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FBI EL PASO

1145 AM 4-18-68 URGENT JPM

TO DIRECTOR AND SACS JACKSONVILLE, ST. LOUIS, MIAMI AND  
MEMPHIS (ATTN: INSPECTOR JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN)  
FROM EL PASO (157-136) "P" 3P

MURKIN.

RE SUSPECT DAVID (NMI) HAWKINS. ✓

MRS. HARLEY HERRALD, NINE SEVEN FOUR CORNELIUS STREET, EL PASO, TEXAS (PROTECT IDENTITY), ADVISED THAT AT SIX THIRTY-FIVE PM APRIL SEVENTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT, SHE RECEIVED A PERSON TO PERSON TELEPHONE CALL FROM ONE DAVID (NMI) HAWKINS. HERRALD SAID SHE KNEW HAWKINS WHEN BOTH IN ARMY IN GERMANY FIFTY-FIVE THROUGH FIFTY-SEVEN, AND HAD BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH HIM BY MAIL SINCE THAT TIME. DURING CALL HAWKINS SAID HE WAS "ON THE RUN" AND WAS LEAVING NEW ORLEANS MORNING OF APRIL EIGHTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT, AND WOULD ARRIVE EL PASO, TEXAS, IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. HERRALD ASKED HAWKINS WHAT HE WAS ON THE RUN FROM AND HE REPLIED "YOU MIGHT SAY FROM THE FAMILY". WHEN ASKED IF HE WAS IN TROUBLE, HAWKINS REPLIED "I WILL TELL YOU WHEN I GET THERE". MODE OF TRANSPORTATION NOT KNOWN, BUT ASSUMED TO BE AUTOMOBILE.

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HERRALD SAID HAWKINS IS ABOUT FORTY YEARS OF AGE AND CLOSELY FITS DESCRIPTION OF KING ASSASSIN. HAWKINS UNDERWENT PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT IN FLORIDA FOLLOWING RELEASE FROM ARMY FIFTY-SEVEN OR FIFTY-EIGHT. REASON FOR TREATMENT NOT KNOWN BY HERRALD. HERRALD SAID CIRCUMSTANCES OF CLOSE RESEMBLANCE IN DESCRIPTION, PAST PSYCHIATRIC PROBLEMS, AND FACT THAT HAWKINS SAID HE WAS ON THE RUN INDICATED THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE IS KING ASSASSIN.

SINCE RELEASE FROM ARMY IN LATE FIFTY-SEVEN OR EARLY FIFTY-EIGHT HAWKINS HAS RESIDED WITH BROTHER, BERNARD HAWKINS AT RFD NO. ONE, BOX EIGHTEEN, WELLBORN, FLORIDA. HERRALD RECEIVED LETTER FROM HAWKINS POSTMARKED WELLBORN, FLORIDA, FEBRUARY TEN, LAST.

HERRALD SAID DURING NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE THROUGH NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN, HAWKINS WAS A SERGEANT FIRST CLASS IN THE REGULAR ARMY STATIONED AT HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, SEVENTY EIGHT ELEVENTH ARMY SERVICE UNIT IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY, AND WAS IN THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S CORP. HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SERVED IN KOREA PRIOR TO THAT TIME. HERRALD DESCRIBED HAWKINS AS A WHITE MALE, AGE APPROXIMATELY FORTY, FIVE FOOT NINE TO FIVE FOOT TEN, SANDY BROWN HAIR, SLIGHT BUILD, ONE FORTY TO ONE SIXTY POUNDS, LONG POINTED NOSE, POSSIBLY WEARS GLASSES. HERRALD NOTED THAT WITH EXCEPTION

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OF AGE THIS WAS, AS SHE KNEW HIM TWELVE YEARS AGO IN GERMANY.

SUSPECT HAWKINS REPORTEDLY LIVED WITH HIS BROTHER WITH EXCEPTION OF AROUND NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN THROUGH NINETEEN FIFTY-EIGHT WHEN HE WAS RECEIVING PSYCHOANALYSIS TREATMENT AND AT THAT TIME RESIDED AT ONE ZERO NINE EIGHT NORTHEAST THIRTY-FOURTH COURT, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. MIAMI IMMEDIATELY MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES INCLUDING CHECK OF CREDIT, CRIMINAL AND LOCAL VA HOSPITAL RECORDS AND COORDINATE WITH JACKSONVILLE.

JACKSONVILLE IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE FLORIDA DRIVERS LICENSE FOR DAVID HAWKINS AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, AND OBTAIN THEREFROM DATE OF BIRTH. JACKSONVILLE WILL ALSO MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES AT WELLBORN, FLORIDA, TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS DURING THE PERTINENT PERIODS OF THIS CASE. SUGGEST DIRECT APPROACH TO BROTHER IF POSSIBLE. JACKSONVILLE WILL FURNISH HAWKINS' DATE OF BIRTH TO ST. LOUIS SO APPROPRIATE SEARCH OF ARMY PERSONNEL RECORDS MAY BE MADE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND CONCERNING HAWKINS.

JACKSONVILLE AND ST. LOUIS SHOULD FURNISH THE BUREAU WITH ALL AVAILABLE IDENTIFYING DATA CONCERNING HAWKINS INCLUDING DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH AND ARMY SERIAL NUMBER SO THAT THE BUREAU CAN MAKE APPROPRIATE SEARCH OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION RECORDS.

ALL LEADS IN THIS MATTER SHOULD BE HANDLED BY TELEPHONE AND EL PASO IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF RESULTS, AS HAWKINS ARRIVAL IN EL PASO IS IMMINENT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA EUGENE G. DOUGLASS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/17/68 at 1:50 p.m., R. C. HAWKS, 79 N. Bellevue, Memphis, Tenn., Apt. 7, who has no home phone, furnished the following information:

He is a retired sergeant in the U. S. Marine Corps, having served 30 years.

He had been at Nina's Lounge located at 2947 Overton Crossing Road, Memphis. There was an individual in the lounge, name not known to him, who claimed that he was in the U. S. Marine Corps and was on leave and was then enroute to Vietnam. This individual, from his general appearance and haircut, did not appear to HAWKS to be a Marine.

