

MM 44-1854

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NEW ORLEANS RECHECK PROVINCIAL MOTEL REGISTRATION RECORD
FOR W. H. RUNGLER FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

AM COPY TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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Date: 5-8-68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT _____
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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 PITTSBURGH

FROM TAMPA 157-3231

MURKIN

ONE C.C. BENNETT, TAMPA FLA TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED TAMPA OFFICE TODAY TO STATE A BAR ACQUAINTANCE OF PAST COUPLE DAYS GREATLY RESEMBLES PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY. THIS UNKNOWN WHITE MALE TOLD BENNETT HE WAS STAYING AT INTERNATIONAL INN, TAMPA AND BENNETT FURNISHED TAMPA OFFICE LICENSE NUMBER OF RENTAL CAR DRIVEN BY UNKNOWN MALE, SAID TO BE TRAVELING WITH TWO OTHER MALES.

INVESTIGATION REVEALS RENTAL CAR TURNED IN FIVE:ZERO THREE PM TODAY AT AVIS RENT-A-CAR AGENCY TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY MAN UNDER N NAME DONALD JAMES MACDONALD, THREE FIVE THREE ONE FLEMING AVE, PITTSBURGH, PA., WHO EXHIBITED PA. DRIVERS LIC # ZERO NINE SIX ZERO SEVEN EIGHT SIX FIVE, TEXACO CREDIT CARD [REDACTED] AND ESSO CREDIT CARD [REDACTED]

LOFFETIA BREHM, AVIS EMPLOYEE AT AIRPORT, HANDLED CAR CHECK IN STATES MACDONALD W/M FIVE FT. TEN INCHES, IN MID THIRTIES, WITH

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VERY THICK DARK HAIR, MEDIUM LENGTH, GOOD SUN TAN, PAID CASH FOR CAR RENTAL, WAS WITH TWO OTHER MEN AT TIME OF CHECKOUT, ASSUMED TO BE PREPARING TO TAKE FLIGHT OUT OF TAMPA, CAR RENTED AT ELEVEN THIRTYFOUR AM FIVE-FIVE-SIXTYEIGHT AT AIRPORT ACCORDING TO RECORDS.

IN VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY, BREHM SAID MACDONALD RESEMBLES PHOTOGRAPH ON EXTREME RIGHT OF THE THREE SHOWN ON IO NUMBER FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO, BUT DOES NOT RESEMBLE PHOTOGRAPH RAY TAKEN TWO-SIXTYEIGHT IN CALIFORNIA, STATES MACDONALD LOOKED YOUNGER THAN THIS PHOTOGRAPH TO BEST OF HER RECOLLECTION.

INVESTIGATION INTERNATIONAL INN REVEALS NO CHECKOUT OF ANYONE BY NAME MACDONALD ON FIVE-EIGHT-SIXTYEIGHT.

PITTSBURGH DETERMINE IF ONE DONALD JAMES MACDONALD RESIDES THREE FIVE THREE ONE FLEMING AVE, PITTSBURGH AND WHETHER OR NOT IDENTICAL RAY.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO BH- 44-1740 AND ME 44-1987

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Sub E-941

Re Tampa teletype to Bureau dated 5/8/68.

LOOK ALIKE - DONALD JAMES MAC DONALD

On 5/9/68, DONALD JAMES MAC DONALD, 2331 Fleming Street, was interviewed and advised he left Pittsburgh on 5/8/68, via United Airlines enroute to Tampa, Fla., to attend the American Hospital Association meeting at the International Inn. While there, he stayed at the Sokal Motel. He was accompanied by THOMAS JENNINGS and THOMAS GENTILE from Pittsburgh. He departed Tampa on 5/8/68, via Delta Airlines enroute to Atlanta, where he made connections with United Airlines for Pittsburgh.

MAC DONALD is the Director of the Health Center, Hospital Service Corporation, 304 Junonville Street, Pittsburgh. MAC DONALD was eliminated as being identical with RAY through personal observation.

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- 3-Bureau
- 1-Memphis (44-1987)
- 1-Tampa (157-3231)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE "THE LOCAL SWINGER", POST OFFICE BOX THREE EIGHT
ZERO TWO, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA.

JAMES E. O'DOWD, WHO OPERATES "THE LOCAL SWINGER", A
CORRESPONDENCE CLUB, ADVISED THAT IN REVIEWING THEIR
MAILINGS THEY OBSERVED A LETTER FROM ONE J. RAY, THREE
ZERO FIVE GATE FIVE ROAD, SAUSALITO, CALIFORNIA. THIS
LETTER RECEIVED BY "THE LOCAL SWINGER" ON APRIL THREE LAST
REQUESTED A LIST OF WOMEN AND COUPLES IN CALIFORNIA AS
ADVERTIZED IN THE "BERKELEY BARB", ESPECIALLY INTERESTED
IN ANY LIST COVERING THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF
J. RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

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1 - Birmingham (AM)
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LETTER RECEIVED BY O'DOWD BEING FURNISHED THE BUREAU
BY AIRTEL TODAY FOR LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND HANDWRITING
EXAMINATION. ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND
LOS ANGELES.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI Laboratory
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
 RE: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau is handwritten letter received at "The Local Swinger" on 4/3/68, from J. RAY, 305 Gate "5" Road, Sausalito, California, 94965.

The Laboratory is requested to examine enclosure for any latent fingerprints which may be identifiable with subject and handwriting examination with other material previously submitted in this matter.

The enclosed was furnished SA JOHN C. O'NEILL on 5/8/68, by JAMES E. O'DOWD of "The Local Swinger." O'DOWD advised that enclosed has been handled by himself and an employee, ANN L. MEYERS. SA JOHN C. O'NEILL also handled enclosure.

It is requested that enclosure be returned to the Los Angeles Office for return to O'DOWD per his request for completion of his files.

