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555PM URGENT 4-25-68 JKK

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE REGARDING INFORMATION
RECEIVED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FROM DOROTHY D. COTTON
SCLC.

REVEREND L. P. PONDER, SIX ZERO ONE OWEN STREET, COLUMBIA,
MISSISSIPPI, ADVISED HE WAS NOT IN POSSESSION OF INFORMATION
POSSIBLY CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY. HE STATED HERKLEY ALFORD,
ROUTE TWO, FOXWORTH, MISSISSIPPI, WAS SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

HERKLEY ALFORD ADVISED HIS SISTER-IN-LAW, GUSSIE MINGO,
WORKS FOR MRS. M.D. SCHWARZAUER AND HAD OVERHEARD MRS.
SCHWARZAUER COMMENT AFTER SEEING PICTURE OF RAY ON T.V. THAT
HE WAS PERSON TO WHOM SHE HAD RENTED AN APARTMENT IN COLUMBIA,
MISSISSIPPI.

MRS. M.D. SCHWARZAUER WHO RESIDES AT ROUTE TWO, FOXWORTH,
MISSISSIPPI, WAS LOCATED IN POPLARVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, WHERE SHE
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ADVISED AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY THAT HE WAS NOT IDENTICAL WITH PERSON TO WHOM SHE RENTED APARTMENT. SCHWARZAUER STATED THAT IN OCTOBER, SIXTYSEVEN, SHE RENTED A TWO-ROOM APARTMENT AT SIX ZERO SIX CHURCH STREET, COLUMBIA, MISSISSIPPI, TO A YOUNG MAN WHO GAVE HIS NAME AS EARL WILLIAM RAY. THIS INDIVIDUAL ADVISED HER THAT HE WAS GETTING MARRIED AND WOULD BRING HIS WIFE TO LIVE IN THE APARTMENT WITH HIM. EARL WILLIAM RAY WAS A YOUNG MAN. SCHWARZAUER RELATED RAY ONLY OCCUPIED THE APARTMENT FOR ONE NIGHT AND THEN LEFT. SHE STATED RAY WAS UNKNOWN TO HER AND THAT SHE HAS NOT SEEN HIM SINCE OCTOBER, SIXTY SEVEN, WHEN HE RENTED THE APARTMENT. SCHWARZAUER STATED THAT UPON SEEING PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY ON T. V. IN PRESENCE OF HER SISTER AND HER MAID, GUSSIE MINGO, SHE JOKINGLY REMARKED THAT THIS MUST BE THE INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM SHE RENTED HER APARTMENT. SCHWARZAUER STATED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO RENTED HER APARTMENT BEARS NO RESEMBLANCE TO JAMES EARL RAY AND IS NOT SAME PERSON. SHE STATED THAT SINCE APARTMENT WAS VACATED BY EARL WILLIAM RAY, SHE HAS HAD IT COMPLETELY REDECORATED THROUGHOUT.

EARL WILLIAM RAY UNKNOWN TO COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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FBI CHICAGO

557PM URGENT 4-25-68 RMF

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ AND ATLANTA /44-3886/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/

AND RICHMOND

FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING.

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL AND LHM DATED APRIL TWELVE, SIXTY EIGHT
CAPTIONED: NSWPP; JOHN MEDIZER.

JOHN C. MEDIZER, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED],
FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE POUNDS, BLOND HAIR,
BLUE EYES, WAS ACTIVE IN CHICAGO UNIT NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE
PEOPLE'S PARTY /NSWPP/ DURING SUMMER AND FALL, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

MEDIZER LIVED FOR TIME AT NSWPP HEADQUARTERS AND ALSO AT
DIPLOMAT HOTEL, CHICAGO. HE WORKED AT ROTO PRINT COMPANY, CHICAGO
UNTIL MARCH TWENTY NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, WHEN HE QUIT HIS JOB.

CHICAGO NSWPP SOURCE ADVISED MEDIZER BELIEVED ORIGINALLY
FROM WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS AND REPORTEDLY WORKED PRIOR TO
CHICAGO AS DRUMMER IN NIGHT SPOTS IN DALLAS, TEXAS AREA.

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WHILE ACTIVE IN NSWPP AFFAIRS MEDIZER PARTICIPATED IN DEMONSTRATIONS INCLUDING DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST ANTI VIETNAM PEACE DEMONSTRATIONS WASHINGTON, D.C., OCTOBER TWENTY, TWENTY ONE, SIXTYSEVEN.

VINCENT BURNELL, FOREMAN, ROTO PRINT COMPANY, HAS ADVISED MEDIZER HAS SSN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], WAS SHOP WORKER. MEDIZER FREQUENTLY BRAGGED TO COWORKERS ABOUT HIS NAZI PARTY ACTIVITIES AND DISPLAYED LITERATURE AND OTHER NAZI ITEMS. ON MARCH TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT MEDIZER ADVISED HE WAS QUITTING JOB TO WORK FOR NAZIS IN ARGENTINA, REPORTEDLY ON "FORGED PASSPORT." HE INDICATED HE FIRST WOULD VISIT FRIENDS IN DALLAS.

MEDIZER ALSO DURING EMPLOYMENT MADE VAGUE THREATS AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THAT HE WOULD "TAKE CARE OF HIM."

SUBSEQUENTLY MEDIZER PICKED UP PAYCHECK ON MARCH TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, STATED HIS PRESENT PLANS INCLUDED A VISIT TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, THEN TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA WHERE HE WOULD DISCUSS HIS PLANS WITH MAJOR KOEHL /MATT KOEHL OF NSWPP/ AT ARLINGTON AND DO WHAT EVER "THE MAJOR" WANTED HIM TO DO.

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HE INDICATED HIS PLANS MAY NOT INCLUDE A TRIP TO ARGENTINA
DEPENDING ON WHAT KOEHL HAD TO SAY.

PASSPORT RECORDS, CHICAGO NEGATIVE RE MEDIZER.

MRS. MORRIS, DIPLOMAT HOTEL, CHICAGO HAS ADVISED MEDIZER
LEFT HOTEL LAST OF MARCH STATING HE WAS GOING TO AUSTRALIA.
TALKED OF NAZI ACTIVITIES AT HOTEL, NOTHING SPECIFIC RECALLED.
LEFT NO FORWARDING ADDRESS.

CHICAGO NSWPP SOURCES HAVE NO INFORMATION RE MEDIZER'S
CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. HAVE NO INFORMATION RE MEDIZER INVOLVEMENT
RE MURKIN.

BASED ON STATEMENT MADE RE KING, MEDIZER SHOULD BE LOCATED
AND INTERVIEWED.

RICHMOND AT ARLINGTON - CONTACT NATE KOEHL, NSWPP TO
DETERMINE IF MEDIZER LOCATED THERE AND INTERVIEW RE POSSIBLE
INVOLVEMENT MURKIN. IF NOT LOCATED SUTEL LEADS TO LOCATE.