This individual fit the general description of the composite picture which had been shown in the Memphis newspapers regarding instant case. He did not know the man's name, but according to a waitress at the lounge, this individual apparently was a stranger in this lounge and was drinking beer and apparently was becoming intoxicated.

He furnished the following description of the unknown individual:

|            |                  |
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| Race       | white            |
| Sex        | male             |
| Age        | 30 to 35         |
| Height     | 6'               |
| Weight     | 170 lbs.         |
| Hair       | black and combed |
| Appearance | neat dress.      |

LEAD

MEMPHIS DIVISION

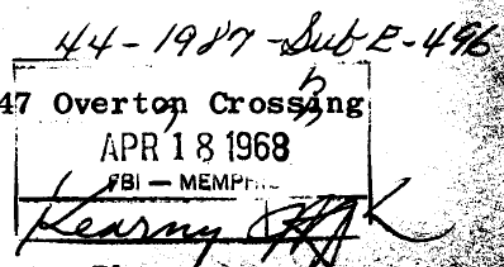
AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

Make inquiry at Nina's Lounge, 2947 Overton Crossing Road, re Unsub.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

SUBJECT: MURKIN;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

A review of Tennessee birth records reflects a white male born [redacted] in Sumner County, Tennessee, an illegitimate birth, resulting the child being listed only as (MFM) HARRISON. The father was listed as JOE HARRISON and the mother as LOUCILLE PITT.

On October 12, 1949, this birth certificate was altered to reflect the child's name as JACKIE WILLARD PITT, and on October 13, 1949, a copy of this certificate was mailed to J. D. WILLIAMS, 2835 W. Modina, Chicago, Illinois.

LEAD

THE CHICAGO DIVISION:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Noting that this birth record was obtained confidentially, Chicago will discreetly attempt to determine if JACKIE WILLARD PITT, who is possibly identical with J. D. WILLIAMS, could be identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4-18-68

*TLB*  
FROM : SA THOMAS L. BUCKLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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At 1:15 PM, instant date, Mr. TOM HUTTON, Chuck Hutton Dodge Co., 1170 Union, Memphis, Tenn., telephonically contacted this office and advised that on 4-11-68 two of his salesmen, CHARLES MC COLLUM and E. N. TRACY had sold a 1960 Mercury station wagon to a MR. CUTLER for \$270.00 cash.

CUTLER came to the dealership earlier in the day, left a \$20.00 deposit on the car stating that he was getting the rest of the money from Denver and/or Chicago via Western Union. He asked if the car would make it to Sioux Falls, S.D. CUTLER told the salesmen that he sold encyclopedias and made about \$40,000.00 per year, also indicated he was 40 years old and has a daughter who recently graduated from college in Denver. CUTLER was dressed in an Allied Van Lines uniform.

HUTTON has been informed by his salesmen that CUTLER does not resemble the photos of ERIC STARVO GALT published in today's paper, nevertheless they feel he may have some connection with the killing of Dr. KING particularly in view of the highly unlikely story he told them.

HUTTON does not feel there is a connection with captioned matter and furnished the above for evaluation.

HUTTON's files contain a more complete record of above mentioned sale. They were not available to him at the time he called this office.

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Date: 4/17/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS  
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)  
 RE: MURKIN

PHOTO OF POSSIBLE SUSPECT

Enclosed for Memphis and Birmingham are one photo each of TOMMY RAY WHITE.

On 4/15/68, Mrs. BARBARA DIEHL, 3239 Route 225, Rootstown, Ohio, phone 947-2559 (Atwater), which is located about halfway between Youngstown and Akron, Ohio, furnished the following information which she requested be kept confidential:

She stated that after the killing of KING on 4/4/68, she and other members of her family observed sketches of the subject in Ravenna and Akron papers. They observed what they believe is a striking resemblance to her former son-in-law, TOMMY RAY WHITE, who divorced her daughter, PATRICIA ANN WHITE, who is making her home with her at present. They stated at first all of them who knew her former son-in-law treated the matter as a joke but the more they have thought about the act, the more they are of the opinion that he could be the man being sought for the KING murder.

She stated her daughter separated from WHITE in June, 1966, and he secured a divorce from her in Jefferson County, Alabama. He was last in Portage County, Ohio, from 3/18-22/68, when a hearing was held relative to the custody of the child of the marriage, namely [REDACTED], age 3. She stated on this occasion WHITE apparently had no car with him and either arrived in the area by bus, plane or train. She stated that the last she knew, he drove a 1965 White Ford but she does not know what he is driving at present.

② - Memphis (Enc. 1)  
 2 - Birmingham (Enc. 1)  
 2 - Cleveland

Approved: MPM/jky  
 (6) Special Agent in Charge

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He wired someone for \$200.00 for his return to Alabama after the hearing in Portage County, Ohio, and is a shiftless short who will not work long at anything.

She stated her former son-in-law is definitely psychotic and always carried a loaded gun in his car when he lived in the Portage County area for a time. When they asked him why he carried a gun, he would state he carried it to "kill niggers". She stated that although he never professed to be a member of the Klan, he indicated that many of his close friends were Klan members and expressed a deep seated hate for Negroes. He threatened to kill her daughter on many occasions and that was why she separated from him.

She stated when in Portage County, Ohio, in March he told them he had married a girl whose maiden name was SHARON HENDERSON, a woman with three children by an unsuccessful marriage. Her family had formerly lived near his former home on Hill Avenue, Hueytown, Alabama.

The following is a description of WHITE as furnished by Mrs. DIEHL:

|                     |                                                     |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Name:               | TOMMY RAY WHITE                                     |
| Born:               | [REDACTED]                                          |
| Address:            | Route 5, Bessemer, Alabama                          |
| Height:             | 6'3" to 6'4"                                        |
| Weight:             | 165 lbs.                                            |
| Hair:               | Crew cut, thin brown                                |
| Eyes:               | Hazel                                               |
| Former Address:     | 305 Hill Ave., Hueytown, Alabama                    |
| Mother:             | OMA WHITE, 305 Hill Ave., Hueytown, Alabama.        |
| Brother-in-Law:     | BURTON GLAZE<br>305 Hill Ave., Hueytown, Alabama.   |
| Employment:         | White Roofing and Supply Co.,<br>Fairfield, Alabama |
| Military Service:   | 6 months, U. S. Army, discharged on<br>hardship.    |
| Previous Employers: | National Bridge, Bessemer, Alabama,<br>as welder.   |
| Education:          | High School, Hueytown High School.                  |

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Mrs. DIEHL made available wedding photograph of WHITE taken at his wedding. She stated it is an excellent likeness. A Polaroid copy enclosed for Birmingham and Memphis.