- 4 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (RM)
- ① - Memphis (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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URGENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Sub E-942

RELA AIRTEL MAY EIGHT SUBMITTING HANDWRITTEN LETTER
SIGNED J. RAY THREE ZERO FIVE GATE FIVE ROAD, SAUSALITO,
CALIFORNIA.

DETERMINED THAT HANDWRITING ON SUBMITTED LETTER WAS
NOT PREPARED BY JAMES EARL RAY, THE SUBJECT IN THIS CASE.
LATENT RESULTS AND REPORT BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY.
COPY BEING SENT AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS.

① - MEMPHIS (44-1987) - Airmail

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO-MEMPHIS

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau, 4/30/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT
A. DAVIDSON:

AT EULESS, TEXAS

On 5/6/68, MR. ROBERT BOGASH, District Claims Supervisor, Allied Van Lines, Pipe Line and Highway 157, advised that telephone No. 817-283-1541 is the number for this Allied Van Lines office, which is the check point and dispatching office for a five-state area which includes New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. He advised there are no records kept of incoming calls and he would therefore have no way of knowing the details of a call made to the above number on 12/16/67.

He further stated that drivers for Allied Van Lines are required to check in once a day at the nearest check point, and that the drivers pay for these calls at the time they are made, and that it is generally customary to place the call person to person in order for them to speak to a specific dispatcher. In view of the above, BOGASH concluded that the call made on 12/16/67 from either Van Horn, Valentine or Sierra Blanco, Texas was probably a routine check-in by one of their drivers.

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2 - Dallas
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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

Re Memphis teletype to Atlanta, et al., 5/8/68.

LAURA WINGFIELD, Travel Associates, Pascagoula, Miss., advised ticket number 396-718-957, was issued to JACK WALTON, 3706 Forrest St., South Burnaby, British Columbia, telephone 433-8319, on 4/5/68.

She said WALTON was a Canadian shipyard employee who came to Pascagoula on 2/6/68, as a temporary employee of Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation and that he purchased above ticket to return home.

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WALTER POL, Security Officer, Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, advised that JACK WALTON, a Canadian employee of this company, resigned on 4/5/68, to return to Canada.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis
- 2 - Atlanta
- 2 - Jackson

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FBI MOBILE

12-23PM URGENT 5-10-68 JEB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. OO ME.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO THE BUREAU, TWELVE TWENTY PM,
MAY NINE INSTANT.

MONROEVILLE, ALA. TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN FOUR THREE
SEVEN TWO THREE SIX, ~~SUBSCRIBED TO BY BOYD RAY HILLEY, TWO~~
ZERO EIGHT DENNIS ST., MONROEVILLE, ALA. PD AND SO, MONROEVILLE,
NEGATIVE RE HILLEY BUT BELIEVES HAS GOOD REPUTATION. OFFICE
INDICES NEGATIVE. HILLEY EMPLOYED AS SUPERVISOR AT ARVIN
INDUSTRIES, MONROEVILLE, ALA. P.

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FBI ST LOUIS

3:26 PM URGENT 5-10-68 DCJ

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY (44-760), AND
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) IP

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL, MAY SIX, LAST.

ENCLOSURE REGARDING WALTER E. NOLAN FROM MSP WITH
REFERENCED COMMUNICATION DID NOT INCLUDE CHRONOLOGICAL DATA
SHEET, DIAGNOSTIC CENTER REPORT, OR PAGES OTHER THAN PAGE ONE OF
CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY, AND ANY INFORMATION POSSIBLY IN HIS
FILE REGARDING ASSESSMENT BY CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE; RELATIVE
CORRESPONDENCE AND VISITING LIST NOT INCLUDED.

KANSAS CITY, FURNISH SAME FOR ASSISTANCE IN EVALUATING
NOLAN'S ANSWERS AND REACTIONS IN ANTICIPATED RE-INTERVIEW.

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550PM 5-10-68 URGENT ERA
TO SACS MEMPHIS 44-1987, MOBILE AND NORFOLK
FROM SAC PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT UNSUB; AKA ROBERT L. MOORE.

ON MAY TWO LAST CONTACT WITH HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING COMPANY,
BALA-CYNWYD, PA, REFLECTS ESSO CREDIT CARD NUMBER [REDACTED] -
[REDACTED] ISSUED ROBERT L. MOORE,
ONE NINE ONE SIX KING HENRY COURT, APT. ONE, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA, IN
JULY SIXTYFOUR.

INSTANT CREDIT CARD HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED LOST OR STOLEN; HOW-
EVER, CREDIT CARD LISTED ON REWARD FLYER HAS CURRENT DELINQUENT
CHARGES OF APPROX SEVENTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS WITHIN LAST EIGHTEEN
MONTHS.

HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING NOTED THAT MAIL SENT TO INSTANT ADDRESS
HAS NOT BEEN RETURNED.

NORFOLK LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MOORE.

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN, CR. OO: ME

THE FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM NORFOLK BY TELETYPE THIS DATE.

RE SUSPECT UNSUB, AKA ROBERT L. MOORE:

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ON MAY NINE LAST, DAVID HAYES, STRICKLAND'S ESSO SERVICE STATION, LASKIN RD., VIRGINIA BEACH, VA., ADVISED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY CAME INTO HIS SERVICE STATION DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTY GREEN FOUR-DOOR OLDSMOBILE BEARING SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE FIVE NINE DASH FOUR ZERO SIX FIVE. UNSUB DESCRIBED BY THREE ATTENDANTS AS GENERALLY FITTING DESCRIPTION OF RAY AS PER MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY WITH SUNGLASSES TAKEN IN MEXICO.

UNSUB SUSPECT USED HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING CREDIT CARD NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN THE NAME OF ROBERT L. MOORE TO MAKE HIS PURCHASE.
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- 1 - NORFOLK (AM)
- ① - MEMPHIS (AM)
- 1 - PHILADELPHIA (AM)
- 1 - MOBILE
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HAYES ADVISED THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER UNKNOWN SUSPECT LEFT STATION HAYES RECALLED A REWARD FLYER HAD BEEN ISSUED ON SAID CREDIT CARD.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY ALA, DETERMINE REGISTRANT OF SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE FIVE NINE DASH FOUR ZERO SIX FIVE AND DEVELOP ANY INFO.