AM COPIES SENT DALLAS, ST. LOUIS, SPRINGFIELD AND WFO.
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) , MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM RICHMOND (44-657)

MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS

RE CHICAGO TEL INSTANT DATE.

MATT KOEHL, NSAPP LEADER, ARLINGTON, VA., ADVISED THIS DATE
MEDIZER HAS NOT BEEN IN ARLINGTON AND IS STILL RECEIVING MAIL
AT POST OFFICE BOX SIX ONE SIX EIGHT CHICAGO AND FRED CATALANO
MEMBER NSAPP WOULD BE LOGICAL PERSON TO KNOW OF MEDIZER'S WHEREABOUTS.

CE THROUGH CATALANO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MEDIZER RE POSSIBLE
INVOLVEMENT MURKIN.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND
SAC RICHMOND (44-657)

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649) (2 P)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE.

IT IS NOTED DALLAS IS NOT AS YET IN RECEIPT OF CHICAGO
TEL TO BUREAU, AM COPY TO DALLAS, APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING.

TODAY A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE
INFO IN PAST, ADVISED THAT JOHN MEDIZER IS NOT IN CONTACT WITH
ANY ANP MEMBERS IN DALLAS AS FAR AS HE KNOWS. IT IS NOTED SOURCE
ALSO FURNISHED INFO CONCERNING ANP CONFERENCE AT NICHOLASVILLE,
KENTUCKY, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, RE TOTAL REORGANIZATION ANP AND
FACT THAT STORM TROOPER LIEUTENANT ALVIS GRAY AND HIS WIFE,
DOYNA, ARE NOW RESIDING PERMANENTLY ON ANP PROPERTY, SPOTSYLVANIA,
VIRGINIA. GRAY AND WIFE ARE LIVING IN ANP CAMPER-TRUCK.

DALLAS CONTINUING INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE INFO RE WHEREABOUTS
MEDIZER.

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- 1 - Chicago (44-1114)(AM)
- 2 - Dallas (1 - 44-2649)
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**RICHMOND, AT SPOTSYLVANIA. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ALVIS
GRAY AS SET OUT ABOVE FOR ANY INFO RE WHEREABOUTS MEDIZER.**

MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, AND CHICAGO ADVISED AM.

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FBI CHICAGO

553PM URGENT 5-2-68 RMF

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/ DALLAS /44-2649/ SPRINGFIELD
/44-561/

FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE JOHN C. MEDIZER

RE CHICAGO TEL, APRIL TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT TO DIRECTOR, AM
COPIES TO DALLAS, SPRINGFIELD; CHICAGO TEL, APRIL TWENTY SIX,
SIXTY EIGHT, TO DIRECTOR AND DALLAS.

VINCENT BURNELL, ROTOPRINT COMPANY, CHICAGO, MEDIZER'S FORMER
EMPLOYER, HAS ALSO ADVISED MEDIZER ATTENDED ST. JOHN'S GRAMMAR AND
HIGH SCHOOL AT WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS, AND THIS IS PROBABLY HOME
AREA, ALTHOUGH COMPANY RECORDS DO NOT LIST ANY RELATIVES. MEDIZER
HAD INDICATED TO BURNELL HE HAD STUDIED FOR PRIESTHOOD, PLACE UNKNOWN.

FOR INFO DALLAS, COMPANY RECORDS ALSO SHOWED TEXAS MONOPLATE,
TWO THOUSAND S. ERVOY, DALLAS, AS FORMER EMPLOYER OF MEDIZER.

SPRINGFIELD AT WEST FRANKFORT CONDUCT INVESTIGATION RE MEDIZER'S
PRESENT LOCATION IN ORDER THAT INTERVIEW MAY BE CONDUCTED RE ANY
POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT MURKIN AND SUTEL LEADS.

DALLAS HANDLE EMPLOYMENT.

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TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO
FROM RICHMOND (44-657)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE DALLAS TEL APRIL TWENTYSIX, LAST.

ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE JOHN MEDIZER, ARLINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA,
VA. NEGATIVE. ALVIS NEAL GRAY INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTYSIX,
LAST, AT WHITE PARTY OF AMERICA HEADQUARTERS, TEN NINETEEN KING
ST., ALEXANDRIA, VA., AND STATES HE HAS NEVER SEEN JOHN MEDIZER
AND DOES NOT KNOW PRESENT WHEREABOUTS BUT WOULD SUGGEST CONTACT
WITH FRED CATALANO, NEWPP MEMBER AT CHICAGO. OTHER WPA MEMBERS
CONTACTED, ALEXANDRIA, RE MEDIZER AND COULD FURNISH NO
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THEY ARE: KARL ALLEN, LEADER OF WPA,
ERIC CARLSON, BERNIE DAVIDS, AND RE TWO SIX NINE - R.
END. AIR MAIL COPIES TO DALLAS AND MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL)
SAC CHICAGO
SAC DALLAS

FROM SAC SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-

MURKIN; THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DALLAS AND SPRINGFIELD MAY TWO, LAST.

MRS. EUGENE WALDEN, ROUTE THREE, WEST FRANKFORT, PROTECT
IDENTITY, MEDIZER'S MOTHER, ADVISED JOHN C. MEDIZER RESIDES
FIVE FIVE ZERO SIX E.R.L. THORNTON, POSSIBLY THORNTON, FREEWAY,
DALLAS, TEXAS.

DALLAS, HANDLE.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND KANSAS CITY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-3849) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE: JOHN C. MEDIXER

Re Chicago teletypes to Bureau dated 4/25 and 5/2/68, Dallas teletype to Bureau dated 4/26/68, and Springfield teletype to Chicago and Dallas dated 5/2/68.

A summary of investigation conducted at Dallas is set out as follows:

On 5/6/68, JOHN C. MEDIXER was located at his place of employment, the Texas Nameplate Company, 1900 S. Ervay Street, Dallas. Records of that company as furnished by Mrs. MARGARET ROEH, Personnel Department, reflected that MEDIXER had been employed by that company as a printer since 4/18/68, with his residence shown as 5505 East R.L. Thornton Expressway, Dallas. Personnel records of the above company also reflected that MEDIXER sustained an injury while on duty on 4/22/68, and at that time he gave the above address.

On 5/6/68, MEDIXER was interviewed at the Texas Nameplate Company and stated that he left Chicago, Illinois, on 3/31/68, by way of Greyhound Bus, directly to Dallas, Texas, with an approximate 2-hour layover at St. Louis, Missouri, on the same date. He stated that he arrived Dallas early on the morning of 4/1/68, and immediately contacted a friend of his

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by the name of EDDIE CHANFIELD, who lives at 3506 East N. L. Thornton Freeway. MEDIER stated that before leaving Chicago he lived at 4801 Belmont and worked for the Kato-Print Company. He stated that while in Chicago he was a member of the American Nazi Party (ANP) and plans to continue his membership with the ANP by paying his dues to the ANP headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. MEDIER further stated that he does not plan to contact any of the ANP members in Dallas, Texas, since he is becoming inactive in the ANP inasmuch as he is getting married shortly to a Dallas girl by the name of CHARLENE HARRIS, who works at the Coca Cola Bottling Company, Dallas, Texas.