LEADS

MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM DIVISIONS

Will display photo of WHITE to pertinent witnesses for a possible identification.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

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

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

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License Survey  
New Orleans*

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TEL APRIL 16, LAST.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE.

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SET FORTH BELOW ARE THE NAMES, ADDRESSES AND AVAILABLE  
DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF FIFTY INDIVIDUALS ALL OF WHOM POSSESS  
THE BIRTH DATE OF [REDACTED] THE NAMES  
OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE OBTAINED FROM THE MAGNETIC TAPES  
WHICH ARE USED IN CONNECTION WITH COMPUTERS MAINTAINED BY  
THE LOUISIANA DRIVERS LICENSE DIVISION AT BATON ROUGE, LA.

THE IDENT DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT THE  
FOLLOWING EXAMINATIONS:

ONE - CONDUCT SEARCH FOR ANY EXISTING FINGERPRINT CARDS  
FOR THE LISTED INDIVIDUALS.

TWO - CONDUCT EXAMINATION OF FINGERPRINTS ON ANY CARDS  
LOCATED IN CONNECTION WITH THESE NAMES AND COMPARE WITH ALL  
EXISTING LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED IN INSTANT CASE TO  
DATE.

THREE - COMPARE THE SIGNATURES APPEARING ON ANY FINGER-  
PRINT CARDS LOCATED IN CONNECTION WITH THESE NAMES AGAINST

① - Memphis (AM)  
1 - New Orleans  
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ANY KNOWN HANDWRITING SPECIMENS DEVELOPED TO DATE IN INSTANT CASE.

MARVIN N. BLOUNT, TWO FOUR FIVE MALVERN LANE, HARAHAN, LA., WHITE MALE, BLACK HAIR, HAZEL EYES, ONE THREE FOUR LBS., FIVE FT. FIVE INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-NINE.

JEROME J. PELTIER, EIGHT TWO ONE PORT ST., NEW ORLEANS, LA., WHITE MALE, BLOND HAIR, GREEN EYES, ONE EIGHT FIVE LBS., SIX FT. ONE IN., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ZERO ONE WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

FRED A. LENDLE, P. O. BOX THREE SIX NINE, LULING, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, ONE EIGHTY LBS., FIVE FT. SEVEN INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

JAMES P. RAYMOND, JR., SIX ONE TWO SIX WILLOW ST., NEW ORLEANS, LA., WHITE MALE, BLACK HAIR AND BROWN EYES, ONE SIX FIVE LBS., FIVE FT. ELEVEN INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE

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**OF JULY TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.**

**DOUGLAS E. VICKNAIR, ROUTE ONE, BOX THREE EIGHT SEVEN,  
GONZALES, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, ONE SIX FIVE  
LBS., SIX FT., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]**

**[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYNINE.**

**RICHARD C. STINSON, TWO EIGHT TWO EIGHT ALKAY ST.,  
SHREVEPORT, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, ONE SIX  
TWO LBS., SIX FT. ONE IN., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]**

**[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY  
TWENTY SIXTYFIVE.**

**CHESTER J. LEDET, SR., ROUTE L, BOX TWO SEVEN SIX A,  
RACELAND, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, ONE SIX  
TWO LBS., FIVE FT. SEVEN INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]**

**[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY  
TWENTY SIXTYNINE.**

**EARL J. GUIDRY, APT. A, ONE ZERO EIGHT JOSEPHINE,  
THIBODAU, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, ONE  
FOUR FIVE LBS., FIVE FT. FOUR INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO.**

**[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE  
OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYNINE.**

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ELI GARSEE, JR., RT. FIVE, WINNSBORO, LA., WHITE MALE,  
BROWN HAIR AND EYES, ONE SEVEN FIVE LBS., SIX FT. ONE IN.,  
DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED] WITH  
EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYNINE.

CARL J. DERMADY, FOUR TWO FOUR CELOTEX PARK, WESTWEGO,  
LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, ONE FIFTY LBS.,  
FIVE FT. ELEVEN INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. ZERO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY  
SIXTYNINE.

HERSHAL W. THOMPSON, IN CARE OF J. THOMPSON, P. O.  
BOX ONE SIX THREE, JUNCTION C, WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND  
EYES, ONE EIGHTY LBS., SIX FT. THREE INS., DRIVERS LICENSE  
NO. [REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE  
OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYNINE.

JAMES B. LEJEUNE, RT. ONE, BOX TWENTYSIX, PORT BARRE,  
LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, ONE NINE FIVE LBS.,  
SIX FT., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYNINE.

HUNTER L. SPORL, ONE THOUSAND THIRD ST., NEW ORLEANS,  
LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, ONE EIGHTY LBS.,

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**SIX FT., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]**

**[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYNINE**

**FRANK A. TUCKER, ONE ZERO TWO NINE TERRY ST., NEW ORLEANS, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, ONE SEVEN FIVE LBS., FIVE FT. NINE INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]**

**[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY SIXTY-NINE.**

**MERLIN R. VERCHER, RT. TWENTYONE, WALKER LANE, ALEXANDRIA, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, TWO TWO ZERO LBS., FIVE FT. ELEVEN INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]**

**[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYFOUR.**

**RODOLFO BARRERA, MIRABEAU AVE., NEW ORLEANS, LA., WHITE MALE, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, ONE FORTY LBS., FIVE FT. SIX INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]**

**WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT.**

**ROBERT E. MAJORS, GEN. DEL., MELVILLE, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR, HAZEL EYES, ONE NINE THREE LBS., SIX FT., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYSEVEN.**

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RUSSELL J. GAUBERT, LAUREL VALLEY PLT., THIBODAUX,  
LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR, HAZEL EYES, ONE FOUR SIX LBS.,  
FIVE FT. NINE INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT.

