIOR TO AGENTS ARRIVAL AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND INTERVIEW WITH COURTNEY. NUMEROUS INQUIRIES BEING RECEIVED FROM PRESS WHO ARE BEING ADVISED THERE APPEARS TO BE NO APPARENT CONNECTION.

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LOUISVILLE CONTACT MRS. LULA SENSABOUGH, ONE ZERO ONE TWO WINKLER ST., AND VERIFY RESIDENCE. CONTACT MR. KRAMER, JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND VERIFY EMPLOYMENT.

ATLANTA CONTACT C. H. MASSEY, TENTH STREET, VIENNA, GA., AND VERIFY COURTNEY'S STORY IN CORDELLE AND VIENNA, GA. CHECK RECORDS PEACEFUL MOTEL, CORDELLE, GA. FOR REGISTRATION OF COURTNEY APRIL THREE LAST.
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9:25 PM URGENT 4-13-68 NLB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS
AND NEW YORK
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE LA TELETYPE APRIL TWELVE LAST.

AIRLINES PHASE - CONTINUING INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES
DISCLOSED E.N. GAULT USED STATLER-HILTON HOTEL, LOS ANGELES
AS CONTACT POINT FOR DELTA AIRLINES RESERVATIONS MARCH TWENTY-
SEVEN LAST. RECORDS STATLER-HILTON, LOS ANGELES DISCLOSED
MR. AND MRS. E.N. GAULT CHECKED INTO STATLER-HILTON, NINE
THREE ZERO WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, AT SIX FIFTY-THREE P.M. ON
THREE TWENTY-FIVE LAST. CHECKED OUT AT NINE ZERO FOUR A.M.
ON NINE TWENTY-SEVEN LAST. GAULT LISTED RESIDENCE FOUR ZERO
FIVE LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY. EMPLOYMENT LISTED AS
COCA DASH COLA COMPANY. GAULT PAID CASH. NO CREDIT TRANSACTIONS
LOCATED. CHECK OF HELICOPTER, LIMOUSINE, RENTAL CAR TRANS-
PORTATION TO LA AIRPORT NEGATIVE. NEW YORK ASCERTAIN BACKGROUND
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SUFFICIENT TO DETERMINE ANY POSSIBILITY IF GAULT IS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH THE ERIC GALT BEING SOUGHT IN THIS MATTER. FOR INFORMATION OF NEW YORK, REFERENCED TELETYPE ADVISED RECORDS, DELTA AIRLINES, LOS ANGELES, INDICATE E.N. AND M. GAULT TRAVELED TOURIST CLASS, DELTA FLIGHT EIGHT TWO TWO, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN LAST. POSSIBLE RESERVATION INFORMATION CONCERNING ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AVAILABLE, DELTA HEADQUARTERS, ATLANTA.

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To: SAC, San Diego (44-387)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent in this case are not identical with fingerprints of BENJAMIN BRACKEN, U.S. Navy Service [redacted] or with the fingerprints of WAYNE FRANCIS RYAN, born [redacted] Police Department Grange, Texas, their #10384 who may or may not be identical with Wayne Ryan named in retel. Fingerprint card for Ryan lists occupation U.S. Navy when arrested 1960. No Navy fingerprints located Identification Division. No Palm prints here for either Bracken or Ryan.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) MEMPHIS (44-1987)
KNOXVILLE, AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL THIRTEEN, LAST.

ROBERT BENJAMIN BRACKEN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT LEAD HILL,
ARK. ADMITTED DRINKING IN VALLEY INN, EL CAJON, CAL., APRIL TWO,
LAST, AND STATED, "IF KING GOES TO MEMPHIS THE SECOND TIME TO
RABBLE ROUSE, HE'LL BE KILLED." RECALLS NO OTHER STATEMENT
REGARDING KING, BUT WAS DRINKING HEAVILY, AND DID NOT INDICATE
TAHT HE HAD ANY INTENTION OF KILLING KING, AND STATED HE HAD NO
KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE MATTER, AND HAD NOT BEEN IN MEMPHIS.

BRACKEN STATES BOARDED SANTA FE TRAIN LEAVING SAN DIEGO,
CAL., FOUR PM, APRIL TWO, LAST. ARRIVED JOPLIN, MISSOURI, ABOUT
NOON, APRIL FOUR, LAST. RODE BUS JOPLIN TO SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI,
SAME DATE, WHERE CALLED WAYNE RYAN, AT LEAD HILL ABOUT FIVE PM.
RODE BUS SPRINGFIELD TO MOUNTAIN HOME, ARK., ARRIVING NINE PM,
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AND MET THERE BY RYAN. BRACKEN PRODUCED TRAIN AND BUS TICKETS
STUBS AS WELL AS TWO INSURANCE POLICIES, ONE OF WHICH DATED
APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI, EFFECTIVE FOUR PM,
THAT DATE.. BOTH INSURANCE POLICIES WERE IN HIS NAME.

FD THREE ZERO TWO'S FOLLOW TO MEMPHIS.