MEDIER then stated that on 4/1/68, he obtained a construction job through his friend, EDDIE CHANFIELD, with the Leroy Roberts Construction Company, 4031 Mission Street, Dallas, Texas. He stated that he worked continuously at this construction company with EDDIE CHANFIELD until approximately 4/12/68, at which time he left that company because he did not like construction work. MEDIER stated that he then began working for the Texas Nameplate Company on 4/18/68, and has been so employed to the present date.

MEDIER then stated that in regard to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., he does not recall ever making any threats against the life of KING, however, since he is a member of the ANP, he does not agree at all with the policies followed by KING or his successors. He stated, however, that as a member of the ANP he does not believe in violence and the present policy of the ANP is against physical violence.

MEDIER is described as white male; born [redacted], at Chicago, Illinois; 5'10"; 145 pounds, Selective Service No. [redacted] (Classified as 1-A with the Denton, Illinois Selective Service Board); blue eyes, blond hair.

MEDIER stated that since he is getting married in the near future, he plans to stay in the Dallas area and purchase a home and become inactive in the ANP.

He further stated that Mr. LEROY ROBERTS or his foreman, BILL DAVIDSON, could vouch for his whereabouts from 4/1 to 12/68.

On 5/8/68, Mr. BILL DAVIDSON, Foreman with the Leroy Roberts Construction Company (supra), advised SA JAMES V. ANDERTON that his payroll records reflect that JOHN C. MEDIER was employed

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by that company as a fork lift operator (assistant) from 4/1/68 through 4/12/68. Mr. DAVIDSON stated that in addition to his pay roll records he recalls MEDIKER working during that period with his friend, EDDIE CRAWFIELD.

FB-302a regarding above interviews follow to Memphis.

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SIOPX URGENT 4-25-68 RME

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/, ATLANTA /44-2336/, MEMPHIS /44-1967/
FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TEL APRIL TWENTY-FIVE, INSTANT.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ALFRED GEORGE SCHNEIDER, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT CHICAGO, RESIDING FIVE ZERO FIVE
FOUR NORTH LEAVITT, CHICAGO, INTERVIEWED TODAY. EMPLOYED
TWENTY FIVE YEARS AS UNDERWRITER KEMPER INSURANCE COMPANY,
CHICAGO. STATED THAT IN AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, RUMOR
IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD WAS TO EFFECT THAT KING WAS TO SOON MAKE
SPEECH IN WINNEMAC PARK, LOCATED ACROSS STREET FROM SCHNEIDER
RESIDENCE. SCHNEIDER WAS DRINKING IN LOCAL BAR AND CUSTOMERS
WERE TALKING ABOUT PROPOSED KING SPEECH AT WINNEMAC PARK.
TALK BECAME HEATED AGAINST KING AND CUSTOMER DARED SCHNEIDER
TO CALL POLICE AND REPORT THAT KING WOULD BE KILLED IF HE APPEARED.

SCHNEIDER THEREAFTER RETURNED HOME AND BECAUSE OF DRUNKEN
CONDITION, TELEPHONED LOCAL POLICE DISTRICT STATING THAT IF KING
APPEARED HE WOULD BE KILLED. DENIED HE SAID HE WOULD KILL KING.

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SCHNEIDER'S WIFE INTERVIEWED AND CONFIRMED HE DRINKS TO EXCESS. SHE RECALLED SCHNEIDER'S TELEPHONE CALL TO POLICE ONE NIGHT WHEN HE WAS DRUNK. SHE HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT IF HE MADE THREAT, THAT HE EVER INTENDED TO CARRY IT THROUGH.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION INDICATED SCHNEIDER AND FAMILY HAVE EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN COMMUNITY. NO ARREST RECORD OF SCHNEIDER CHICAGO.

IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, SCHNEIDER CONSIDERED BY CHICAGO AS ELIMINATED AS POSSIBLE CONSPIRATOR MURKIN AND NO FURTHER INQUIRY BEING MADE CONCERNING HIM UACB.

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

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RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APR. TWENTYFIVE, 'SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: THREAT AGAINST KING BY ALFRED G. SCHNEIDER,
EIGHT ONE THREE SIXTYSIX.

INFO RE SCHNEIDER'S THREAT RECEIVED BY ATLANTA NIGHT OF
AUG. THIRTEEN, SIXTYSIX BY TELETYPE FROM JACKSON. INFO FUR-
NISHED STATION CAPTAIN'S OFFICE, ATLANTA POLICE, TWELVE TEN AM,
AUG. FOURTEEN, 'SIXTYSIX.

ON APR. TWENTYSIX, 'SIXTYEIGHT, SGT. BOBBY MOORE, SECURITY
UNIT, APD, ADVISED HE COULD LOCATE NO FORMAL RECORD AND HAD NO
RECOLLECTION THAT SCHNEIDER WAS DISCUSSED BY APD WITH
KING. P

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

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) P 2P

MURKIN.

TELETYPE APRIL TWO SIX, LAST.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

CHICAGO HAS INITIATED INVESTIGATION FOLLOWING TO DETERMINE
WHETHER THEY COULD BE CONSPIRATORS THIS CASE:

ALFRED GEORGE SCHNEIDER (ELIMINATED, SEE CHICAGO TEL APRIL
TWO FIVE, LAST.)

ROBERT CORNELL BENTON (ELIMINATED, SEE CHICAGO TEL APRIL
TWO SIX, LAST.)

JESSE KILBRATH (ELIMINATED, SEE BUFFALO TEL APRIL
TWO SIX, LAST; HAS DREAMED KING'S LIFE WAS IN DANGER.)

NORTON L. ZASLAVSKI, CHICAGO, WHO ALLEGEDLY PUT UP THREE
THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HAVE KING KILLED.

THOMAS F. CRAWLEY, AKA CRAWLEY, WHO ALLEGED "NAZIS" GAVE HIM
ASSIGNMENT TO ASSASSINATE KING TO AVOID HARM TO HIS FAMILY.
NUMEROUS LEADS OUTSTANDING TO LOCATE.

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JOSEPH JOHN GATFNAY, CHICAGO, WHO MAY HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH "MINUTEMEN" AND ALLEGEDLY WAS PART OF TWO MEN ASSASSINATION TEAM.

DONALD STOUT, WHO GAVE HIDE TO THREE YOUNG MEN FROM SAN FRANCISCO, ABANDONING THEM IN KANSAS CITY AND STROUT TOLD THEM IN SEPTEMBER, SIXTY-SIX, HE WAS GOING TO SHOOT KING. EXTENSIVE INQUIRY UNDER WAY TO DETERMINE HIS PRECISE IDENTITY AND LOCATE HIM.