BOBBY R. LAING, ONE ZERO TWO EIGHT ARANT ST., BASTROP,  
LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, ONE FIVE FIVE LBS,  
FIVE FT. TEN INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY  
SIXTYSEVEN.

WILLIAM D. SMITH, ONE EIGHT ONE SEVEN RIDGELAKE DR.,  
METAIRIE, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR, GREEN EYES, ONE EIGHT  
FIVE LBS., SIX FT. ONE IN., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY  
TWENTY SIXTYFIVE.

WAYNE B. DAUGHTRY, ONE EIGHT ONE TWO VALENCE ST., NEW  
ORLEANS, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, ONE SEVENTY  
LBS., FIVE FT. EIGHT INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SEVEN FIVE WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY  
SIXTYNINE.

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CALVIN A. LEJEUNE, RT. TWO, BOX ONE FIVE FIVE, PLAQUEMINE, LA., WHITE MALE, BLOND HAIR, BROWN EYES, ONE EIGHT FIVE LBS., FIVE FT. EIGHT INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT.

DONALD E. REYNOLDS, SIX FOUR FOUR ZERO S. CLAIBORNE NO. THREE ZERO THREE, NEW ORLEANS, LA., WHITE MALE, BLOND HAIR, GRAY EYES, ONE SEVEN FIVE LBS., SIX FT., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYSIX.

PABLO L. OKHUYSEN, FOUR FOUR FOUR BURGIN AVE., BATON ROUGE, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, ONE FIFTY LBS., FIVE FT. EIGHT INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYFOUR.

GAETANO T. FELTRI, SEVEN ZERO SEVEN GRAMMONT ST., MONROE, LA., WHITE MALE, BLACK HAIR, HAZEL EYES, ONE SIX FIVE LBS., DRIVERS LIENSE NO. [REDACTED]

WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYFIVE.

CHARLES R. ARMRESTER, ONE SIX ONE NINE WOODROW ST., SHREVEPORT, LA., WHITE MALE, BLOND HAIR, GREEN EYES, ONE SIX FIVE LBS., FIVE FT. EIGHT INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO.

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[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF  
JULY TWENTY SIXTYFIVE.

EARL B. CLARK, ONE ONE SIX THOMAS DR., LAFAYETTE, LA.,  
WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR, GRAY EYES, ONE FIVE FIVE LBS., FIVE  
FT. SEVEN INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT.

BENJAMIN E. BERTINOT, P. O. BOX FORTYFIVE, BOUTTE, LA.,  
WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, ONE EIGHT FIVE LBS., FIVE  
FT. ELEVEN INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT.

JEROME J. ELORRIAGA, ONE TWO TWO ZERO DUBLIN ST., NEW  
ORLEANS, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, ONE NINETY  
LBS., SIX FT., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYSIX.

RONALD L. WHITEHEAD, FOUR EIGHT THREE SIX VICTORIA PL.,  
ALEXANDRIA, LA., WHITE MALE, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, ONE  
SEVEN FIVE LBS., FIVE FT. EIGHT INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO.

[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE  
OF JULY TWENTY SIXTYSEVEN.

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HOWARD O. ULMER, JR., RT. TWO, BOX TWO THREE THREE,  
RUSTON, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, ONE SIX FIVE  
LBS., FIVE FT. TEN INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTY  
SIXTYNINE.

RUSSELL E. PEAVEY, P. O. BOX NINETYFOUR, LAKE ARTHUR,  
LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR, HAZEL EYES, ONE EIGHT FIVE  
LBS., SIX FT., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF NOV. TWO, SIXTYTHREE.

SENNETT M. KELLY, THREE ZERO ONE SIX GENERAL PATTON,  
LAKE CHARLES, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, ONE  
EIGHTY LBS., FIVE FT. ELEVEN INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO.

[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF  
SEPT. TEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

JAMES M. HOLLEMAN, SEVEN ZERO THREE MADISON AVE.,  
MENDEN, LA., WHITE MALE, BLOND HAIR, GRAY EYES, ONE NINE  
FIVE LBS., SIX FT., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF OCT. THIRTEEN,  
SIXTYEIGHT.



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LONNEY P. DOMANGUE, BOX TWO TWO TWO IDLEWIDD, HOUMA,  
LA., WHITE MALE, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, ONE EIGHTY LBS.,  
FIVE FT. NINE INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF JULY TWENTYFOUR  
SIXTYSIX.

JOSEPH OSTARLY, ONE TWO TWO EIGHT TAYLOR ST., KENNER,  
LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR, GREEN EYES, ONE NINE FIVE LBS.,  
SIX FT. TWO INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

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BRYONCHO NIENSTEDT, P. O. BOX NINETYONE, SIMPSON, LA.,  
WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, ONE SIX FIVE LBS., FIVE  
FT. EIGHT INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

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ROCHELL E. HADEN, ONE SIX SEVEN FOUR N. DUPRE ST., NEW  
ORLEANS, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, ONE FIFTY  
LBS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

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HERSHEL GRISSOM, JR., RT. TWO, BOX ONE NINE THREE A,  
ST. JOSEPH, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR, GRAY EYES, ONE  
EIGHTY LBS., SIX FT., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

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WARREN A. TRANCHINA, ONE ONE ONE TWO NINE JEFFERSON HWY.,  
NEW ORLEANS, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, DRIVERS  
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BENJAMIN B. BERTINOT, SIX TWO FIVE N. NINTH ST.,  
BATON ROUGE, LA., WHITE MALE, BROWN HAIR AND EYES, ONE SIX  
FIVE LBS., DIVE FT. ELEVEN INS., DRIVERS LICENSE NO. [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

April 17, 1968

Mr. Thomas S. Bates ✓  
Route 2  
Berkshire, New York 13736

Dear Mr. Bates:

This is to acknowledge receipt of  
your letter dated April 10, 1968.