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753PM URGENT 4/13/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

LITTLE ROCK AND KNOXVILLE

FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387) 4P

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ON APRIL THIRTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, VICKIE FRANCES BURT,
EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA (PROTECT IDENTITY), TELEPHONICALLY
ADVISED THAT ON APRIL TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, SHE OVERHEARD A CONVERSATION
IN A BAR ON THE TUESDAY BEFORE KING'S MURDER AS FOLLOWS:

A MALE INDIVIDUAL, WHO SAID HE WAS AN EX-POLICEMAN FROM
TENNESSEE, CLAIMED HE HAD A CONTRACT FOR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS
TO KILL KING AND THAT "IN TWO DAYS THAT BLACK SOB WILL BE DEAD".
THIS MALE INDIVIDUAL, WHOSE FIRST NAME BELIEVED TO BE BOB, IS
DESCRIBED:

WMA, FIVE ELEVEN, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE TO EIGHTY POUNDS,
DARK BROWN, STRAIGHT, RECEDING HAIR, BLUE EYES, OWNS WHITE OR
CREAM COLORED AUTOMOBILE, MAKE UNKNOWN.

BURT ADVISED CONVERSATION ALSO HEARD BY BAR TENDER AT
VALLEY INN, EL CAJON, KNOWN TO HER AS "SARGE".

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BOYD YOUNG, ^bAKA "SARGE", BAR TENDER, VALLEY INN, EL CAJON VERIFIED INFORMATION FURNISHED BY BURT. STATED INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS BOB BRACKON ^D(PH), A CUSTOMER, WHOSE WIFE RESIDES AT SUNRISE TRAILER COURT, EL CAJON, WAS IN VALLEY INN BAR ON APRIL TWO, SIXTY EIGHT AND DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION, DISCUSSION OF RACIAL ISSUE CAME UP. BRACKON (PH), STATED "I HAVE A FIVE THOUSAND CONTRACT TO KILL KING, I DON'T NEED ANY HELP, AND IN TWO DAYS I AM GOING TO KILL KING". SHORT TIME LATER HE ADVISED YOUNG HE WAS GOING TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

BRACKON (PH) HAD A SUITCASE WITH HIM AND DEPARTED WITH ANOTHER CUSTOMER, AL ^D(LNU), BUT WHOM YOUNG CANNOT FURTHER IDENTIFY, AFTER HAVING ASKED AL (LNU) TO TAKE HIM TO THE RAILROAD STATION.

INGEBORG KATARINA BRACKEN, SUNRISE TRAILER COURT, EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA, WIFE OF ROBERT BENJAMIN BRACKEN, ^DADVISED SHE AND HER HUSBAND ARE ESTRANGED DUE TO MENTAL ILLNESS ON PART OF HUSBAND. MENTAL ILLNESS BEGAN IN NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR WHEN HE WAS PLACED IN A U.S. NAVAL MENTAL HOSPITAL IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA. HE WAS IN HOSPITAL PERIOD OF FIVE MONTHS. IN NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE, HUSBAND RETURNED TO ACTIVE DUTY U.S. NAVY ABOARD USS SARATOGA. THREE MONTHS LATER HAD ANOTHER BREAKDOWN AND PLACED IN HOSPITAL IN GERMANY, AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED SAME YEAR, FROM US NAVAL HOSPITAL, LARGO, FLORIDA.

DURING AUGUST, SIXTY SEVEN, THEY SEPARATED AND HUSBAND WENT TO LEAD HILL, ARKANSAS AND STAYED WITH A FRIEND NAMED WAYNE RYAN, ^DDESCRIBED BY MRS. BRACKEN AS A PERSON HAVING MENTAL ILLNESS
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HISTORY. BRACKEN RETURNED TO EL CAJON FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND LAST HEARD FROM HUSBAND, TELEPHONICALLY; FROM SAN DIEGO, MARCH THIRTY LAST, AND STATED WAS GOING TO GO TO LEAD HILL, ARKANSAS AND STAY WITH WAYNE RYAN.

MRS. BRACKEN DISPLAYED A COPY OF DD TWO ONE FOUR (SEPARATION FROM SERVICE) ISSUED TO BRACKEN AND FOLLOWING INFORMATION OBTAINED:

NAME ROBERT BENJAMIN BRACKEN, RATE CS ONE (E-SIX), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], DOB [REDACTED]

SEVENTY TWO INCHES TALL, TWO HUNDRED FORTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES. DD TWO ONE FOUR ALSO HAD ADDRESS OF DECEASED MOTHER, NAME NOT SHOWN, NINE THREE ZERO HOPKINS STREET, JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE, AND FORMER ADDRESS OF MRS. BRACKEN AND HER HUSBAND, THREE SIX FIVE ZERO DEBBY DRIVE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

BRACKEN HAS FOLLOWING FRIENDS AT JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE, JAMES F. GODSEY, TWO ONE ZERO FIVE EAST UNEKA AVENUE, AND GARRETT WILCOX, RT THREE, JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF ROBERT BENJAMIN BRACKEN, [REDACTED], WITH ANY LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED IN THIS CASE.

LITTLE ROCK, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT LEAD HILL, ARKANSAS AT RESIDENCE OF WAYNE RYAN TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SUBJECT. WILL ALSO FURNISH BUREAU BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE WILLIAM RYAN SO THAT IDENTIFICATION RECORD CAN BE LOCATED TO COMPARE HIS FINGER PRINTS WITH ANY LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED IN
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THIS CASE.

KNOXVILLE AT JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE CONTACT FRIENDS LISTED
ABOVE RE INFORMATION CONCERNING BRACKEN, HIS ACTIVITIES AND
WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

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649PM 4/17/68 URGENT WHD

TO: MEMPHIS

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN, CR, OO: ME

REURTEL, APRIL THIRTEEN, LAST, CONCERNING INTERVIEW WITH
MILTON VON MAN OF NASHVILLE, TENN.