"JOHN BEXTER", WHO WAS SUBJECT OF ANONYMOUS CALL TO GRACOR, CHICAGO, IN NOVEMBER, SIXTY-SIX, AN ALLEGED CITY OF CHICAGO EMPLOYEE, WHO SUPPOSEDLY KNEW AN INDIVIDUAL OFFERING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ASSASSINATION OF KING. NO SUCH EMPLOYEE FOUND IN EXAMINATION CITY OF CHICAGO RECORDS, BUT THOROUGH INQUIRY CONTINUING.

JOHN C. MEDISER, ACTIVE IN CHICAGO UNIT OF NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE'S PARTY. EXTENSIVE INQUIRY HAS NOT YET DETERMINED HIS CURRENT LOCATION, CONTINUING. HE WAS REPORTEDLY IN VARIOUS TERMS SAID HE "WOULD TAKE CARE OF" KING.

EACH SUSPECT RECEIVING IMMEDIATE, THOROUGH HANDLING ON TOP PRIORITY BASIS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC CHICAGO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

THE FOLLOWING THREAT IS CONTAINED IN THE KING FILE:

BY AIRTEL MARCH THIRTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, YOUR OFFICE REPORTED INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM ARMY INTELLIGENCE WHICH ALLEGED THAT ONE JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY, WHO CLAIMED TO BE A MINUTEMAN, HAD REPORTEDLY STATED HE WAS PART OF A SABOTAGE TEAM WHICH WOULD UNDERTAKE ASSASSINATION OF KING. GAFFNEY WAS INTERVIEWED AND DENIED MEMBERSHIP OR ASSOCIATION WITH THE MINUTEMEN. HE DID ADVISE THAT ONE ORVILLE BRETTMAN OF ELGIN, ILLINOIS, REPORTEDLY IN THE USMC, AT THAT TIME, WAS BELIEVED TO BE A MINUTEMAN AS BRETTMAN HAD GIVEN HIM LITERATURE. NO THREATS WERE REPORTEDLY MADE BY BRETTMAN.

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.

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SIERRA URGENT 4/30/68 ASK

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) P

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO CHICAGO, APRIL TWO NINE, LAST.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY AND ORVILLE M. BRETTMAN.

ARMY INTELLIGENCE IN MARCH, SIXTYSEVEN, REPORTED
THAT GAFFNEY, WHO WAS AN ALLEGED "MINUTEMAN" CLAIMED TO AN ASSOCIATE
THAT HE WAS PART OF A SABOTAGE TEAM WHICH WOULD UNDERTAKE
ASSASSINATION OF KING. OTHER MEMBER OF TEAM REPORTEDLY BRETTMAN.

GAFFNEY, AGE TWENTYONE, INTERVIEWED CHICAGO APRIL
TWO NINE AND THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT. CLAIMED HAS BEEN IN CHICAGO
AND CHICAGO INDEPENDENTLY VERIFYING HIS WHEREABOUTS. GAFFNEY
SAYS BRETTMAN HAS BEEN IN USMC, WAS IN CHICAGO ABOUT DECEMBER TEN
TO TWO SEVEN, LAST, NOW IN VIET NAM. GAFFNEY DENIES "MINUTEMAN"
MEMBERSHIP, DENIES EVEN STATING WOULD KILL KING, CLAIMS STRONGLY
AGAINST ALL VIOLENCE.

SAN DIEGO VERIFY WHEREABOUTS LAST SEVERAL MONTHS OF
CORPORAL ORVILLE M. BRETTMAN, USMC [REDACTED]
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H AND S COMPANY, FIFTH RECON. BATTALION, FIFTH MARINE DIVISION,
M.F. (REIN), MCR, CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, AND VERIFY WHETHER
HAS DEPARTED OVERSEAS AND DATE.

HANDLE LEADS ON TOP PRIORITY BASIS, BUTEL LEADS.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-37861, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND CHICAGO 44-1114
FROM SAN DIEGO 44-337

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL THIRTY LAST.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY AND ORVILLE H. BRETTMAN.

MARY CARTER, CLERK, BASE LOCATOR, CAMP PENDLETON,
CALIFORNIA, ADVISED HER RECORDS REFLECT ORVILLE H. BRETTMAN,
MARINE SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED] CURRENTLY
SERVING OVERSEAS WITH "F" COMPANY, SECOND BATTALION, THIRTEENTH
MARINES, HAVING DEPARTED DURING EARLY FEBRUARY, NINETEEN
SIXTY EIGHT.

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FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/ P

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RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY AND ORVILLE H. BRETTMAN.

CHICAGO THROUGH INVESTIGATION HAS ESTABLISHED THAT GAFFNEY HAS BEEN IN CHICAGO CONTINUOUSLY PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, EXCEPT EASTER VACATION TRIP TO IOWA, THROUGH INTERVIEWS TEACHERS AT SHERBURN COLLEGE ILLINOIS AND INTERVIEW WITH FATHER, JOSEPH J. GAFFNEY, EMPLOYED AS GENERAL PURCHASING AGENT, NATIONALLY, SEARS, ROEBUCK AND COMPANY. GAFFNEYS WELL OFF FINANCIALLY AND INFLUENTIAL BUSINESS CIRCLES. FATHER STATES JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY TENDS TO BRAG AND IS ALWAYS ATTEMPTING TO IMPRESS PEOPLE WITH HIS IMPORTANCE. FATHER REFERRED TO THIS TENDENCY AS HIS SONS "EAGNESS."

SAN DIEGO TEL, MAY ONE, INSTANT, VERIFIED BRETTMAN IS SERVING OVERSEAS IN MARINE CORPS.

ACCORDINGLY, CHICAGO ELIMINATING GAFFNEY AND BRETTMAN FROM MURKIN, UACB.

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

MURKIN.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE "TONY DEXTER." AS BUREAU AWARE, SYDNEY FINLEY, NAACP, CHICAGO, ON NOVEMBER THREE, SIXTYSIX, INFORMED FBI, CHICAGO, HE HAD RECEIVED ANONYMOUS CALL THAT "TONY DEXTER," AN "EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO WORKING FOR CITY OF CHICAGO ASPHALT COMPANY," WAS AWARE OF INDIVIDUAL OFFERING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ASSASSINATION OF KING.

INVESTIGATION HAS DISCLOSED CITY OF CHICAGO HAS NOT EMPLOYED ANYONE WITH LAST NAME DEXTER AND CHECKING OF POSSIBLE ASPHALT COMPANIES HAS BEEN COMPLETELY NEGATIVE. LOGICAL SOURCES, INCLUDING CREDIT AND POLICE CHECKS TOTALLY NEGATIVE. FBI FILES, CHICAGO, NEGATIVE. LOGICAL UNION RECORDS NEGATIVE, INCLUDING MUNICIPAL AND ASPHALT LOCALS. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT NEGATIVE.