PHILADELPHIA AT BALA CYNWYD, PA., CONTACT HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING CO RE DETAILS SURROUNDING REWARD FLYER ON INSTANT CREDIT CARD.

NORFOLK WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE INSTANT UNKNOWN SUSPECT. AIR MAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

THIS LICENSE IS FOR ST. CLAIR COUNTY COVERED BY BIRMINGHAM. BIRMINGHAM HANDLE LEAD SET FORTH FOR MOBILE.

AM COPIES NORFOLK, MEMPHIS AND PHILADELPHIA.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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FBI NORFOLK

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AM DEFERRED 5/23/68 CBS
TO SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987), MOBILE AND
PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)
FROM NORFOLK (44-268)

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MURKIN

RE SUSPECT UNSUB; AKA ROBERT L. MOORE.

RE NORFOLK TELETYPE TO MOBILE AND PHILADELPHIA, MAY FIVE
LAST, AND PHILADELPHIA TEL TO MEMPHIS, MAY TEN LAST.

ROBERT LEE MOORE, DOB,

LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT NORFOLK MAY TEN LAST,
AND DETERMINED NOT TO BE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

FOR INFO PHILADELPHIA, MOORE RESIDING AT ONE NINE ONE SIX
CAPE KING HENRY COURT (REGENCY APARTMENTS), APARTMENT ONE,
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA. MAILING ADDRESS, CARE OF BOX FOUR
TWO ZERO ONE, LONDON BRIDGE STATION, VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA.
MOORE EMPLOYED WITH DONALD E. PITTS, UNITED HOME BUILDERS, INC.,
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

INSTANT CREDIT CARD RECOVERED BY BOND ESSO STATION, THIRTY
FIRST AND ATLANTIC AVENUE, VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA. MOORE

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ADVISED HE NEVER REPORTED CARD STOLEN OR LOST. PHILADELPHIA
ADVISE HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING COMPANY OF RECOVERY.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION RE MOORE REQUESTED.

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TO MOBILE AND PHILADELPHIA

FROM NORFOLK (44-268) 2P

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RE SUSPECT UNSUB, AKA ROBERT L. MOORE.

ON MAY NINE LAST, DAVID HAYES, STRICKLAND'S ESSO SERVICE STATION, LASKIN RD., VIRGINIA BEACH, VA., ADVISED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY CAME INTO HIS SERVICE STATION DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTY GREEN FOUR-DOOR OLDSMOBILE BEARING SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE FIVE NINE DASH FOUR ZERO SIX FIVE. UNSUB DESCRIBED BY THREE ATTENDANTS AS GENERALLY FITTING DESCRIPTION OF RAY AS PER MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY WITH SUNGLASSES TAKEN IN MEXICO.

UNSUB SUSPECT USED HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING CREDIT CARD NO. [REDACTED] H [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN THE NAME OF ROBERT L. MOORE TO MAKE HIS PURCHASE. HAYES ADVISED THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER UNKNOWN SUSPECT LEFT STATION HAYES RECALLED A REWARD FLYER HAD BEEN ISSUED ON SAID CREDIT CARD.

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MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY ALA., DETERMINE REGISTRANT OF
SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE FIVE NINE DASH FOUR ZERO SIX FIVE
AND DEVELOP ANY INFO.

PHILADELPHIA AT BALA CYNWYD, PA., CONTACT HUMBLE OIL
AND REFINING CO RE DETAILS SURROUNDING REWARD FLYER ON
INSTANT CREDIT CARD.

NORFOLK WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE INSTANT
UNKNOWN SUSPECT. AIR MAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO NORFOLK
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN.

RE NORFOLK TEL TO MOBILE, AND MOBILE TEL TO BIRMINGHAM,
BOTH MAY TEN, LAST.

SARA BELL, PROBATE CLERK, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ALA., ADVISED
SIXTY EIGHT ALA. LICENSE FIVE NINE - FOUR ZERO SIX FIVE ISSUED
TO DON PITTS, ASHVILLE, ALA., FOR SIXTY OLDSMOBILE, FOUR-DOOR,
EIGHTY EIGHT, MOTOR NO. ZERO SIX SEVEN M FOUR TWO FIVE ONE ONE,
AND PURCHASED MARCH NINE, LAST, AT ASHVILLE, ALA. PITTS OR
ROBERT L. MOORE UNKNOWN TO BELL. INVESTIGATION AT ASHVILLE,
ALA., REVEALED LICENSE ISSUED BY SHIRLEY SATTERFIELD, TAX ASSES-
SOR, ST. CLAIR CO., ALA. SATTERFIELD ADVISED HE IS PERSONALLY
ACQUAINTED WITH DONALD E. PITTS, AND THAT PITTS HAD TELEPHONI-
CALLY CONTACTED HIM ON MARCH NINE, LAST, REQUESTING THAT A
SIXTY EIGHT ALA. LICENSE BE ISSUED TO PITTS FOR A SIXTY OLDSMO-
BILE HE HAD PURCHASED FROM ROBERT L. MOORE. SATTERFIELD

1 - Memphis (AM)
1 - Philadelphia (AM)
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STATED HE ISSUED THIS LICENSE TO PITTS AND MAILED TAG TO UNRECALLED ADDRESS IN VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. SATTERFIELD ADVISED THAT PITTS HAD FORMERLY RESIDED IN ODENVILLE, ALA. VICINITY AND HAD MOVED TO VIRGINIA BEACH APPROXIMATELY SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS AGO. PITTS DESCRIBED WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY FIVE FT. NINE, BLOND CURLY HAIR, BLUE EYES, EARLY THIRTIES, AND THOUGHT TO BE CONSTRUCTION WORKER. SATTERFIELD PROVIDED NAME MRS. GARLAND FORTSON, ODENVILLE, ALA., AS INDIVIDUAL WHO COULD POSSIBLY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

MRS. FORTSON ADVISED SHE WAS CLOSE FRIEND OF MRS. HELEN PITTS, FORMER WIFE OF DON PITTS AND THAT PITTS AND HIS EX-WIFE BOTH CURRENTLY RESIDE IN VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. FORTSON PROVIDED FORMER ADDRESS OF PITTS AS TWO NINE ZERO FIVE SHORE AVE., VIRGINIA BEACH, BUT STATED SHE THOUGHT PITTS HAD SINCE MOVED. PITTS' EX-WIFE, HELEN (MARRIED NAME UNKNOWN), CURRENTLY RESIDES ONE NINE ZERO ONE ATLANTIC AVE., VIRGINIA BEACH. PITTS EMPLOYED IN ALUMINUM SIDING BUSINESS AND FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH KIM CONKLIN (PH) IN THIS BUSINESS.