Thank you for your interest in  
bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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2 - Memphis (Enclosures - copies of incoming)

NOTE SACS: *o* Murkin. Birmingham consider Michael  
Lee Farley and Larry Joe Sims suspects and account  
for their whereabouts during the pertinent period  
3/29/68 through 4/4/68.

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Berkshire RD92  
N.Y.  
April 10 '68

Fed. Bureau of Investigation  
Wash  
D.C.

Gentlemen

The killer of Rev. King might have a record.

Five years ago, (Sept 21 1963 to be exact)  
MICHAEL LEE FARLEY Age 17 and LARRY JOE SIMS Age 16  
murdered an 8 yr. Negro boy in cold blood on streets of  
Birmingham. Both arrested and charged with murder.  
Let off with a mere slap on the wrist. Sims & Farley  
were eagle scouts. It might pay you to trace them.

Thomas S Bates

Envelope:

THOMAS S. BATES  
R. D. No. 2  
Berkshire, New York 13736

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-1987)

FROM : Clerk THOMAS S. JENKINS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

On the above date a female phoned the Memphis Office. She was extremely difficult to understand, but her voice sound~~d~~ like that of a female negro. She was understood to state that for information on the King murder cab # 11 should be contacted. It was impossible to obtain the name of the cab company and the name of the cab driver from this woman. She would not furnish her name and hung up before further information could be obtained.

For information.

MJP/rd

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Airtel

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

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Cleveland teletype 4/17/68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Quinton Robert McClure, Army service personnel. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for McClure.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

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

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

SUSPECT QUINTON R. MC CLURE

ON APRIL ELEVEN, LAST, AN ANONYMOUS CALLER ADVISED ONE  
BUD MC CLURE, DEPARTMENT FOUR SIX THREE ZERO, FORD MOTOR  
COMPANY, CLEVELAND, IS POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

RECORDS, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, REFLECT QUINTON R. MC CLURE,  
DEPARTMENT FOUR SIX THREE ZERO, HAS BEEN EMPLOYEE OF FORD SINCE  
OCTOBER, FIFTYONE. MC CLURE DESCRIBED WHITE MALE, DOB  
[REDACTED], HAYSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, FIVE FEET  
ELEVEN INCHES, ONE FIFTYSIX LBS., BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, IN  
U. S. ARMY OCTOBER, FORTYONE - OCTOBER FORTYFOUR UNDER ASN  
[REDACTED].

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION REQUESTED TO COMPARE ARMY  
PRINTS OF MC CLURE WITH LATENTS IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

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Airtel

To: SACs, Detroit (Enclosures - 2)  
Memphis (Enclosures - 2) *mu*

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re suspect Douglas D. Blocksma. *D*

Enclosed for each office are two copies of an anonymous communication received at the Bureau postmarked 4-13-68, at Grandville, Michigan, indicating that Douglas D. Blocksma be considered a suspect. On the basis of available information, no pertinent identifiable data located in Bureau files regarding Blocksma.

Detroit identify Blocksma and account for his whereabouts during pertinent period 3-29-68, through 4-4-68.

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Gentlemen:

Suggest that you check out:

Douglas D. Blockama ✓  
2523 Union S. E.  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Not only does the physical  
description fit remarkably well,  
(even the pointed nose and smile)  
but his ideology is neatly way out.

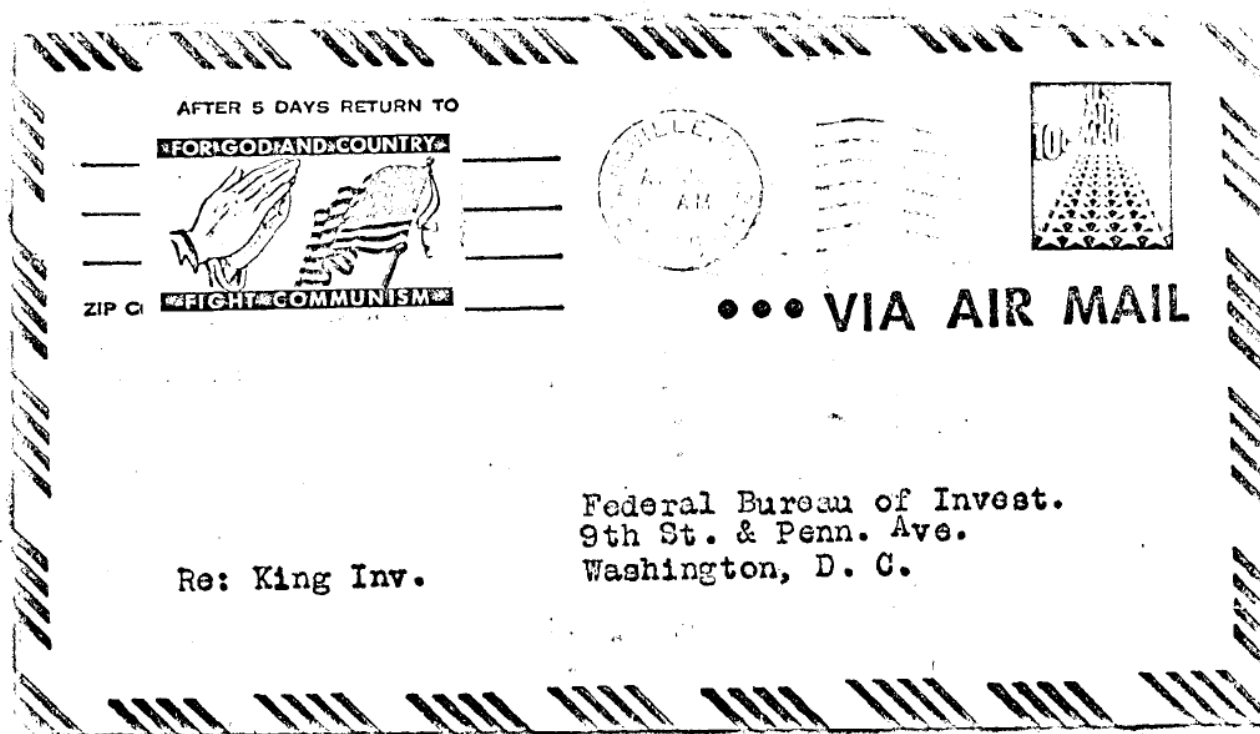


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4-17-68

Airtel

To: SACs, Los Angeles (Enclosures - 2)  
Memphis (Enclosures - 2) *mm*

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re suspect Ron Karenga. *157-1162-10*

Enclosed for each office are two copies of an anonymous communication received at the Bureau postmarked 4-12-68, at Pacoima, California.