IN VIEW OF ANONYMITY OF ALLEGATION, LACK OF REAL SUBSTANCE, AND NEGATIVENESS OF INQUIRY, CHICAGO ELIMINATING "TONY DEXTER" FROM FURTHER MURKIN INVESTIGATION, UACB.

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CINCINNATI, CHICAGO, DALLAS, INDIANAPOLIS, DETROIT,
KANSAS CITY AND SEATTLE

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN

WILSHIRE
Sub B-402
RE WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

RE LA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWO SEVEN, LAST.

MAILING LIST OF WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY FOR ONE NINE SIX
SIX, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, AND ONE NINE SIX EIGHT CONSISTING
OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY THOUSAND NAMES FURNISHED ON APRIL
TWO FOUR, LAST, BY BERNARD LANDE, PRESIDENT, RESEARCH PROJECTS
COMPANY, ONE SEVEN ZERO SIX ROCKAWAY AVENUE, LYNBROOK, NY, TO
SAS JOHN F. CURRAN, NORMAN A. MURRAY, AND ROBERT G. OFTEDAL.
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SEARCH BY GAS FOR HAYES, GAULT AND JAMES E. RAY,
NEGATIVE. LIST REFLECTED INDIVIDUALS NAMED RAY AS FOLLOWS.
DATE REFLECTS YEAR, LIST COMPLETED:

MR. R. L. RAY, THREE FIVE FOUR SEVEN SOUTH FEDERAL
STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

DONALD J. RAY, NINE NINE FOUR SOUTH ROYS AVENUE,
COLUMBUS, OHIO (ONE NINE SIX SIX).

RONNIE RAY, FOUR ZERO SIX WEST FRANKLIN STREET, ELECTRA,
TEXAS (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

ANGIE RAY, NINE FOUR TWO AND ONE-HALF SOUTH CLALA,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, MOVED IN ONE NINE SIX SEVEN OR
ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, NO FORWARDING ADDRESS INDICATED.

B. J. RAY, THREE TWO SEVEN FIRST AVENUE EAST, PACIFIC
WASHINGTON (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.)

MARVIN L. RAY, EIGHT ONE ONE BOYER AVENUE, WALA
WALA, WASHINGTON (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

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JACK D. RAY, FIVE ZERO ZERO FIVE EAST UNION, INDIANAPOLIS,
INDIANA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

W.S. RAY, FIVE TWO FOUR SEVEN COLLEGE AVENUE,
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

FLOYD RAY, SIX SEVEN ZERO EIGHT SEVEN FLINT, MICHIGAN
(ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

ROBERT G. RAY, ONE FIVE TWO SIX EAST SIXTY SIXTH PLACE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

DELMA RAY, NINE TWO THREE WEST GRAND, HAYSVILLE, KANSAS
(ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

DEBBIE RAY, SIX SIX THREE THREE DERBY AVENUE, APARTMENT
FOUR, RESEDA, CALIFORNIA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

RECEIVING OFFICES INSTRUCTED TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF
ABOVE ARE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT, JAMES E. RAY, OR A
RELATIVE. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: **April 29, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

MURKIN.

RE NEW YORK TEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST, WHICH SETS FORTH MAILING LIST OF WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY FOR SIXTYSIX, SIXTYSEVEN, AND SIXTYEIGHT, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY THOUSAND NAMES FURNISHED ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST BY BERNARD LANDE, PRESIDENT, RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPANY, LYNEBROOK, NEW YORK.

INCLUDED WAS THE NAME B. J. RAY ^{Jul R-670p2} THREE TWO SEVEN FIRST AVENUE EAST, PACIFIC, WASHINGTON (SIXTYEIGHT).

INVESTIGATION PACIFIC, WASHINGTON REFLECTS GERALD D. RAY RESIDED THREE TWO SEVEN FIRST AVENUE EAST, PACIFIC, WASHINGTON UNTIL APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AGO WHEN HE REPORTEDLY WAS TRANSFERRED BY THE BOEING COMPANY TO NEW YORK. RAY REPORTED TO BE FORMER MAYOR OF ALGONA AND REPUTABLE CITIZEN.

RECORDS BOEING COMPANY REFLECT GERALD D. RAY ^D SAME ADDRESS, EMPLOYED AS SUPERVISOR WITH A SECRET CLEARANCE, DATE OF BIRTH

_____, WHO IS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO

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1 cc. New York (AM)
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RESEARCH PARK CENTER, P. O. BOX ONE FOUR SEVEN ZERO, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA. BOEING OFFICIALS STATE THAT POSSIBLY RAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO NEW YORK BUT THAT COMPANY RECORDS AT HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA WOULD HAVE TO BE CHECKED FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

AT TIME OF ARREST OF MINUTEMEN IN SEATTLE ON BANK ROBBERY-CONSPIRACY CHARGE IN JANUARY, SIXTYEIGHT, AN ADDRESSOGRAPH LISTING OF NAMES WAS FOUND TO BE IN THE POSSESSIONS OF ONE OF THE SUBJECTS. IT IS BELIEVED THIS LISTING OF NAMES MAY BE PERSONS RECEIVING LITERATURE OR ACTUALLY BELONGING TO THE PATRIOTIC PARTY, A SO CALLED POLITICAL ARM OF THE MINUTEMEN. ONE OF THE NAMES ON THIS LISTING IS JERRY RAY, THREE TWO SEVEN FIRST AVENUE EAST, PACIFIC, WASHINGTON.

BIRMINGHAM AT HUNTSVILLE SHOULD CONTACT GERALD D. RAY TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF B. J. RAY AND IF HE IS RELATED TO SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. AM COPIES TO NEW YORK AND MEMPHIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re NY airtel to Bureau, 4/25/68.

The following investigation was conducted to identify DONALD J. RAY, 994 South Roys Avenue, Columbus, Ohio:

Current city and telephone directories list DONALD J. RAY at 994 South Roys Avenue, wife SUSANNA, telephone 274-8883, employed as firefighter, City of Columbus. Directories reviewed 4/26/68.

Mrs. RUTH CLAPROOD, Clerk, Driver's License Index, OBMV, Columbus, Ohio, advised records show DONALD J. RAY, 994 South Roys Avenue, was born [redacted], Columbus, Ohio, is 5'8" tall, weight 158 pounds, has brown hair and brown eyes. His SSN is [redacted], and he is employed as a firefighter, City of Columbus.

Mrs. CARLA JACQUES, Credit Bureau of Columbus, Inc., on 4/26/68 advised from records DONALD JEAN RAY, wife SUSANNA, 994 South Roys Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, employed as a firefighter, City of Columbus, was employed by Pure Oil Company for 10 years. Since 1956 he has been employed as a firefighter. Nothing

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derogatory appears in credit records concerning him.