NORFOLK IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PITTS.

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AIR MAIL COPIES MEMPHIS AND PHILADELPHIA.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
 FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-288) (P)
 MURKIN
 RE: ROBERT LEE MOORE
DON PITTS

Sub E - 947

Re Norfolk teletype to Mobile 5/10/68; Norfolk teletype to Philadelphia, 5/13/68; and Birmingham teletype to Norfolk 5/13/68.

In referenced Norfolk teletype 5/13/68 it was noted that MOORE was located and interviewed at Virginia Beach, Virginia, and eliminated as suspect in instant matter. Above for information of Birmingham who did not receive copy of Norfolk teletype 5/13/68.

Due to this, PITTS not being interviewed by Norfolk.

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- 2 - Birmingham
- ① - Memphis (44-1987) (INFO)
- 1 - Mobile (INFO)
- 1 - Philadelphia (44-1368) (INFO)
- 1 - Norfolk

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DATE FILE STRIPPED 6/15/67
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 RE: BU AIRTEL DTD 11/3/66

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles tel to Bureau 4/29/68 concerning toll calls from phone booths in the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.

On 5/1/68, Mrs. BENJAMIN SPATZ, 939 Elmwood Avenue, Sharon Hill, Pa., advised SA THOMAS P. LEWIS that the telephone #586-2060 was listed to her husband at that address.

She advised that the 12/12/67 phone call to their phone had been from her son, RICHARD GUSTAV SPATZ, who resides in Allegheny, Calif., and he is reportedly employed as a building manager in that area. His contact with the family has been limited in recent years.

However, he holds 100 shares of AT&T stock and calls every several months to ensure that the dividend checks are forwarded to him from Sharon Hill. Mrs. SPATZ is not certain, but she believes that that was the reason for the call of 12/12/67.

3 - Bureau (44-38861)(RM)
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7-25 PM URGENT 5-11-68 BCB
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM LITTLE ROCK

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DR. HARRY LINSEY, ^{0 1 0 6 0} ONE ZERO SIX ZERO NORTH PHELPS CIRCLE,
^{6 2 9 4} TELEPHONE CHAPEL SIX DASH TWO NINE NINE FOUR, ARKADELPHIA,
 ARKANSAS, ADVISED ON THIS DATE THAT HE WAS TRAVELING FROM
 ARKADELPHIA TO MALVERN, ARKANSAS ON INTERSTATE THIRTY THIS
 DATE AND NOTICED AN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A LATE MODEL MERCURY
 THAT HE THOUGHT RESEMBLED PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY WHICH
 RECENTLY APPEARED IN NEWSPAPER. DR. LINDSEY PASSED THE CAR
 SEVERAL TIMES AND STATED THE MAN DID RESEMBLE RAY AND DESCRIBED
 IM AS WEARING SUN GLASSES, IN HIS THIRTIES, WITH SHARP NOSE,
 ONE EAR PROTRUDED MORE THAN OTHER. THE CAR THE INDIVIDUAL
 WAS DRIVING WAS A TWO TONE MERCURY WITH BLACK TOP AND BEARING
 NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ARKANSAS LICENSE AVW SEVEN THREE TWO AND
 HAD A FORT CAMPBELL KENTUCKY STICKER ON WINDSHIELD.

DR. LINDSEY LAST SAW CAR APPROXIMATELY TWO TWENTYFIVE PM
THIS DATE AS IT TURNED TOWARD HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.

NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ARKANSAS LICENSE AVW SEVEN THREE TWO
IS REGISTERED TO GEORGE INGRAM, JR., TWO NINE ONE SIX SOUTH
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BOSTON, FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

CREDIT BUREAU, FORT SMITH, ADVISED THAT GEORGE INGRAM, JR.,
TWO NINE ONE SIX SOUTH BOSTON, FORT SMITH, HAS BEEN COVERED IN
FILES SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. LAST ADDRESS SHOWN FOR INGRAM
(DATE UNKNOWN) WAS NINE NINE FIVE NORTH WATKINS, APT
SIX ONE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. INGRAM PRESENTLY A STUDENT AT
SOUTHERN COLLEGE OF ARTS, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

CHECK OF LOGICAL HIGHWAYS HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS AREA NEGATIVE
FOR MERCURY. NO ONE AT HOME AT TWO NINE ONE SIX SOUTH BOSTON,
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

MEMPHIS AT NINE NINE FIVE NORTH WATKINS, APT SIX ONE,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE GEORGE INGRAM, JR.,
AND VERIFY NOT IDENTICAL TO RAY AND ASCERTAIN IF HE WAS
INDIVIDUAL DRIVING AUTOMOBILE WHEN SEEN BY DR. LINDSEY.

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MERCURY REFERRED TO IS A 1967

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Date: 5/21/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: ~~DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)~~ and
SAC, LOUISVILLE

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS MAY ELEVEN
LAST.

INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY SEEN DRIVING LATE
MODEL MERCURY TWO TONE IN COLOR WITH BLACK TOP AND BEARING
SIXTYEIGHT ARKANSAS LICENSE AVW SEVEN THREE TWO AND HAVING
FT. CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, STICKER ON WINDSHIELD ON MAY ELEVEN
LAST NEAR ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS. INVESTIGATION REVEALED
AUTOMOBILE REGISTERED TO GEORGE INGRAM, JR., NINE NINE FIVE
NORTH WATKINS, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS
REVEALED INGRAM CURRENTLY IN THE ARMED FORCES. HIS ADDRESS
IS CAPTAIN GEORGE C. INGRAM, JR., SN ZERO TWO - THREE THREE
ZERO - EIGHT FOUR TWO, OPTOMETRY CLINIC, U. S. ARMY HOSPITAL,
FT. CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY.

Airtel _____ LOUISVILLE AT FORT CAMPBELL, LOCATE GEORGE C. INGRAM, JR.,

Teletype ~~AND VERIFY NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY AND ASCERTAIN IF HE WAS~~

A.M. _____ INDIVIDUAL DRIVING AUTOMOBILE SEEN IN ARKANSAS.

A.M.S.D. _____

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
ROBERT S. KENNEMUR:

On May 7, 1968, RANDOLPH D. JONES, Pure Oil
Station, Americus, Georgia, reviewed the credit card
purchase slips which were obtained from the Chicago Office
regarding purchases at his station on April 15, 16, 17,
and 18, 1968. Mr. JONES advised that all of the purchases
which were recorded in his name could be eliminated by him
as persons who are known to him with the exception of a
purchase made by GEORGE B. FRANKS, Pure Oil Credit Card
Number [REDACTED]. Mr. JONES observed that this credit
card was to expire in July of 1968, and he believed that
this was possibly the person to whom he had sold the gas
who resembled the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

The Pure Oil Company, Retail Department, Palatine,
Illinois, had furnished the address of Mr. FRANKS as 707
Virginia Avenue, Glennville, Georgia.

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Date: 5/9/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel dated 5/1/68, regarding information obtained from Pure Oil Company regarding purchases of gasoline at R. D. Jones Pure Oil Station, Americus, Georgia, on 4/16/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Memphis is one copy each of an insert reflecting investigation conducted at Americus, Georgia. Also enclosed for Savannah are two copies of insert.

For the information of the Savannah Office, RANDOLPH JONES, Pure Oil Company Dealer, Americus, Georgia, advised on 4/25/68, that he sold gasoline to an individual on 4/16/68, who closely resembled the 1968 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

The Chicago Division obtained credit slips for purchases from JONES on 4/16/68, and, as stated on enclosed insert, Mr. JONES has eliminated all the purchases of that date with the exception of one GEORGE B. FRANKS, Pure Oil Credit Card Number [REDACTED], who resides at 707 Virginia Avenue, Glennville, Georgia.

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Special Agent in Charge

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AT GLENNVILLE, GA.

Will ascertain if GEORGE B. FRANKS, 707 Virginia Avenue, Glennville, Georgia, is identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND KNOXVILLE
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TELETYPE MAY EIGHT, LAST, RE EASTERN AIRLINES
(EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL FIVE THROUGH TWELVE, LAST.
FOR INFO OF KNOXVILLE, REFERENCED TELETYPE ADVISED,
"RESERVATION MADE AT EAL ATLANTA VIA EAL CHARLOTTE ON APRIL
FIVE, LAST, FOR TRAVEL OF J. C. (OR T. C.) GALT FROM ATLANTA TO
RICHMOND ON EITHER EAL FLIGHT SIX ONE SIX T OR UNITED FLIGHT
SIX FOUR ZERO A ON APRIL TEN, LAST. NO TICKET LOCATED. CHARLOTTE
CONTACT TELEPHONE GIVEN AS TWO SIX FIVE DASH EIGHT TWO ONE ONE.
RESERVATION ORIGINALLY MADE THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY SIX ONE FIVE
BY EMPLOYEE PAT. CHARLOTTE CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION,
AT ABOVE TELEPHONE TO ELIMINATE."

TODAY, LONG DISTANCE OPERATOR, CHARLOTTE, ADVISED TELEPHONE
TWO SIX FIVE DASH EIGHT TWO ONE ONE IS NOT A N. C. NUMBER.
MAX PETTY, EAL, CHARLOTTE, ADVISED RECORDS SHOW THE TRAVEL AGENCY

REFERRED TO IS LOCATED AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN., AT TELEPHONE

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TWO SIX FIVE DASH EIGHT TWO ONE ONE.

KNOXVILLE AT CHATTANOOGA CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION
REQUESTED OF CHARLOTTE.

MEMPHIS AND MIAMI ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

SUBJECT RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re Los Angeles teletype, 4/29/68.

Re: Telephone Booths, St. Francis
Hotel, Los Angeles

Records of Pacific Telephone as of 4/30/68, reflected
that the following numbers were listed to the individuals
set out below:

382-5160, San Francisco, Australian
Consulate General;

385-9763, coin telephone, 811 Whipple Avenue,
Whipple Avenue Lodge Motel, Redwood City;

382-8370, HELEN E. JOLICOEUR, 242 C Street,
Redwood City;

388-7044, FRED DANIEL, Apt. 5, 55 Corta Madera,
Mill Valley;

382-5582, Village Cab Co., 1 Ebb Tide Ave.,
Sausalito;

252-4713, LEONARD A. WIDEN, 943 Brentwood,
San Jose.

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Mr. BRUCE RAE, Consul, Australian Consulate General, 350 Post Street, San Francisco, on 4/30/68, advised that there was no way of determining who called the Australian Consulate from Los Angeles, California in December, 1967. He advised a check of the records of the Consulate did not disclose any reference to RAY under his name or aliases.

On 5/1/68, it was determined that telephone number 365-9763 was a public coin-box phone in a booth outside the Whipple Avenue Lodge.

Mrs. ROBERT FAEZ, Temporary Manager, advised on 5/1/68, that the records of the motel did not indicate that RAY had registered at the lodge on 2/19/68 using his name or any of his aliases. She advised the photograph of RAY was not familiar to her.