Los Angeles contact appropriate informants.

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Dear Chief of FBI Hoover

If one of your men, not a white man were to hang out around the Black Muslim builing in Watts, you would hear talk that Ron Karenga and Carmichael had hired a gunsel to kill Reverand King. Carmichael hated King because he would not go along with his idea of violence.

People here could tell plenty but they are afraid. In fact the killer is being hid out by Karenga in this area. He is not a white man but a Black man with bleached hair. I heard this told by some one who is a close friend of Karenga. I can not tell more as an Uncle Tom label on me would be my end too. A smart man of your office hanging out in disguise in Watts could find the key. One hears that Stokley thought the death of King would start a revolution by all the Blacks but we decent ones want only the right man caught.

An ex Muslim

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Date: 4/30/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, 4/29/68.

Referenced Bureau airtel requested the Jackson Division to identify Jackson teletype dated April 17, 1968, which teletype the Dallas Office referred to in Dallas airtel to the Bureau, dated April 24, 1968.

Jackson file discloses a teletype was sent to Dallas, dated April 17, 1968, with an air mail copy directed to the Bureau and Memphis.

The information in Jackson teletype refers to information furnished by LEE MEREDITH, former Sheriff, DeSoto County, Hernando, Mississippi, who advised that the artist's conception appearing in the Memphis, Tennessee, newspaper resembles one of four individuals arrested in Hernando, Mississippi, who were from Dallas, Texas, and who allegedly were associated with GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL during the MEREDITH March in Mississippi, in 1967. These individuals who were arrested were identified as ROBERT ALLEN SURREY, JERALD THOMAS WALRAVEN, RICHARD JUDSON DICKINSON, ALVIN NEIL GRAY, and TOMMY WADE ORAN.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/17/68

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TO: DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND DALLAS

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

LEE MEREDITH, FORMER SHERIFF, DE SOTO CO., HERNANDO, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DRAWING APPEARING IN THE MEMPHIS, TENN. NEWSPAPER RESEMBLES ONE OF THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED IN HERNANDO, MISS., FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, DURING THE JAMES MEREDITH MARCH IN SIXTYSEVEN.

REVIEW OF JACKSON FILES REVEALS THAT AMERICAN NAZI PARTY STORM TROOPERS WHO APPEARED IN MISS. AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED BY MHSP, WERE ROBERT ALLAN SURREY, JERALD THOMAS WALRAVEN, RICHARD JUDSON DICKINSON, ALVIN NEIL GRAY, AND TOMMY WADE ORAN.

DALLAS REVIEW YOUR FILE ONE FIFTY SEVEN - EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN RE MEREDITH MARCH AND ONE FIFTY SEVEN - FIFTY, AMERICAN NAZI PARTY RE SUBJECT'S TRAVEL TO MISS. DURING SIXTYSEVEN

1 - Bureau (AM)  
① - Memphis (AM)  
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AND IF NOT PREVIOUSLY HANDLED, WILL ACCOUNT FOR THEIR WHERE-  
ABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD IN MURKIN.

AM COPY FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Special Agent in Charge



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TO: MOBILE

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

ROBERT DUVAL ROGERS, FIVE TEN SPANISH MAIN, SPANISH FORT, ALABAMA, CONTACTED MERIDIAN RESIDENT AGENCY THIS DATE AND ADVISED THAT ABOUT TWO P.M., APRIL EIGHT, LAST, HE LEFT SPANISH FORT, ALABAMA, EN ROUTE MORTON, MISSISSIPPI. ROGERS STATED HE DROVE THROUGH SARALAND TO CITRONELLE, ALABAMA, AND AS HE STARTED TO TURN RIGHT ON U. S. HIGHWAY FORTYFIVE AT ROSA A. LOTT NEGRO SCHOOL AND PETROLEUM CLUB ON HIGHWAY FORTYFIVE SOUTH OF CITRONELLE, ALABAMA, HE NOTICED A LIGHT BLUE OR LIGHT GREEN SIXTYTHREE RAMBLER AUTO BEARING UNKNOWN GEORGIA LICENSE PLATE. ROGERS SAID HE PULLED IN BEHIND THIS RAMBLER GOING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION AND THE RAMBLER SPED OFF AT EXTREMELY HIGH RATE OF SPEED. ROGERS SAID HE FOLLOWED THAT CAR THROUGH CITRONELLE. HE SAID THAT THE RAMBLER TURNED EAST ON DIRT ROAD ABOUT ONE

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HUNDRED FIFTY YARDS SOUTH OF INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY  
SEVENTEEN ABOUT ELEVEN MILES NORTH OF CITRONELLE.

ROGERS STATED HE RECALLED SEEING A SIGN NEAR THIS DIRT  
ROAD WHICH READ "MOBILE FORTYTHREE MILES." ROGERS STATED  
HE TURNED AROUND AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY SEVENTEEN  
AND WENT BACK TO THE DIRT ROAD WHERE HE SAW THE RAMBLER  
GOING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED OVER THE HILLS IN AN  
EASTERLY DIRECTION ON THIS DIRT ROAD. ROGERS STATED JUST  
PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING SPANISH FORT HE HAD OBSERVED A SKETCH  
OF THE SUSPECT WHO KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IN MOBILE,  
ALABAMA, NEWSPAPER. HE STATED THAT THE MAN DRIVING THE  
ABOVE MENTIONED RAMBLER AUTOMOBILE BORE A VERY CLOSE  
RESEMBLANCE TO THAT SKETCH. ROGERS DESCRIBED THE DRIVER  
OF THAT CAR AS A WHITE MALE, ABOUT THIRTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE,  
BLACK OR BROWN HAIR, RECEDING HAIRLINE AND A THIN FACE.  
HE SAID THIS MAN HAD DARK CLOTHING HANGING IN THE BACK

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Special Agent in Charge

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OF THE RAMBLER.