Mrs. KAY NICHOLS, Record Room, Columbus PD, on 4/26/68 advised there is no record there for DONALD J. RAY.

RAY was interviewed 4/26/68. Residence and employment was verified. He has been employed as a firefighter, City of Columbus 12 years. His physical description does not fit that of JAMES EARL RAY, and his facial appearance does not resemble fugitive. He claims to have no relatives who resemble fugitive nor can he furnish any information to assist in locating subject.

No further investigation being taken concerning this person.

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617PM URGENT 4/25/68 WJH
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS
FROM BALTIMORE (44-669) 2P

MURKIN.

RE BU TEL CALL, APRIL TWENTYFOUR. BA TEL CALL LITTLE
ROCK, INSTANT DATE.

RE: THREATS MADE AGAINST MARTIN
LUTHER KING.

CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, FORMER IO FUGITIVE NUMBER FOUR ZERO
ONE SEVEN IN ITSP, ITSMV, UFAP - PRISON BREAK CASE, OO
LITTLE ROCK, BUREAU FILES TWO SIX DASH THREE ZERO THREE ZERO
THREE FIVE AND EIGHT SEVEN DASH EIGHT NINE NINE NINE EIGHT.
BILLINGS APPREHENDED FEBRUARY EIGHT SIXTYSEVEN, ARKANSAS,
RECEIVED FIVE YEAR SENTENCES, USDC, LITTLE ROCK, NOVEMBER
TWENTYONE SIXTYSEVEN, AND TRANSFERRED TO U.S. PENITENTIARY
LEAVENWORTH, NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE SIXTYSEVEN.

FOR INFO OF BUREAU, LHM'S SUBMITTED BY PHILADELPHIA
MARCH THIRTYONE SIXTYFIVE, CAPTIONED "ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASS-
INATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, RM," AND BY BALTIMORE, APRIL TWO
SIXTYFIVE, CAPTIONED "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C" SETTING
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OUT INFORMATION RE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR OFFER TO BILLINGS
IN MARCH SIXTYFIVE AT COLUMBIA, S.C., BY INDIVIDUALS ONLY
KNOWN AS JAMES AND EDDIE TO KILL KING, AND BACKGROUND
INCLUDING MENTAL CONDITION.

COPIES OF ABOVE LHM'S BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO KANSAS
CITY FOR REINTERVIEW OF BILLINGS PER BUREAU REQUEST.

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REGULAR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Baltimore teletype, 4/25/68.

Enclosed for Kansas City is one copy of LHM dated 4/2/65, Baltimore, Maryland, re MARTIN LUTHER KING and LHM dated 3/31/65, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, re Alleged Plot to Assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On 4/24/68, HUNTER HEGELSON, Division 6, telephonically advised Baltimore that file reviews were being conducted on all threats ever made against MARTIN LUTHER KING, and he referred to Baltimore airtel dated 4/2/65 concerning allegations made by CARLOS LEE BILLINGS of an offer by unknown persons to kill KING for \$50,000. ✓

HEGELSON stated that the Bureau wants all pertinent background developed on BILLINGS and an interview of him conducted as soon as possible with results to the Bureau, Memphis, and other interested offices. If interviewed in the past he must be reinterviewed concerning the above allegation and full details obtained about that statement by him. Investigation must be started on 4/25/68 and given immediate attention plus expeditious handling.

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On 4/25/68, Baltimore telephonically contacted the Little Rock Office and was advised that BILLINGS had been sentenced in USDC, Little Rock, 11/21/67, on a guilty plea to 5 years on one charge and 5 years on 3 other charges to run concurrent. He was transferred on 11/29/67 to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth.

For information of Kansas City, in connection with the allegation made by BILLINGS, Charlotte by teletype to Bureau, 3/30/65, advised that the Chief Deputy and Secretary of the Sheriff's Office, Sanford, N. C., had no knowledge of any incident near Sanford about 3/4/65 wherein an officer was disarmed by a man with a machine gun or other weapon. Both stated they were sure they would have heard of such an incident in that area.

Savannah by teletype to the Bureau, 3/30/65, furnished the following:

"BUSTER" LEWIS may be identical with DAVID DELANE/LEWIS, aka Buster, ITSMV, Bufile 26-237966, FBI #263964C. LEWIS, 4/14/59, in USDC, EDVA, sentenced one year and one day custody USAG to run concurrently with four years sentence he was serving in Federal Reformatory, Petersburg, Va. On 8/5/58, he had been sentenced in USDC, Columbia, S. C., on two counts for violation Section 2312, Title 18, U. S. Code, and received sentence of four years each to run concurrently. No current information in Savannah files concerning him.

JERRY BARBER may be identical to JERRY DON BARBEE, aka JERRY BARBER, FBI #885195B, who is the subject of Savannah file "JERRY DON BARBEE, aka - Fugitive. UPAP - GL," OO: SAVANNAH, Bufile 88-32105, Philadelphia file 88-4908. BARBEE was arrested lower Marion, Pa., and released on \$500 bond, 12/3/64. His present whereabouts are unknown. Philadelphia has photo of BARBEE which was sent by Savannah 12/30/64.

Savannah indices negative on IRVING BARBER and JUNE TAYLOR. It is noted that there is a lounge bar on Lady Street, Columbia, S. C.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/26/68

MELVIN LEMONS, Secretary to the Director, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, FBI # 368794A, is at the Medical Center for psychiatric treatment with the long-term goal of an eventual return to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

He stated on April 2, 1968, the Medical Center directed a letter to the U. S. Probation Office at Little Rock, Arkansas, stating that although BILLINGS now appears to be competent, several months ago he was too psychiatrically disturbed to participate in any court here. A plan is to examine him again in a month to determine whether or not he is competent to participate in legal proceedings.

LEMONS stated that while BILLINGS was at the Medical Center on a previous occasion a psychiatric report prepared April 17, 1967, by Dr. ANDREW F. GUSCHWAN, M.D., Staff Psychiatrist, contained the following diagnosis:

"Schizophrenic Reaction, chronic undifferentiated type, sociopathic personality disturbance, anti-social type, migraine headaches, with possible brain damage."

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On 4/26/68 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 44-760
by SA JAMES A. MITCHELL - LAC Date dictated 4/26/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/26/68

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CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was advised of the identity of JAMES A. MITCHELL as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was told the purpose of the interview concerned a report he had made sometime ago to the FBI that he had been offered \$50,000. to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING by two individuals identified only as JAMES and EDDIE. This took place in Columbia, South Carolina, in about March, 1965. He was furnished a warning and waiver form, which he read and executed. He then furnished the following oral information:

In early 1965, in Columbia, South Carolina, he met a soldier stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, who was to be discharged within a few days. His name was JIM or GLENN BARBER, but he is not sure of the first name or the spelling of the last name. He had just returned from Panama, and he believes he held the rank of Corporal. BARBER had marijuana and pep pills in his possession and was a very convincing talker. BARBER had met a female in Columbia named JOHNNIE BLACKWELL. She worked as a waitress at a lounge he believes was called the "Downtown," located near Chubby's Steak House in Columbia. She was from a little town twenty miles south of Columbia, name unknown. BLACKWELL roomed with a girl named JUNE TAYLOR, somewhere on Bull Street in Columbia. Both girls were prostitutes, and BILLINGS lived part of the time with TAYLOR. TAYLOR worked at a night club there called the "Red Rooster."