ON APRIL THIRTEEN LAST, ADOLF I. BOTNICK, DIRECTOR OF THE
ANTI DEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL), NEW ORLEANS, LA., ADVISED HE RECALLED
SPEAKING AT ST. MARY'S DOMINICAN COLLEGE DURING SPRING SIXTYFIVE
(DATE NOT RECALLED). RECALLS BEING HECKLED BY A WHITE MALE, FIFTYFIVE
TO SIXTY YEARS OF AGE, FIVE EIGHT TO NINE INCHES, ONE FIVE ZERO
POUNDS, THIN FACE, HIGH CHEEK BONES, WITH GRAYING RECEDING HAIR
COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS NOT DRESSED AS A SEAMAN
BUT WORE A SUIT AND TIE AND HE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE ACCOMPANIED
BY ANY COMPANION NOR DID THIS INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFY HIMSELF
AS A MEMBER OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (KKK).

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BOTNICK DENIES ADVISING INDIVIDUALS AFTER SPEECH THAT ADL AWARE OF IDENTITY OF HECKLER, MAY HAVE STATED ADL KEPT FILES ON THE KKK.

SINCE TIME OF SPEECH, BOTNICK HAS SEEN AND CONVERSED WITH ABOVE HECKLER ON APPROXIMATELY EIGHT OCCASIONS. NORMALLY CONVERSATION HAS OCCURRED IN CAFETERIAS IN DOWNTOWN AREA OF NEW ORLEANS. HECKLER HAS NEVER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF OR FURNISHED BACKGROUND INFORMATION. HE QUESTIONS BOTNICK AS TO THE REASON THE ADL IS AGAINST PATRIOTISM. PHOTOGRAPHS OF KNOWN KLAN INDIVIDUALS DISPLAYED TO BOTNICK, WITH NO IDENT MADE. BOTNICK NOT FAMILIAR WITH NAME ERIC GALT.

ON FOUR SIXTEEN LAST, SISTER MARY RAPHAEL, INSTRUCTOR, ST. MARY'S DOMINICAN COLLEGE, NEW ORLEANS, ADVISED SHE ATTENDED SPEECH BY BOTNICK ON FOUR TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY FIVE AT ST. MARY'S DOMINICAN COLLEGE, NEW ORLEANS. SHE RECALLS DURING SPEECH BOTNICK WAS QUESTIONED BY WHITE MALE, FIFTY'S FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE FIFTY POUNDS. SUBSEQUENTLY BOTNICK ANSWERED THIS INDIVIDUAL IN MANNER MAKING MAN APPEAR A FOOL. THIS ACTION
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CAUSED SYMPATHY OF NUNS TO BE WITH QUESTIONER. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BOTNICK'S SPEECH, SISTER MARY RAPHAEL APPROACHED QUESTIONER, WHO INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS MR. GUZMAN AND INDICATED AFFILIATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT IN LOUISIANA. HE DISPLAYED CREDENTIALS OF SOME SORT. SHE RECALLS NAME AS GUZMAN, BECAUSE FULL NAME OF ST. DOMINIC IS ST. DOMINIC GUZMAN. SISTER DID NOT RECALL ANY COMPANION WITH GUZMAN, AND RECALLS THAT HE WORE A COAT AND TIE. SHE IS CERTAIN THAT SHE WAS FIRST PERSON TO APPROACH GUZMAN FOLLOWING SPEECH.

A REVIEW OF THE NEW ORLEANS INDICIES REFLECTS FOLLOWING:

ON TWO NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE ADVISED THAT INVESTIGATORS OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON WERE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE A BOB GUZMAN, A FORMER PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR FOR GUY BANNISTER. BANNISTER, WHO IS DECEASED, WAS SAC AND ALSO PRIVATE DETECTIVE IN NEW ORLEANS.

ON THREE ONE SIXTY SEVEN, BOB GUZMAN, SEVEN TWO SEVEN FIRST STREET NEW ORLEANS APPEARED AT THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE, WHERE HE ADVISED HE WAS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY FRANK MANNING,
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OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA. GUZMAN ADVISED HE HAD WORKED AS AN INVESTIGATOR FOR BANNISTER AND THIS WAS THE REASON THAT DA GARRISON WAS SEEKING HIM. GUZMAN WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, FIFTYS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE FIFTY POUNDS, SWARTHY COMPLEXION, GRAY HAIR.

INVEIW OF GUZMAN'S ENVOLVMENT IN GARRISON INVESTIGATION NO ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE BY THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE TO INTERVIEW HIM. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED . THREE ZERO TWOS TO FOLLOW.

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TO MEMPHIS

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 2P

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

REURTEL APRIL THIRTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT

ON APRIL THIRTEEN INSTANT, ADOLF I. BOTNICK,
DIRECTOR OF THE ANTIDEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL) NEW ORLEANS, LA.,
(CSNO-ONE FIVE ONE EIGHT - R) ADVISED HE RECALLED SPEAKING
AT DOMINICAN COLLEGE DURING SPRING SIXTYFOUR (DATE NOT
RECALLED). HE DOES RECALL BEING HECKLED BY A WHITE
MALE FIFTY FIVE TO SIXTY YEARS OF AGE, FIVE EIGHT TO FIVE FEET
NINE, ONE FIVE ZERO LBS., THIN FACE, HIGH CHEEK
BONES, WITH GRAYING RECEDING HAIR COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. HE
DOES NOT RECALL THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS DRESSED AS A SEAMAN,
THAT HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPANION OR THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL
IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. BOTNICK
DENIES ADVISING INDIVIDUALS AFTER SPEECH THAT ADL AWARE OF
IDENTITY OF HECKLER.