MOBILE AT CITRONELLE, ALABAMA. WILL CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD  
INVESTIGATION ON ABOVE DESCRIBED DIRT ROAD AND ATTEMPT TO  
IDENTIFY OWNER OF ABOVE DESCRIBED RAMBLER AUTOMOBILE.

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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL

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TO: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
MURKIN

RE: SUSPECT, Dr. ROBERT BRUCE JOHNSON  
TUCSON, ARIZONA  
MISSING PERSON

Phoenix Airtel 4-17-68 furnished rather extensive information re Dr. JOHNSON. For information and assistance of Phoenix, there are identifiable latents available in instant case. It is suggested that the Phoenix Office secure an appropriate military number, or other identifying number, and submit same to the attention of the Latent Fingerprint Section so that Dr. JOHNSON can be positively eliminated.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Doctor ROBERT BRUCE JOHNSON  
Tucson, Arizona  
MISSING PERSON

ReBuairtel to PX, 4/11/68 entitled "MURKIN"; and  
PX airtel to Bureau, 4/1/68 entitled "Dr. ROBERT BRUCE JOHNSON,  
M.D., 100 Calle Encanto, Tucson, Arizona, MISSING PERSON."

Enclosed for the Bureau are two photographs of  
Dr. JOHNSON taken in 1967.

Enclosed for Memphis are Xerox copies of reairtels  
and two photographs of Dr. JOHNSON.

The newspaper article mentioned in reBuairtel  
appeared in the 4/6/68 edition of the "Arizona Daily Star,"  
a Tucson, Arizona, daily newspaper. The article concerning  
Dr. JOHNSON appeared on page 1; the article and composite  
sketch of Unsub appeared on page 2 of the same paper.

On 4/6/68 Det. Sgt. LAWRENCE BIETSCH, Missing  
Persons Bureau, Tucson PD, advised SA RAYNER P. PETERS, JR.,  
that as a result of the above two articles appearing in  
the same edition of the morning paper the Tucson PD received  
several calls from local citizens that date concerning the  
similarity of appearance and description of the missing

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Dr. JOHNSON and Unsub. This matter has been followed closely with Sgt. DIETSCH And on 4/16/68 he summarized the results of the investigation by the Tucson PD and other local agencies to locate Dr. JOHNSON as follows:

Dr. JOHNSON was born 8/4/22 at Twin Falls, Idaho. In early childhood the family moved to Glendale, California, and in 1936 they moved to Phoenix, Arizona. They moved to Tucson, Arizona, during Dr. JOHNSON's high school years. He finished high school in Tucson and finished his pre-med studies at the University of Arizona, Tucson. Upon completion of pre-med studies he entered the U. S. Army during World War II and was based at Fort Riley, Kansas, for a while. The Army later sent him to Medical school at Columbia, in New York, where he graduated in 1947. He interned at Baylor Hospital, Seattle, Washington, and at King County, Hospital, Seattle. He then returned to Tucson where he was a resident doctor at St. Mary's Hospital. In 1950 he and several other doctors formed a clinic in Tucson until 1960 when he became dissatisfied with this group and set up his own office as a specialist in internal medicine.

He enjoys an excellent reputation in the community as a doctor and as an individual. Investigation has disclosed no political or racial activities of any kind and he has not known to have expressed any strong feelings concerning either political or racial matters.

Sgt. DIETSCH said that since the appearance of the above articles 4/6/68, Mrs. JOHNSON has been interviewed concerning the possibility that Dr. JOHNSON might be considered a suspect in the KING case. She has advised interviewing Tucson Police officers that she knows of no statement or actions on the part of Dr. JOHNSON at any time in the past which would lead her to believe that he could be remotely connected with the KING case. Mrs. JOHNSON has told Tucson Police officers that Dr. JOHNSON "started taking pep pills" in about 1960 and Sgt. DIETSCH advised that other investigation indicates that Dr. JOHNSON has used narcotics at various times for a number of years.

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Mrs. JOHNSON advised Tucson Police officers that at the time of his disappearance, Dr. JOHNSON had been despondent for some time over ill health. He had a heart attack in 1958 and has recently been under the care of another Tucson physician for heart problems.

Sgt. DIETSCH advised that the car Dr. JOHNSON was driving when last seen is a white 1967 MGB-GT two-door hardtop with Arizona license NAA-664.

When first reported missing, Dr. JOHNSON had last been seen at 8:20 a.m., 3/29/68 when he left his office in Tucson to go to St. Joseph's Hospital in Tucson to confer with other doctors on a case. He did not return to his office and apparently has contacted no one since then.

On 4/6/68 Dr. S. R. KEMBERLING, Tucson physician, after seeing a newspaper article concerning Dr. JOHNSON's disappearance, told Sgt. DIETSCH that he and his wife had seen Dr. JOHNSON 3/31/68 at the parking lot of St. Joseph's Hospital in Tucson. He said he and his wife both are well acquainted with Dr. JOHNSON and are positive of the identification. They waved at Dr. JOHNSON who acknowledged their greeting. Dr. JOHNSON was sitting in his white MGB sports car and appeared to be in good health and spirits. As of 4/16/68 this is the last report of Dr. JOHNSON's whereabouts.

Sgt. DIETSCH said their investigation had developed that Dr. JOHNSON disappeared suddenly for several days in November, 1967, and was found only after he had wrecked his Austin Healy sports car near Benson, Arizona. When found he was believed to be under the influence of some type of narcotics. Sgt. DIETSCH said Dr. JOHNSON had been reported as a missing person on that occasion.

Intensive investigation by the Tucson PD and other local law enforcement agencies to locate Dr. JOHNSON continues. The desert area of southern Arizona is being searched in view of the possibility that Dr. JOHNSON might have driven into the desert and either suffered a heart attack or committed suicide.



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RPP/gle

Close liaison is being maintained with the Tucson PD concerning their investigation to locate Dr. JOHNSON. Any developments will be immediately reported to the Bureau and Memphis.