BLACKWELL had met two men known as JAMES and EDDIE and had filled a prostitution date with JAMES for \$50. The initial meeting took place in some club, name unknown, located near Chubby's Steak House, possibly the "Downtown." BLACKWELL told JIM she had to leave because she had a date with a soldier from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, named BARBER. JAMES asked her to ask BARBER if he could get ahold of any weapons, whereupon she told him BARBER had a machine gun.

On 4/26/68 at Springfield, Missouri

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by SA JAMES A. MITCHELL - LAC

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JAMES expressed an interest in buying it from BARBER and told her to pass this on to him, which she agreed to do. The prostitution date was filled in a motel in town, name unknown.

The following night, at the V.F.W., he, JAMES, EDDY and BARBER met. TAYLOR and BLACKWELL were present, as well as two other girls who worked at the "Red Rooster," but this was their night off. He does not recall their names. This was the first time he had met JAMES and EDDY. The men went outside and BARBER gave them each a stick of marijuana which he had brought back from Panama. They all sat in JAMES's white 1964-65 Lincoln Continental and smoked marijuana. The Lincoln had a Tennessee license plate *3 m 1 fine* beginning with the number 2, which designates Memphis. JAMES was always smoking big cigars and wore a large diamond ring. He understood JAMES has money in Mississippi and Tennessee. He owns land in Clarksdale, Mississippi, has a big car lot in Memphis and a night club. In the old days he was a bootlegger. JAMES despises the Negro race and, particularly, any with Communist leanings.

While in the car, JAMES told BARBER he understood he had a .50-caliber machine gun and BARBER said he did. JAMES asked if he wanted to sell it and he said, "Yes." Either JAMES or EDDIE asked where the machine gun was and how long it would take to get it. BARBER said three days because it was in Westwego, Louisiana, in care of a friend who ran a night club, The Canal Bank Inn. He never heard this man's name. JAMES or EDDIE asked BARBER if he had any ammunition for it, and he said he had a whole belt. One of the men then offered him a thousand dollars for the machine gun.

They all met again the next night at the largest drive-in restaurant in Columbia, name unrecalled. JAMES or EDDIE asked him if he had ever used the machine gun before, and he said he used one while in military service. It was agreed that BILLINGS would take BARBER to Westwego, Louisiana, which is on the west bank of New Orleans, to get the machine gun. They were to meet JAMES and EDDIE on a certain unrecalled date in Columbia and collect \$1,000. for the machine gun. The meet was to be at some unrecalled motel. BILLINGS stated he has trouble remembering things that happened this long ago.

He drove BARBER to get the machine gun at the Canal Bank Inn, and BARBER contacted some man outside of his presence who reportedly told him the weapon had not arrived. He and BARBER stayed in an apartment house at the rear of the Canal Bank Inn for two days waiting for the weapon to arrive, but it never did. He became irritated with BARBER and then felt BARBER never had such a weapon. BILLINGS returned alone to Columbia, South Carolina, and he understood BARBER was going to his home in Fort Myers, Florida. BARBER's parents reportedly lived in and operated a trailer park at Fort Myers. BILLINGS stated that at the time all this was going on he had and was driving a 1959 Chevrolet convertible, maroon in color, bearing a Maryland Temporary Tag. He bought the car under his true name from Luby's Chevrolet in Baltimore, Maryland.

Upon his return to Columbia he met with JAMES and EDDIE and informed them he did not get the weapon. He was told the plan was for him and BARBER to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING for \$50,000. \$5,000. was to be in advance, with the remaining \$45,000. to be paid to them in Greenville, South Carolina. JAMES said KING had to be "wiped out" because J. EDGAR HOOVER had reported KING to be a confirmed Communist and the most notorious liar of our day. The killing was to take place along a scheduled march from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama. The machine gun was to be placed in the back of a paneled truck and driven to a spot on the Selma-to-Montgomery route. When the front line of marchers, including Dr. KING, approached the spot, the rear doors of the truck would be opened and the marchers machine-gunned. The truck was to come from some other state and purchased legally in the name of a deceased person. They would then drive the paneled truck away from the line of march to a country road where a passenger car would be parked. The truck would be abandoned and then they would travel into Montgomery, Alabama, by a devious back-roads route. They would then travel to Greenville, South Carolina, where they would meet JAMES and EDDIE. JAMES would tell them how to get to Sydney, Australia, via Mexico, on a freighter.

JAMES has a friend who formerly lived in Mississippi but now has a sheep ranch in Broken Bow, Australia. This man would help set them up in a bar or some other type of legitimate business.

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When he told JAMES and EDDIE that BARBER could not produce the machine gun, they said the plan had been dropped because MARTIN LUTHER KING announced he was not going to participate in the march.

He described JAMES as white male American, age 40; 5 feet, 10 inches; 210 pounds; blue eyes; brown hair, graying on the sides. JAMES lives on a farm eight miles from Memphis, in Mississippi.

EDDIE described as white male American; 6 feet, 1 inch; 180 pounds; brown hair; age 38, good dresser, residence Memphis, Tennessee.

BARBER described white male American, 22; 5 feet, 8 inches; 170 pounds; black hair; husky build, and good looking. He believes BARBER a psychiatric case and believes this was the reason he was discharged from the military.

He has seen JAMES and EDDIE since the above incident; however, he is not going to say more unless the Government dismisses an Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle charge against him. He has two detainers against him, and one is a State detainer. The federal detainer is from U. S. District Court, Montgomery, Alabama, and this detainer prevents him from making parole. He is eligible for parole on his current 5-year sentence in September 1968. He might get a parole to a State detainer, but parole would not be favorably acted upon with a federal detainer on file. If this detainer were removed he would furnish the full names of JAMES and EDDIE and where they could be located, in addition to subsequent contacts he has had with these men. He was told that no promises of any kind could be made in this regard.

A photograph of JAMES EARLY RAY, FBI # 306443A, taken at the Missouri Department of Corrections, Jefferson City, Missouri, on March 17, 1960, was shown to BILLINGS. and he stated that he does not know this individual either by name or photograph.

BILLINGS admitted he was at the Medical Center for psychiatric treatment. He has a writ in federal court under the provisions of Title 18, Section 2255, U. S. Code,

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trying to get his original Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle conviction set aside on the grounds he was incompetent at the time. He was at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, but was recently transferred to the Medical Center because he has been seeing a red man with a green coat and alligator shoes. This red man is responsible for all his troubles. He is not visible to him now, but he does see him when he is alone, but not since he arrived here in February 1968.