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I called Nite Club
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him to have Botnick
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SINCE TIME OF THE SPEECH, BOTNICK HAS SEEN AND CONVERSED WITH THE ABOVE HECKLER ON APPROXIMATELY EIGHT OCCASIONS. NORMALLY CONVERSATION HAS OCCURRED IN DOWNTOWN AREA OF NEW ORLEANS, WHEN BOTNICK EATING AT LOCAL CAFETERIA. HECKLER HAS NEVER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF OR FURNISHED PERSONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION, HOWEVER, HE QUESTIONS BOTNICK AS TO THE REASON THE ADL IS AGAINST THE KLAN AND PATROITISM. BOTNICK NOT FAMILIAR WITH NAME ERIC GALT OR ABLE TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND RE HECKLER.

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT MILTON VON MAN RE IDENTITY OF NUN WHO OBTAINED NAME OF ERIC GALT OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE OBSERVED THE INCIDENT.

BASED ON THE ABOVE AND DENIAL OF BOTNICK (AN ESTABLISHED SOURCE) OF NEW ORLEANS OFFICE AS TO INFORMATION CONTAINED RE COMMUNICATION, NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN RE THIS MATTER BY NEW ORLEANS OFFICE PENDING ADDITIONAL LEAD, UAC,

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C. P. [unclear]

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7:23 PM URGENT 4-13-68 NLB

TO DIRECTOR , MEMPHIS AND MOBILE
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

ON INSTANT DATE, ALTON LEWIS ABSTON, AKA. GILBERT R. ABSTON, HARDROCK, A PRISONER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL, ADVISED IN FIFTY-SEVEN OR FIFTY-EIGHT HE WAS CELLMATE IN DRAPER PRISON, ELMORE, ALABAMA, OF ONE WILLIAM LENNARD OR WILLIAM LENNORD. ABSTON CLAIMED PROFILE PICTURE OF SUSPECTED KILLER OF KING APPEARING IN "LOS ANGELES TIMES" FITS LENNARD "TO A TEE". ABSTON ADVISED LENNARD THEN SERVING TIME ON MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE FOR SHOOTING A NEGRO. LENNARD'S TALK IN PRISON CENTERED AROUND HIS HATRED OF NEGROES. LENNARD TOLD ABSTON HE ONCE FOLLOWED KING FROM BESSEMER, ALABAMA, TO TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, IN HOPES OF GETTING OPPORTUNITY OF SHOOTING KING. LENNARD CONSTANTLY FIGURING WAYS OF "GETTING RID" OF KING AND SAID HE WOULD DO IT IF NO ONE BEAT HIM TO IT.

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LENNARD TOLD ABSTON HIS FATHER, A GUNSMITH, MADE HIM A GUN THAT COULD NOT BE TRACED. LENNARD DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, THIRTY-FIVE TO THIRTY-SIX, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES TO SIX FEET, ONE SEVEN FIVE TO ONE EIGHT ZERO POUNDS, BROWNISH RED HAIR I N BUTCH CUT, EYES BELIEVED BLUE, SOUTHERN ACCENT, RESIDED BESSEMER, ALABAMA, WHERE HIS FATHER AND GRANDFATHER MAY NOW BE LIVING. ABSTON, WHO REQUESTED CONCEALMENT OF IDENTITY, RECALLED THE NAME GALT BEING MENTIONED IN DRAPER PRISON BUT COULD NOT RECALL DETAILS.

MOBILE CHECK RECORDS OF DRAPER PRISON, ELMORE, FOR PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND DATA OF LENNARD, AND, IF DEEMED LOGICAL, APPROPRIATELY ADVISE BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

722 PM URGENT 4-13-68 SSP

TO DIRECTOR, ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT
FINGERPRINT SECTION, AND ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 2P

MURKIN. CR. 00: ME.

A REVIEW OF BIRMINGHAM FILES REFLECTED THAT EDWARD EULAN HILL,
FBI NUMBER [REDACTED], WAS SUBJECT OR RACIAL
MATTERS INVESTIGATION BY ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM IN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. FIE
HILL WAS DESCRIBED AS A FANATIC ON THE RACIAL QUESTION AND MADE
STATEMENT HE WAS DEMOLITION EXPERT, AND HE WAS AVAILABLE TO DO A JOB
FOR THE KLAN AT ANYTIME. HILL ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE HAD PURCHASED
A SCOPE IN APRIL OF NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. HILL IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE
MALE, BORN [REDACTED] POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA,
FIVE FEET TEN AND ONE-HALF INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTYTWO POUNDS,
BROWN HAIR AND BLUE EYES. BIRMINGHAM FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN-ONE ONE
FIVE TWO, ATLANTA FILE ONE SEVEN FOUR- ONE.

IN VIEW OF HILL'S REPUTATION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IS
REQUESTED TO COMPARE HIS PRINTS WITH THE UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS DEVELOPED
THIS CASE.