NICK A. CORN, Owner, Whipple Avenue Lodge, on 5/2/68, advised after reviewing the register of guests for 2/19/68, stated that he knew most of those registered on that date as they were frequent guests of this motel and none of them resemble RAY in any respect.

HELEN GUILLES, formerly HELEN JOLICOEUR, 242 C, Redwood City, on 5/1/68, advised she received no calls from the Los Angeles area on her phone. She suggested that a former tenant, RON FORBES, might be able to furnish some information.

RON FORBES, 1489 Kansas Street, San Francisco, Calif., on 5/2/68, advised he had resided with HELEN JOLICOEUR. He advised he does not recall receiving telephone calls on the dates in question. He advised his former wife who resided in Los Angeles did call him about the pertinent time. He stated she was in Miami, Florida at this time, not in Los Angeles.

RON FORBES on 5/7/68, advised that since furnishing the above information, that he checked some records and determined that the telephone calls in question were

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undoubtedly telephone calls he received from his estranged wife who is at the present time, suffering from a severe mental condition. He said that on one occasion when his wife called him at his residence, that he suggested she call him at a pay phone located in the neighborhood. He stated that the pay phone was located in the vicinity of the Whipple Avenue Motel.

FORBES advised that the names JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT mean nothing to him and he only knows of them because he read about them in the paper.

On 4/30/68, FRED DAHL advised he has not received any telephone calls from Los Angeles but suggested that a younger man by the name of ROBERT FRASER, who lived with him at one time, might have received these calls.

On 5/4/68, FRASER ^{EMPLOYED by Village Cab} advised that in February, 1968, he received several telephone calls from Los Angeles, Calif. from his sister JULIE WANDREY. He advised that he had no idea from what telephone these calls were made, but advised that his sister was having marital problems at the time, was very upset and kept calling him.

On 4/30/68, LEONARD A. WIDEN, 943 Brentwood, San Jose, Calif., advised there is no one in the family named LENORE and further advised he does not recall receiving a phone call and does not know RAY or GALT.

On 5/2/68, LEONARD WIDEN advised that he had determined that his wife's sister, HARRIET COLLASINO, of New York City flew into Los Angeles on 2/19/68 to visit her mother. He advised the mother had no telephone and Mrs. COLLASINO placed a long-distance call to his residence in San Jose on the same evening from a public phone.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call to Boston, 4/19/68, and Bureau airtel to Boston, 5/9/68.

On 4/19/68, ROBERT GREEN, 50 Bradshaw St., Dorchester, Mass., advised that on the evening of 4/16/68, at approximately 9:10 pm, he picked up a person, whom he believed fit the description of ERIC STARVO GALT with a girl companion in his taxicab. He stated that he picked up these two individuals across the street from the Boston City Hospital and was told by the man to take them to Beacon St., to the best of his recollection, to the 300 or 400 block. As they were proceeding to that destination, when they reached the corner of Commonwealth Ave., and Massachusetts Ave., Boston, the man told GREEN to let them off there, stating that he planned to pickup something at the liquor store, across the street.

According to GREEN, the man had a southern drawl and seemed to be feigning an Irish or Scottish accent when he talked. GREEN could not remember any of the conversation carried on between the man and the woman while they were in his taxicab and when questioned closely concerning the original destination of the couple, he stated that he was not at all sure that it was the 300 or 400 block on Beacon Street, but

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that somehow those numbers stick in the back of his mind.
GREEN furnished the following description of the man:

Race:	White
Height:	5' 10" - 5' 11"
Weight:	170 pounds
Age:	36
Hair:	Dark, combed straight back
Build:	Medium
Complexion:	Medium
Characteristics	Seemed to walk with a limp
Clothing:	Wearing a dark rain or shine coat, with no hat and no tie - neat appearance.

GREEN could furnish no additional information concerning this individual.

By personal observation of the area around Commonwealth Ave., and Mass. Ave., it was noted that the only liquor store was Fennell and Co., Liquor Store, at 59 Mass. Ave., Boston, Mass.

On 4/19/68, NORMAN GILBERTSON, Fennell and Co., Liquor Store, 59 Mass. Ave., advised that he is the manager of the liquor store and that he was on duty on the night of 4/16/68. He stated that he could not recall a man and a woman coming into that store that evening who fit the description furnished by GREEN. GILBERTSON advised that he has been conducting the management of this liquor store for several years and after seeing photographs of GALT, he advised that he knew of no one in the area who resembles the photos. He stated, however, that he would be on the lookout for anyone resembling GALT and would notify the FBI expeditiously, if anyone came to his attention resembling GALT.

On 4/19/68, CY KASSEL, and GLADYS SPRAGUE, Kenmore Pharmacy, 65 Mass. Ave., Boston, Mass., were interviewed for any information concerning the unsub, and his companion with negative results.

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On 4/19/68, Mrs. ANNE BURNS, Clerk, Information Center, Boston City Hospital, 818 Harrison Ave., Boston, Mass., checked hospital records for all individuals who were discharged from the hospital on 4/16/68. She advised that no one was discharged from the hospital on that date under the name ERIC STARVO GALT or any of his aliases.

On 4/19/68, the following individuals were contacted for any information concerning the unsub and his companion with negative results:

WILLIAM ABRAMS, 343 Beacon St., Boston
ABBEY RAINEY, 333 Beacon Street, Boston
BRUCE CARRUTHERS, 334 Beacon St., Boston
THOMAS KEARNEY, 443 Beacon St., Boston
ANDREW BELANGER, 443 Beacon St., Boston

In view of the unspecific nature of complainant's information, and the fact that investigation to identify the suspects, based on complainant's information was unproductive, no additional investigation in this matter is contemplated by Boston, UAC.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Sub E-606

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau, 5/1/68.

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ROBERT HOOD STRADER WHO ALLEGED KING ASSASSINATION PLOT IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, AREA SUMMER OF 1967.