Sgt. DIETSCH pointed out that in showing Dr. JOHNSON's photograph to any possible witnesses in the KING case, it should be borne in mind that at the time of his disappearance, 3/29/68, his hair was cut in a short crewcut style, which according to acquaintances was a noticeable feature of Dr. JOHNSON.

Although there have been no facts developed to indicate that Dr. JOHNSON, by his background, profession, or actions, would normally be considered a likely suspect in this matter, investigation to date has not completely eliminated him. The general similarity between his description and that of Unsub, the date of his sudden disappearance and the fact he was driving a white sports car when last seen would appear to make him worthy of consideration as a suspect in this matter.

Exhibition of Dr. JOHNSON's photograph to pertinent witnesses and other appropriate investigation being left to the discretion of Memphis.

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Date: 4-11-68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

To: SAC, Phoenix

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a self-explanatory letter from Mrs. Florence Peek, 4609 East Burns, Tucson, Arizona, dated 4-6-68, along with its enclosures, two copies each of two clippings from an unidentified newspaper, presumably a Tucson, Arizona, newspaper.

One clipping notes that one Doctor Robert B. Johnson, driving a 1967 white sports car, had been missing for one week. Mrs. Peek, in her letter, raises the question as to whether Doctor Johnson could possibly be the slayer of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.

Phoenix conduct sufficient investigation to eliminate or include Doctor Johnson as a suspect in captioned case. Suairtel results unless more expeditious means warranted.

Neither Doctor Johnson nor Mrs. Peek are identifiable in Bureau files. Mrs. Peek's letter has been acknowledged.

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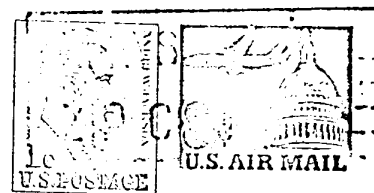
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AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO  
*Mr. Lawrence Peck*  
*4609 East Burns*  
*Tucson, Ariz. 85711*  
ZIP CODE



*The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover*  
*Federal Bureau of Investigation*  
*Washington, D.C.*



4609 East Beanne  
Tucson, Arizona  
April 6, 1968

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Dear Sir,

I am inclosing a  
news picture of a local  
doctor. Could this poor  
sick man be the  
one for whom you  
are searching?

May I add that  
I hope not, — for the  
sake of his family and  
friends.

Yours truly,  
2 (Mrs.) Florence Peak

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## Description Of Slayer Reported By Officials



### King's Killer?

Artist's sketch of assassin, based on descriptions of men living in Memphis rooming house from which the killer fired. (AP Wirephoto)

Mrs. Brewer said the man was as tall as her husband—about six feet.

B. L. Reeves, a 74-year-old retired hotel clerk, watched the man as he talked to Mrs. Brewer.

"I seen him when she check him in. He had his back to me, but I judge he was about 5-feet-11. He had dark hair and a pretty neat hair cut."

Charlie Q. Stephens, in room 6—between the room taken by Willard, and the bathroom—got a better look.

He saw the man when Mrs. Brewer was showing him room 5.

"He was clean shaven and had a long, sharp nose. He had normal eyes and a square chin, thick hair at the front and receded on each side.





DR. ROBERT B. JOHNSON

## Dr. Johnson Missing For One Week

City police are searching for a 46-year-old Tucson physician who has been missing for one week after failing to keep an appointment at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Dr. Robert B. Johnson, of 100 Calle Encanto, was last seen March 29 when he left his office at 1311 N. Country Club Rd. He told his nurse he would return two hours later.

Officials at St. Joseph's said Dr. Johnson apparently never made it to the hospital.

The doctor is described as 5-feet-10, weighs about 175 pounds, and has a small scar on his forehead. He has brown eyes, graying hair worn in a crew cut and medium complexion.

Police said he was driving a 1967 white sports car when he disappeared.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (79-0)

DR. ROBERT BRUCE JOHNSON, M. D.,  
100 Calle Encanto,  
Tucson, Arizona  
MISSING PERSON

On 4/1/68, Mr. RAY ALBERTSON, Office of U. S. Senator CARL HAYDEN, Phoenix, Arizona, telephonically contacted the Phoenix Office and advised that captioned individual, who is his brother-in-law, has been missing since about 8:30 AM, on the morning of 3/29/68, when he left his Tucson office to go to St. Joseph's Hospital in Tucson on a case. Mr. ALBERTSON said the Tucson Police Department and other local agencies in Tucson have been advised and are conducting investigation to locate. Mr. ALBERTSON requested that a missing person notice be filed with the Bureau.

On 4/1/68, Sgt. LAWRENCE DIETSCH, Missing Persons Bureau, Tucson, Arizona Police Department, furnished the following descriptive data concerning JOHNSON to SA RAYMER P. PETERS, JR.:

|             |                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Name        | Dr. ROBERT BRUCE JOHNSON,<br>M.D. |
| Race        | White                             |
| Sex         | Male                              |
| Nationality | American                          |
| DOB         |                                   |
| Height      | 5'9"                              |
| Weight      | 175 pounds                        |
| Hair        | Gray, crew cut                    |
| Eyes        | Brown                             |
| Scars       | 1 1/2" scar right forehead        |

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As of 3/29/68, Dr. JOHNSON was driving a 1967 MGB-GT two-door white sports car, Arizona license, number unknown (registration too new to check).

Sgt. DIETSCH advised their investigation to date has developed that Dr. JOHNSON was last seen at 8:20 AM, 3/29/68, when he left his office in Tucson to go to St. Joseph's Hospital in Tucson for consultation with other doctors on a case. No reason developed for disappearance, although he was said to be despondent because of ill health. Tucson PD, SO, and AHP conducting investigation, including search of area.

It is requested a missing persons notice be placed. Agency to notify is Tucson, Arizona Police Department, case no. 443154.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: APRIL 16, 1968

Enclosed for the Memphis Division are three FD-302's and one insert, fifteen copies of each, total 60 enclosures, concerning investigation to identify and interview "JACK (LNU)" as set out in Baltimore teletype to Bureau, Memphis and Jackson dated 4/10/68.

The insert sets forth the details of the Baltimore teletype.

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