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ATLANTA WILL FURNISH MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM WITH PHOTOGRAPHES
OF HILL AND DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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FBI BOSTON

7:12PM URGENT 4-13-68 RDS

TO BIRMINGHAM & MEMPHIS
FROM BOSTON (157-644) 1P
MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

ANONYMOUS CALLER ADVISED SHE SAW A NINETEEN SIXTY WHITE NASH,
ALABAMA REG. FOUR THREE - FOUR ZERO ZERO SIX, ¹⁰ IN THE KENMORE SECTION
OF BOSTON TODAY. THE DRIVER, WHO WAS THE ONLY OCCUPANT, RESEMBLED
ARTISTS CONCEPTION DRAWING OF SUBJECT THAT SHE HAD SEEN IN NEWSPAPER
EXCEPT HE WORE GLASSES. SHE OBSERVED THE DRIVER WHILE THE CAR WAS
MOVING.

BIRMINGHAM OBTAIN LISTING AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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Date: 4/15/68

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Reurtel 4/13/68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impression in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Charles William McCain, Air Force service [REDACTED]. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for McCain.

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Date: 4/13/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: ME

CHARLES W. MC CAIN, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EUPORA, MISS., AIR FORCE SN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], PRESENTLY RESIDING MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, PICKED FROM ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DRAWINGS AS A STRONG LOOK ALIKE. MC CAIN GENERALLY FITS UNSUB'S DESCRIPTION. INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND ADVISED WAS IN BELZONIA, MISS., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, AND AT HOME FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS RECUPERATING FROM HEART ATTACK ON ALL OTHER PERTINENT DATES.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE PRINTS DEVELOPED ON EVIDENCE TO DATE WITH PRINTS OF MC CAIN.

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*[Signature: Kearney]*h
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hApproved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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[Signature]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-1987)

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/13/68

Lt. Neville ^{Homicide} phoned at 10:10 PM this date and stated he was calling at the request of Captain Ray. The Captain had received an anonymous call stating that one Steve Gaulding or Steve Gaulden, a seaman from Birmingham, who drives a light colored Mustang is staying at the Admiral Benbow, 1220 Union. This man allegedly fits the description and resembles the newspaper sketch.

The writer phoned the Admiral Benbow Inn, 1220 Union and spoke with Night Manager Mrs Emma Steele. She advised there was no one by that name staying at the inn.

For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 4/11/68

(JOHN BENNETT BOYKIN,
SUSPECT)

On 4/10/68 WILLIAM F. YOUNGSON, Director of Security, Memphis State University (MSU), advised, after consultation with Dr. CECIL C. HUMPHREYS, President, MSU, that HUMPHREYS and he felt constrained to call the following information to the attention of the FBI regarding a possible suspect, namely JOHN BENNETT BOYKIN, MSU student, in connection with the 4/4/68 assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

As a matter of background, YOUNGSON pointed out that BOYKIN is a white male, 6'2", 169½ pounds, dark brown or black hair combed straight back with a receding hairline. He pointed out that BOYKIN very closely resembles in physical facial features the "sketch of killer," a staff drawing by Commercial Appeal newspaper employee, WILLIAM HERRINGTON, which appeared on page one of the Saturday, 4/6/68, issue of the Commercial Appeal depicting an alleged composite drawing of the purported assassin of KING.

YOUNGSON, who casually knows BOYKIN, advised that on Tuesday, 4/2/68, a group of Negro students sitting in one corner of the Student Center purchased some souvenir Rebel flags from the concession stand and had a ceremony of burning them. He stated that when he was called, another one was burned by a person he was unable to identify, following which a group of white students converged on the area and one of the Negroes threw a Coke bottle against a wall, shattering the bottle. YOUNGSON stated he had difficulty in dispersing the students, but that no further incidents occurred. He stated that BOYKIN was one of the white students who

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came upon the scene and was apparently livid with anger at what the Negro students had done.

BOYKIN shortly thereafter went to the office of President HUMPHREYS and told Mrs. JAY WILLIAMS, Dr. HUMPHREYS' secretary, that he demanded that something be done about the Negroes disrupting the university. He demanded to see Dr. HUMPHREYS, who was not then available, and indicated that if the school did not do something about the Negroes, he would, although he did not elaborate.

YOUNGSON added that following the assassination of Dr. KING on the evening of 4/4/68, at about 12:30 a.m., 4/5/68, two of his campus police, one of whom was Officer JONES in Unit #31, were patrolling the Veterans Village, a campus housing project just north of the maintenance building, and noticed six young men in the yard in front of JOHN BOYKIN's apartment. Officers JONES, YANCEY, and ODELL made a check and found that these men had firearms in their possession and asked them what they were doing with same, following which the young men stated they were only protecting their possessions.

Thereafter, Officer FUQUA and Officer JONES went to Dean JESSE PARRISH's office, he being the Dean of Students, and reported this to him. Dean PARRISH had WILLIAM TATUM of his staff and Mr. HAMPTON, Housing Director, go with them to Veterans Village to check, whereupon BOYKIN at the time was armed with a pistol. Mr. HAMPTON asked him to remove the weapon, which he did, and thereafter he went to Dean PARRISH's office.

Thereafter, on 4/10/68, BOYKIN came into YOUNGSON's Security Office to register a new Plymouth Fury which he had just purchased and he was still full of hatred. He referred to his "run-in" with campus officers on the early morning of 4/5/68 and stated that if any S.O.B. came into his yard, he would kill them. He commented that he had all sorts of shotguns and rifles. YOUNGSON stated that he understood that BOYKIN is married, and his wife, who is also a student, has been away from Vets Village since about 4/5/68. YOUNGSON has also heard that BOYKIN, along with another student, name not known, living on Norriswood, and another student on Carnes, recently went to the West Memphis gun sales and purchased a scope and

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two rifles and that they possibly modified the bolts of the rifles in the Industrial Technology Building at MSU.