The following is a description of BILLINGS as obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Height	6'
Weight	190 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Born	[redacted], in North Carolina (no town)
FBI #	368794A
Wife	OMA BILLINGS Box 214, Toughkenamon, Pennsylvania
Mother	VIRGINIA BILLINGS
Father	P. B. BILLINGS (Address same as above)

FBI

Date: 4/27/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 (OO Memphis)

Re Baltimore teletype to Bureau dated 4/25/68.

Enclosed herewith for Bureau and all receiving offices are two (2) copies each of FD-302s concerning CARLOS LEE BILLINGS.

Referenced communication reveals CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, former IO Fugitive No. 4017, in ITSP prison break case, Office of Origin Little Rock, received an offer from JAMES (LNU) and EDDIE (LNU) of \$50,000. to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING in March of 1965.

The FD-302s concern interview with CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, who is currently an inmate at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, and a psychiatric evaluation of BILLINGS.

LEADS:

COLUMBIA:

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Attempt to locate and interview JOHNNIE BLACKWELL and JUNE TAYLOR to confirm story and further identify individuals named by BILLINGS.

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TAMPA:

AT FT. MYERS, FLORIDA:

Attempt to locate and interview BARBER's parents operating trailer park in 1965.

NEW ORLEANS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

Conduct investigation at Canal Bank Inn to confirm story or further identify individuals.

MEMPHIS:

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:

Attempt to identify JAMES (LNU), owner of large parking lot that area.

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11:05 AM URGENT 5-1-68 MMW

TO KANSAS CITY 44-760, MEMPHIS, TAMPA, COLUMBIA AND PHILADELPHIA
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTY
SEVEN RE CARLOS LEE BILLINGS. *Sub E-671*

FOR INFORMATION OF COLUMBIA, WHO DOES NOT HAVE BELOW NOTED
REPORT, REVIEW OF NEW ORLEANS FILE ON BILLINGS REFLECTS INFORMATION
FROM LITTLE ROCK REPORT OF SA WALTER W. SMART, JR., DATED
FEBRUARY ELEVEN, SIXTYSEVEN, CONCERNING THREE ZERO TWO FURNISHED
BY BILLINGS ON THAT DATE IN WHICH BILLINGS STATED WAS IN CUSTODY
AT CHESTER, PA., IN APRIL, SIXTYFIVE AND ESAPED FROM CUSTODY
WITH TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS, NAMES NOT MENTIONED, APPROXIMATELY
MAY SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE. FURTHER, HE PROCEEDED TO WILMINGTON, DEL.
WHERE ONE OF ESCAPEES APPREHENDED. FROM THERE HE AND OTHER
ESCAPEE WENT TO OCALA, FLA. FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED IN THIS
THREE ZERO TWO IT WOULD APPEAR BILLINGS NOT ONLY IS PRODIGIOUS
CAR THIEF AND CHECK PASSER, BUT A CON MAN AS WELL.
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IT IS ESPECIALLY NOTED THAT BILLINGS STATES IN THREE ZERO TWO IN RE COMMUNICATION THAT HE MET JAMES AND EDDIE IN COLUMBIA, S.C., IN MARCH, SIXTYFIVE. IN THREE ZERO TWO SET OUT IN REPORT OF SA SMART, HE ADVISED WAS IN CUSTODY IN APRIL, SIXTYFIVE AND DID NOT ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY UNTIL APPROXIMATELY MAY SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE WILL REVIEW FILE ON BILLINGS AND ASCERTAIN WHEN ESCAPED FROM CUSTODY, FORWARD SAME TO KANSAS CITY FOR REINTERVIEW OF BILLINGS AT SPRINGFIELD, MO.

NEW ORLEANS HOLDING IN ABEYANCE COVERAGE OF LEAD AT CANAL BANK INN UNTIL AUTHENTICITY OF BILLINGS' STORY DETERMINED.

KANSAS CITY ADVISE OTHER OFFICES IN RECEIPT OF REAIRTEL WHETHER THEY DESIRE LEADS SET OUT TO BE HANDLED AT THIS TIME OR HELD IN ABEYANCE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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5-1-68 URGENT EAA

TO SACS KANSAS CITY 44-760, MEMPHIS 44-1987, TAMPA, COLUMBIA AND
NEW ORLEANS 157-10673
FROM SAC PHILADELPHIA 44-388

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MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL KANSAS CITY ET AL INSTANT RE CARLOS LEE
BILLINGS.

REPORT SA GENTRY H. LOWE, JR, JUNE SIXTEEN, SIXTYSIX, AT PHILA,
CAPTIONED, "CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, AKA; ITSP; ITSMV; UFAP - PRISON
BREACH" REFLECTS SUBJ ESCAPED MAY TWENTYFOUR SIXTYFIVE.

COPY OF REPORT WAS FURNISHED ALL OFFICES.

RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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556 AM URGENT 5/2/68 PAM

TO MEMPHIS, TAMPA, COLUMBIA, PHILADELPHIA, NEW ORLEANS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-730 1P

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RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO KANSAS CITY MAY ONE LAST.

INASMUCH AS CARLOS LEE BILLINGS ADVISED HIS
ACTIVITIES IN COLUMBIA, SC., TOOK PLACE IN ABOUT MARCH, SIXTYFIVE,
OR EARLY SIXTYFIVE, THE LEADS SET FORTH PREVIOUSLY BY THE
KANSAS CITY OFFICE IN THIS MATTER SHOULD BE COVERED.

IT IS NOTED THAT BILLINGS WAS IN CUSTODY IN APRIL
SIXTYFIVE, AND ESCAPED ABOUT IN MAY, SIXTYFIVE, SO IT IS
QUITE POSSIBLE THAT HIS STORY BASED ON SOME FACTS WHICH SHOULD BE
REVEALED.

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TO: KANSAS CITY (44-760)
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL, FIVE/TWO/LAST. RE: CARLOS LEE BILLINGS
NORRIS CAMERDELLE, OWNER AND MANAGER, CANAL BANK INN,

WESTWEGO, LA., ADVISED THAT SOMETIME DURING THE SPRING OF NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE "SONNY" BILLINGS AND AN UNKNOWN WHITE COMPANION RENTED APT. SIX AT THREE ONE FIVE LAUROSSINI, WESTWEGO, FROM HIM. HE ADVISED BILLINGS AND COMPANION STAYED IN APT. ABOUT THREE MOS., THEN LEFT THE NEW ORLEANS AREA, RETURNED FOR A SHORT TIME, AND THEN LEFT FOR APPROXIMATELY A YEAR. BILLINGS RETURNED APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO.

CAMERDELLE ADVISED NEITHER BILLINGS NOR HIS COMPANION WERE KNOWN TO HIM BEFORE THEY ARRIVED AND RENTED AN APT. FROM

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