Raymond - Sub A-606

Investigation was conducted at Baton Rouge and New Orleans, La., during the period of 5/7 - 9/68, to locate RAYMOND HENRY STARNES. STARNES was located and interviewed on 5/9/68, in New Orleans, La., at which time he furnished the following information:

E.C. - Sub A-606 B3

STARNES is a native of Denham Springs, La., and is currently associated in a business partnership with EARNEST C. DONNELL, Owner of the Earnest C. Donnell Construction Co., at Denham Springs, La. Denham Springs is located nine miles distant from Baton Rouge, La.

STARNES is well acquainted in Denham Springs and knows nearly all of the businessmen in that community including those who are reportedly members of the Ku Klux Klan and who are considered to be strong segregationists.

STARNES was in Denham Springs in the Summer of 1967, at which time there was considerable racial strife taking place, including marches by Negro groups and opposition

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being presented to these marches by those individuals with strong segregation beliefs. STARNES stated that he himself is a liberal in his view towards Negroes and that he did not participate in any of the activities that took place in Denham Springs in the Summer of 1967. He stated, however, that he did frequently converse with individuals whom he considered to be members of the Ku Klux Klan, these persons having been individuals that he grew up with in Denham Springs.

STARNES stated that at no time during this period did any information come to his attention that there were businessmen in Denham Springs, La., or in Baton Rouge, La., who were taking up a collection to obtain money to have MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., assassinated. STARNES does not recall of having heard the name of KING even mentioned during the Summer of 1967, nor does he recall any information which would indicate there was a plot to kill any particular Negro or any individual of any race for that matter.

STARNES is against violence and if any information such as a plot to kill anyone had come to his attention, he would promptly notify an appropriate law enforcement agency.

During the Fall of 1967, STARNES recalls that an individual subsequently known to him as ROBERT STRADER appeared at the Earnest C. Donnell Construction Company in Denham Springs making claims to EARNEST DONNELL that he could obtain considerable financing from a SHAPIRO family in Miami, Fla. DONNELL became interested in STRADER's proposition and ordered STARNES to accompany STRADER to Miami, Fla., which he did and at which time he and STRADER met with a Mr. and Mrs. SHAPIRO. It developed, however, that STRADER did not previously know the SHAPIRO family and further that STRADER actually had no contacts or was not in a position to obtain financing for the Donnell Construction Company.

It was during the trip to Miami, Fla., that STARNES realized that STRADER had an apparent mental problem.

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STARNS recalled that while staying in motels in Fla, STRADER at times became most irrational and envisioned that he was being followed by Federal Agents.

After the Florida trip, STRADER continued to hang around the Donnell Company in Denham Springs, La., at which time STRADER's wife was also present. In STARNS' opinion, STRADER's wife is also an irrational person.

On one occasion, STRADER who was doing some work for the Donnell Company, took STARNS' personally owned vehicle with the permission of STARNS on a business trip. STRADER's wife accompanied STRADER on this trip and they did not return as scheduled. The vehicle was subsequently located in Mississippi in an abandoned position. Also at this same time, STARNS and EARNEST DONNELL discovered that STRADER had stolen some property from the company, such as a portable electric typewriter, a brief case full of valuable engineering fittings, a telephone credit card and other miscellaneous items. Also taken from the STARNS vehicle was a .38 Police Special Revolver which was a sentimental keepsake which had been given to STARNS by his father.

The theft of these items was reported to law enforcement agencies but DONNELL subsequently decided not to press charges. The revolver has never been recovered by STARNS and he does not presently know its whereabouts.

STARNS heard from some unrecalled source several months ago that STRADER either was or is presently confined to a mental institution. He has not seen STRADER since late Fall of 1967.

STRADER was a braggart by nature, frequently announced his animosity towards Negroes but was never known to STARNS to have specifically mentioned MARTIN LUTHER KING or any other particular Negro. STRADER frequently bragged that he had contacts with the underworld but never specifically mentioned anyone by name.

STARNS concluded that he is at a loss to explain why it is alleged that he possessed information concerning

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a plot to raise money to kill MARTIN KING. He stated that he wanted to cooperate fully with the FBI, which agency he admires considerably and that if any further recollection concerning the Summer of 1967 in Denham Springs came to him, he would promptly advise the New Orleans Office.

STARNS described STRADER as a white male, 6'2" tall, 36 years of age and possessing blond wavy hair. During the Summer of 1967, STARNS personally owned a 1967 Oldsmobile, white over black, bearing Texas license KLX or KLW 491.

New Orleans indices contained no identifiable information in the name of RAYMOND HENRY STARNS or ROBERT HOOD STRADER.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO : SACS, SAN ANTONIO AND HOUSTON (44-1609)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE LOOK ALIKE AND TEXAS LICENSE NUMBER FIVE M ONE SEVEN FIVE
SIX.

SERVICE STATION OPERATOR AND TWO MOTEL CLERKS ADVISED THAT
ON APRIL TWO NINE LAST ROBERT CAREY DRIVING SIXTY FORD PICKUP
WITH REFERENCED TEXAS LICENSE PASSED TEN DOLLAR FRAUDULENT CHECK
AND SHIPPED MOTEL BILL. CAREY CLAIMED TO BE EMPLOYED FOR
CONTRACTOR ARTHUR G. NIX, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. CHECK DRAWN ON A
BANK IN HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS.

SAN ANTONIO DETERMINE OWNER OF TEXAS LICENSE AND SET FORTH
LEADS.

HOUSTON CONDUCT CREDIT CRIMINAL ON CAREY AND CONTACT BANK
IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY.

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URGENT

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) AND HOUSTON (44-1509)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL MAY TEN LAST RE LOOKALIKE AND TEXAS
LICENSE FIVE M ONE SEVEN FIVE SIX. *bc*

DON JAHNSEN, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION, TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPT.,
AUSTIN, ADVISED TODAY SIXTYEIGHT TEXAS LICENSE FIVE M ONE SEVEN
FIVE SIX REGISTERED SIXTYSIX CHEVROLET BEVERAGE TRUCK, VIN H C
SIX EIGHT THREE SIX S ONE SIX FIVE FOUR EIGHT FIVE, ROYAL
CROWN GULF COAST BOTTLING CO., ONE EIGHT ONE ~~FEN~~ ^{ZERO} MILBY,
HOUSTON.