Also, YOUNGSON recalled that on 4/10/68 BOYKIN told him that he had recently been on a turkey hunt in Alabama, although he did not elaborate. YOUNGSON stated that in addition to the new yellow 1968 model Plymouth Fury, four-door sedan, BOYKIN has a 1962 model gold Pontiac Tempest two-door sedan, which bears Shelby County, Tennessee, license AW-9933. He pays \$30 a month rent and lives at Apt. 7-A, Veterans Village. BOYKIN recently worked as a freight handler at one of the local freight companies but is not now known to be employed.

Another interesting factor, according to YOUNGSON, is that he understood that the possible assailant of Dr. KING used the name JOHN WILLARD in registering into the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street, and YOUNGSON pointed out that it is interesting to note that the library at MSU is known as the John Willard Brister Memorial Library.

YOUNGSON stated that the school maintains no photographs concerning its students, and he has checked all of the recent yearbooks, the "DeSoto," and has been unable to locate any photograph of BOYKIN.

YOUNGSON checked BOYKIN's class schedule which showed that on Tuesday and Thursday his last class is dismissed at 12:30 p.m. On Monday and Friday his last class lets out at 11:00 a.m., and on Wednesday his last class lets out at 3:00 p.m. He is a Business Administration major and has Social Security # [redacted]. His parent is H. N. BOYKIN. He was born [redacted] at Memphis, Tennessee. YOUNGSON pointed out that he uses P. O. Box 81310 for his mailing address, and when he registered for the spring semester 2/29/68 he listed his address as 1808 Pendleton, Apt. 4, Memphis, Tennessee, phone 324-5448. He is classified as a junior. His original transcript shows that he first entered MSU in the fall of 1965, being a transfer from Arkansas College, Batesville, Arkansas, where he had attended the 1964-65 school year, accumulating 21 semester hours, which were accepted by MSU. He attended MSU in the fall semester of 1965, the spring semester of 1966, the spring semester of 1967, and the fall semester of 1967, and is currently enrolled.

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AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

Will consider JOHN BENNETT BOYKIN as a suspect under the miscellaneous breakdown of instant investigation. Mr. YOUNGSON and Dr. HUMPHREYS have requested that if any additional investigation is conducted by the FBI, any inquiries on campus be cleared through one of those two. The only people at MSU who know that the FBI has been notified are Dr. HUMPHREYS; WILLIAM F. YOUNGSON; ROY NICKS, Administrative Assistant to Dr. HUMPHREYS; and Dean of Students JESSE PARRISH.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987-Sub-34)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA ROBERT W. GOODWIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

On 4/9/68 Mr. RANDOLPH W. SABER, 1335 Pigeon Roost, Memphis, Tennessee, advised SA ROBERT W. GOODWIN that he is the sales manager of Solmica Company of the South, Inc., 2310 Central Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, and that he ran the following ad in the Commercial Appeal, Sunday, 3/31/68:

"\$8,000 to \$10,000 commission. Men wanted for hazardous journey. Small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful. Honor and recognition in case of success. Phone Mr. Saber, 275-4077, for interview appointment."

Mr. SABER advised the Memphis employment agency on 3rd Street, Memphis, Tennessee, telephone number 525-8211, managed by C. C. TEER, also ran said ad for Solmica Company in the Commercial Appeal 3/31/68.

Mr. SABER advised the above quoted ad was meant to appeal to the younger people in order to get them to the Solmica Company to be offered salesmen's jobs of being door-to-door canvasers to sell aluminum siding for the Solmica Company. He stated the ad was "way out" in order to appeal to the younger people.

Mr. SABER advised that the ad definitely had nothing to do with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He stated he is very apologetic for the ad having caused the FBI any concern.

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Airtel

To: SAC's Mobile (157-2527)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Mobile airtel 4-15-68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Noah Jefferson Carden, FBI [REDACTED] No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Carden.

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AIRMAIL

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

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Mobile teletype to the Bureau, Memphis and
Birmingham, 4/15/68.

Enclosed for Birmingham and Memphis is photograph
of NOAH JEFFERSON CARDEN, 2359 West Hillwood Road, Mobile, Ala.,
who was suggested as a possible suspect in Birmingham tel to
the Bureau, 4/15/68. CARDEN is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	8/30/23
Place	College Park, Ga.
Height	6'3 1/2"
Weight	195
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Education	Three years college
Tattoos	"Marine Air Corps" on left shoulder
USMC Serial No.	425255
FBI No.	812741E

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Birmingham and Memphis are requested to exhibit CARDEN's photograph in order to determine any possible connection with this case.

The FBI Identification Div. is requested to compare the fingerprints of CARDEN under FBI [REDACTED] with the questioned fingerprints obtained in this case.

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FBI WASH DC

609PM URGENT 4-15-68 BGM

TO BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS MOBILE LOS ANGELES
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

REBHTEL APRIL FIFTEEN INSTANT.

YOU SHOULD HOLD YOUR LEADS IN ABEYANCE CONCERNING
WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES OF WILLIAM POTTER GALE,
DR. WESLEY SWIFT, JOHN G. CROMMELIN, NOAH CARDEN,
SIDNEY BARNES, ROBERT M. "BOB" SMITH AND LEONARD WILSON.
IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT INFORMATION CONCERNING SUSPECT
GALT.

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11:58^{PM} URGENT 4-15-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, LOS ANGELES, AND MOBILE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN. CR. 00: MEMPHIS.

RE MIAMI REPORT DATED APRIL SIX, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, CAPTIONED
"SIDNEY CROCKETTE BARNES, RM".

REFERENCED REPORT REFLECTS SIDNEY CROCKETTE BARNES, WHITE MALE,
BORN [REDACTED] WAS VERY ANTI - SEMITIC, AND
THAT IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR HE STATED THAT "WE WERE WAITING FOR HIM
(MARTIN LUTHER KING) TO COME TO MOBILE, ALABAMA". BARNES REPORTED
STATED "THEY" WERE GOING TO KILL HIM (KING), IF HE CAME TO MOBILE
REFERENCED REPORT INDICATES BARNES AND NOAH JEFFERSON CARDEN ROOMED
TOGETHER IN MOBILE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND WORKED CLOSELY WITH (FNU)
WILSON, OUT OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, IN ORGANIZING THE WHITE CITIZENS
COUNCIL. REFERENCED REPORT SHOWS BARNES' ASSOCIATES AS CARDEN,
DESCRIBED AS ASSOCIATED IN CITIZENS COUNCIL ACTIVITY WITH ROBERT M.
"BOB" SMITH, THREE SIX NINE IRBY STREET, PRICHARD, ALABAMA, REAR
ADMIRAL JOHN G. CROMMELIN, ONE TWO FIVE THREE MAGNOLIA AVENUE,
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MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, WILLIAM POTTER GALE, ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO WEST AVENUE, LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, AND DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA. BARNES DESCRIBED "JEFF" CARDEN AS A REAL GOOD MAN WHO WOULD "GO ANYWHERE AND DO A GOOD JOB". REPORTEDLY IN LATE NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, GALE, CARDEN, AND "OTHERS" WENT TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WITH LOADED GUNS AND THE PURPOSE WAS "TO GET MARTIN LUTHER KING²".

MOBILE REPORT DATED JUNE TWENTYFIVE, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, CAPTIONED "NOAH JEFFERSON CARDEN, RM2, SHOWS HIS RESIDENCE AS SIX FIVE TWO JOHNSTON STREET, MOBILE, ALABAMA. BARNES REPORTED RESIDED ONE THREE SEVEN NINE EAST RIVIERA DRIVE, MOBILE, ALABAMA, AS OF JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR.

FOR INFORMATION, MIAMI REPORT DATED JUNE FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, CAPTIONED "UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, BOMBING MATTER", ON PAGE EIGHT REFLECTS THAT PRIOR TO INTEGRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, WILLIAM POTTER GALE MET WITH GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACCE AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. GALE PROPOSED A PLAN TO STOOP INTEGRATION IN ALABAMA, SAYING HE COULD PUT FIFTY THOUSAND ARMED MEN IN ALABAMA. GOVERNOR WALLACE REJECTED THIS

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PLAN, TELLING GALE THAT HAD HAD ONE OF HIS OWN. ACCORDING TO BARNES, GOVERNOR WALLACE AND FORMER PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AGREED TO A PLAN FOR INTEGRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY DURING PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S VISIT TO ALABAMA, AT WHICH TIME PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND GOVERNOR WALLACE WERE TOGETHER IN A HELICOPTER. BARNES DID NOT FURTHER ELABORATE ON HOW HE OBTAINED THIS INFORMATION.

BARNES SAID THAT PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN CHURCH BOMBING IN BIRMINGHAM, A SECRET MEETING WAS HELD IN ALABAMA, LOCATION NOT SPECIFIED. ATTENDING THIS MEETING WERE WILLIAM POTTER GALE, "JEFF" CARDEN, ADMIRAL JOHN G. CROMMELIN FROM WETUMPKA, ALABAMA, AND BARNES. THE ALLEGED PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WAS TO MAKE PLANS FOR THINGS TO BE DONE. BARNES DID NOT FURTHER ELABORATE ON THIS REMARK. BARNES SAID HE AGREED WITH THE PLAN BUT THAT HE (BARNES) DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CHURCH BOMBING. HE STATED THAT GALE AND CARDEN WERE INVOLVED, BUT AGAIN DID NOT ELABORATE AS TO THE EXTENT OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT.

BARNES STATED THAT HE WAS "HOT" IN ALABAMA AND HAD TO LEAVE. HE ALSO STATED THAT AFTER THE SECRET MEETING, CROMMELIN TOLD HIM HE PREFERRED BARNES FOR ANY ACTION OVER CARDEN DUE TO THE FACT THAT CARDEN LIKES TO TALK AND DRINKS EXCESSIVELY.

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LOS ANGELES AT LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTED TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITY OF GALE AND DR. WESLEY SWIFT DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

MOBILE DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITY OF JOHN G. CROMMELIN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, NOAH CARDEN AND SIDNEY BARNES AT MOBILE, ALABAMA, AND ROBERT M. "BOB" SMITH, AT PRICHARD, ALABAMA, DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

BIRMINGHAM HANDLING LEAD REGARDING WHEREABOUTS OF LEONARD WILSON, A WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL LEADER IN ALABAMA.

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FBI-HOUSTON

11:35AM CST 4-15-68 URGENT KEK

TO: MEMPHIS, SAN ANTONIO AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM: HOUSTON (44-1509) 1 PAGE

MURKIN; CR.