SIXTYSEVEN TEXAS FIVE M ONE SEVEN FIVE SIX REGISTERED
SIXTY FORD HALF TON TRUCK, VIN F ONE ZERO J ZERO D ONE SEVEN
ZERO ZERO TWO, REMUS L. HOLT, BOX ONE HUNDRED, HUNTSVILLE,
TEXAS.

TERRY MANSELL, DPS, AUSTIN, ADVISED NCIC CHECK FOR TEXAS
SIXTYSEVEN FIVE M ONE SEVEN FIVE SIX REVEALED SIXTY FORD
PICKUP, BLUE, VIN F ONE ZERO J ZERO D ONE SEVEN ZERO ZERO TWO,
DRIVEN BY ROBERT F. CAREY, CURRENTLY WANTED BY HUNTSVILLE PD.
WARRANT NO. TWO ONE ONE EIGHT, CHARGING

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DPS RECORDS CONTAIN FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIVE DATA RE ROBERT FRANCIS CAREY:

BORN [REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILL.; DPS NO. THREE TWO SIX ZERO FIVE FOUR; FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION TWENTYFIVE SLASH L OVER L, NINE OVER ONE, R OVER R, IOO OVER 000, FIFTEEN OVER FIFTEEN. CAREY SENTENCED TEN YEARS FOR ASSAULT TO COMMIT MURDER WITH MALICE IN SIXTYTHREE AT HUNTSVILLE. DISCHARGED BY TEXAS DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS, FEBRUARY TEN LAST.

AIRMAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

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END.

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AIRTEL ----- AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: Chicago teletype 5-10-68.
San Antonio teletype 5-11-68.

RE: LOOK-ALIKE
ROBERT FRANCIS CAREY

Robert F. Sub E-455

CAREY is the subject of an ITSMV investigation, Minneapolis Office of Office, and he is presently in custody at Jamestown, N. Dakota. He is ~~presently~~ *BEING* eliminated as a suspect in captioned investigation.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-160)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

At 9:35 pm, on 5/10/68, Mr. HUNTER HELGESON, in Assistant Director ROSEN's office at the Bureau, called Weekend Supervisor EDWARD M. KAVANAGH of the New York Office and stated that at 9:30 pm, on 5/10/68, an anonymous male caller contacted the Bureau switchboard and said he was calling from Brooklyn, New York.

A Bureau supervisor took the call and the caller said he had a tip on the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. The caller then stated AARON WEISBERG, 4323 Avenue J.

The Bureau supervisor, at this point, inquired if this address was in Brooklyn, NY, and the caller said he could say no more and hung up.

The Brooklyn, New York Telephone Directory lists AARON WEISBERG, M.D., with an office at 1060 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number UL 9-5802, and his residence at 4323 Avenue J, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number ES 7-5688.

The New York Office indices contain no identifiable references.

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The 24th Edition, 1967, American Medical Directory lists the following as to AARON WEISBERG, who is a member of the American Medical Association:

Office:	1060 Ocean Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11221
Date of Birth:	1914
Medical Education:	Eclectic Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio Doctor of Medicine degree awarded 1939
Year of License in New York State:	1939
American Specialty Board Certification:	American Board of Internal Medicine
Primary Specialty:	Gastroenterology
Secondary Specialty:	Internal Medicine
Type of Practice:	Full-time Specialty Practice
Special Societies:	American College of Physicians; American College of Gastroen- terology; American Society of Internal Medicine; American Physicians Fellow- ship, Incorporated.

Dr. AARON WEISBERG, interviewed at his office, 1060 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, on 5/11/68, advised that he had no information concerning this case and did not telephone the FBI on the evening of 5/10/68. He advised, however, that he and his wife have received several annoying telephone calls, both at his residence and office since 1/1/68. In addition, several anonymous calls have been made concerning him to the New York Police Department, Fire Department, and to a local catering establishment, all of which have caused him embarrassment. On 5/10/68, at 8:15 pm, he received an anonymous call telling him to "drop dead."

These calls have been reported to the 63rd Precinct

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for investigation. He suspects the caller to be either LANNY GOODMAN, 814 East 52nd Street, Brooklyn, NY, or BERNARD LANDSMAN, 743 East 51st Street, Brooklyn. He described these two boys as "psychos" who have had a lot of trouble with the police. LANDSMAN is his nephew. He believes the purpose of the call to the FBI was only to cause him more embarrassment.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
CHARLOTTE
RICHMOND

FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN

RE EL PASO TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND KNOXVILLE MAY
TEN LAST, AIR MAIL COPIES OF WHICH FURNISHED RICHMOND AND
CHARLOTTE BY EL PASO.

INVESTIGATION BRISTOL, TENN., REVEALS DANIEL COLLEY
NOT SON OF ONLY COLLEY FAMILY LISTED IN BRISTOL, TENN., OR
VA., WITH CREDIT BUREAU OR IN CURRENT CITY AND TELEPHONE
DIRECTORIES. CREDIT BUREAU HAD INQUIRY JAN, SIXTYSIX FROM A
BRISTOL LOAN CO. RE DANIEL M. COLLEY, ROUTE TWO, SALTVILLE,
VA., WHO WAS IN USAF. NEITHER CREDIT BUREAU NOR LOAN CO.
HAVE PARENTS NAME OR ADDRESS.

BRISTOL, TENN. PD ARRESTED DANIEL MARVIN COLLEY, ROUTE
TWO, SALTVILLE, VA., ON MAY TWENTYTHREE SIXTYFOUR FOR
DRUNKENNESS AND RELEASED SAME DATE. DESCRIBED WHITE MALE,
BORN [REDACTED], SIX FT., ONE SIXTYFIVE LBS.,
BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, NO RELATIVES LISTED.

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