POSSIBLE SUSPECT - DON TANNER

FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY FROM C OF P EVANS,
CONROE, TEXAS. KEN ANDREWS, SPRINGVILLE, N. Y. TRAVELING CALIF.
TO CONROE, TEX. ON APRIL THIRTEEN, LAST AT BENSON, ARIZ.
PICKED UP HITCHHIKER DRESSED IN ARMY UNIFORM, NAME
DON TANNER. TANNER CLAIMED HOME WAS LACKVILLE, CALIF. AND
ASSIGNED FT. POLK, LA. ON APRIL FOURTEEN, LAST, ANDREWS
DROPPED TANNER OFF AT TREK MOTEL, HIGHWAY EIGHT ONE,
AUSTIN, TEX AND TANNER CHECKED INTO THAT MOTEL, ROOM SIX/
ANDREWS SUBSEQUENTLY SAW COMPOSITE DRAWING IN NEWSPAPER OF
MURKIN SUSPECT, CLAIMING COMPOSITE DRAWING "DEAD RINGER" OF
TANNER.

SAN ANTONIO AT AUSTI. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE, INTERVIEW TO
ELIMINATE.

NEW ORLEANS AT FT. POLK. WILL DO SAME.

TANNER DESCRIBED WM, FIVE FT. NINE IN, ONE SIX ZERO

LBS., BLOND.

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Airtel

To: SAC'S, Cleveland (44-565)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Cleveland airtel 4-18-68, submitting major case prints of Linwood Nash Page for elimination purposes.

Latent prints previously reported from the Rebel Motel in Memphis are not identical with the major case prints of Page. Major case prints retained temporarily in Latent Fingerprint Section.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

RE: MURKIN

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Re Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, 4/17/68.

Re: LINWOOD NASH PAGE

Enclosed for the Latent Fingerprint Section are elimination prints of LINWOOD NASH PAGE, 1282 Abbe Road, Sheffield Village, Ohio. They are one set of regular rolled impressions, one set of major case prints, and one set of palm impressions.

These prints should be compared with latent prints of value in this matter, particularly the two latent palm prints of value reported on lifts from Room 34, Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861; MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND CLEVELAND 44-565
FROM PHILA 44-1368 (P) 2P

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MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO ATLANTA, ET AL, FOUR TEN LAST & CLEVELAND TEL TO PHILA FOUR TWELVE LAST, WHICH CONCERNED A REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW WITH LINWOOD N. PAGE WHO OCCUPIED ROOM THIRTYFOUR, REBEL HOTEL, MEMPHIS, SUBSEQUENT TO ITS OCCUPATION BY ERIC STARVO GALT.

RE PHILA TELS TO DIRECTOR & MEMPHIS, FOUR TWELVE LAST & FOUR FIFTEEN LAST, WHICH CONTAINED INFO CONCERNING AN INTERVIEW WITH PAGE & FURNISHED HIS ARMY SERIAL NUMBER.

REBUAIRTEL FOUR SIXTEEN LAST TO PHILA & MEMPHIS WHICH REFLECTED THAT LATENT PRINTS FROM ROOM THIRTYFOUR IN REBEL HOTEL IN MEMPHIS, WERE NOT IDENTICAL WITH FINGERPRINTS OF LINWOOD NASH PAGE. ASN THREE ONE FOUR SIX THREE TWO SIX SIX.

REBUAIRTEL ADVISED THAT INASMUCH AS TWO LATENT PALM PRINTS OF VALUE WERE REPORTED ON LIFTS FROM THIS ROOM THAT MAJOR CASE PRINTS OF PAGE WERE NEEDED FOR COMPARISON.

END PAGE ONE

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PAGE TWO

WHEN INTERVIEWED BY PHILA, PAGE ADVISED THAT HE LIVED AT ONE TWO EIGHT TWO ABBE, LORAIN, OHIO (SHEFFIELD VILLAGE), WITH UNLISTED TELEPHONE NINE THREE FOUR DASH SIX ONE THREE SIX. PAGE WORKS FOR THE FRUEHAUF TRUCKING COMPANY, AVON LAKE, OHIO. DISPATCHER WHO WOULD ALWAYS KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS WAS WILLIAM WELLS. ✓ PAGE WAS TO RETURN TO WORK FOUR SEVENTEEN INSTANT AT FRUEHAUF IN OHIO.

CLEVELAND SHOULD OBTAIN MAJOR CASE PRINTS OF PAGE AS SET FORTH IN REBUAIRTEL.

END

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Philadelphia (44-1368)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Philadelphia teletype 4/15/68.

Latent prints from Room 34 in Rebel Motor Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, not identical with fingerprints of Lt. James Earl Ray, Army service [redacted]. Inasmuch as two latent palm prints of value were reported on lifts from this room, major case prints of Ray needed for comparison.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: PHILADELPHIA
FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)
MURKIN

RE CLEVELAND TEL, APRIL TWELVE, LAST; MEMPHIS TEL TO
CLEVELAND, APRIL THIRTEEN, LAST.

MEMPHIS HAS REQUESTED A SET OF ELIMINATION PRINTS FROM
L. N. PAGE. PRINTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO IDENT.

PHILADELPHIA, AT DOWNINGTOWN, PA. WILL CONTACT L. N. PAGE
WHO CAN BE REACHED IN CARE OF HARRY AND BETTY BROWN, RD ONE,
DOWNINGTOWN, PA, TELEPHONE NINE FOUR TWO DASH TWO EIGHT THREE
SIX, AS NOTED IN PREVIOUS TEL TO PHILADELPHIA, L. N. PAGE
OCCUPIED ROOM AT REBEL MOTEL FOLLOWING SUSPECT'S DEPARTURE.
END.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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