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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Diego teletype dated 6/11/68.

Seattle files reflect investigation conducted at request of Detective JOHN DERMODY, Bunco Detail, Seattle PD, who on April 7, 1966, advised that GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, Seattle PD No. 62308, had allegedly taken between \$550 and \$600 in money from Dag's Restaurant, 3111 Rainier Avenue South, and had flown to Florida where he is alleged to have come from. LETSINGER was described as follows:

DOB	[REDACTED]
POB	Macomb, Missouri
Height	5'5"
Weight	169 pounds
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Peculiarities	Roman nose
Scars & Marks	Tattoo "GLADYS 1900" on right shoulder

Seattle files further reflect that no UFAP process was issued inasmuch as GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was arrested at Jacksonville, Florida, on April 11, 1966, and was returned

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to Seattle after waiving extradition.

Seattle Police Department records showed that LETSINGER gave the address of 133 East Church St., Jacksonville, Florida, was a cook by occupation, attended high school presumably at Ava, Missouri, where a relative, Mrs. TROY STANPER, lived at Rt. 2, Ava, Missouri. It is also noted that he has FBI No. 584742F and his Ident Record shows that he was first arrested on March 1, 1965, by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis C-3 Branch, New Scotland Yard, London SWL England, as GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, No. 18123, and charged with obtaining credit by means of fraud following which he was fined \$75.

His other arrests related to the aforementioned Seattle charges. The records of the Seattle Police Department reflect that following his return to Seattle, he was given a three-year deferred sentence, served six months in the County Jail and appealed this sentence on July 28, 1966. He was also required to make restitution of \$1,100.

The records of the Superior Court, King County, reflect that a warrant was issued under number B/W 44334 on June 15, 1967, at which time bail of \$3,000 was set and that on September 15, 1967, another warrant was issued for his arrest, which warrant is outstanding.

King County Deputy Prosecutor ROBERT DIXON advised SA DEAN C. ROLSTON on June 12, 1968, that he would extradite GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER on the above charge. King County Prosecutor's Office will forward warrant if necessary to San Diego and desires report if warrant executed. AUSA CLARK BROWN telephonically advised of above facts.

A check of the records of the Washington State Parole Board reflected that a case had been pending against GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER based on a bench warrant issued September 1, 1967; however, the file was closed inasmuch as LETSINGER's whereabouts is unknown.

The name GEORGE ANDERSON has been checked against the Seattle Indices, Seattle Credit Bureau, Seattle Police Department and King County Sheriff's Office; however, it is impossible to identify any particular GEORGE ANDERSON in view of the many such names listed and the fact that there is no identifying data concerning him.

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The above information has been telephonically furnished to the San Diego Office to SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN on June 12, 1968, by SA DEAN C. ROLSTON.

There is being forwarded to the San Diego Office three copies of the Seattle Police Department arrest record, one copy of FBI Identification Record under number 584742F and a photograph of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)
(44-394)

MURKIN
OO: Memphis

KENSALT
OO: Los Angeles

Re San Diego teletype dated 6/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a handprinted note written in green ink and a known handprinting sample of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, FBI No. 584 742 P..

For the information of the Laboratory, enclosed note was received in the mail at the U. S. Post Office, San Diego, California, 6/11/68.

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was subsequently arrested by the San Diego Police Department 6/12/68 on an outstanding warrant issued at Seattle, Washington, for grand larceny.

On 6/13/68 GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was interviewed, at which time handprinting was taken from him since circumstances seemed to indicate he had written the note himself, although he denied having written this note.

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The Laboratory is requested to conduct handwriting examination on enclosures and advise the San Diego Office of the results.

The Bureau is requested to return enclosed items to the San Diego Division.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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San Diego, California
June 17, 1968

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

On June 11, 1968, Mr. JOSEPH FORROR, Assistant Postmaster, Main Post Office, San Diego, California, advised as follows:

Found on the incoming mail belt was a piece of paper not in an envelope written in green ink which was addressed to "Post Office Post Master". This note reads as follows:

"If the F.B.I. wants Ray's buddy go to 124 Broadway Metropole Hotel Room 117. He may be under the name Geore Letsinger or George Anderson. He knows about Kennedy and also King's death's. He may have part in King's death. I know he was in Tenn. before and after King was killed. I know Letsinger is wanted in Seattle. Also in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, by the F.B.I."

On June 12, 1968, information was received from the Seattle Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, that one GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, FBI Number 584 742 F, born [redacted] at Macomb, Missouri, was arrested at Jacksonville, Florida, on April 11, 1968, charged with grand larceny having stolen \$550 to \$60 from a restaurant in Seattle, Washington, for which he was employed.

LETSINGER was returned to Seattle, Washington, and on the basis of the charge against him, received a three-year deferred sentence, six months in the county jail and ordered to make restitution.

LETSINGER appealed this sentence and was placed on bond, however, departed the State of Washington and a bench warrant was subsequently issued by the Superior Court, Seattle, Washington.

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GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

Information was also furnished that authorities at Seattle, Washington, desired his apprehension and would extradite LETSINGER to Seattle, Washington. Based on this information, the San Diego Police Department arrested GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER at Room 117, Metropole Hotel, 124 Broadway, San Diego, California, on June 12, 1968. At time of arrest, LETSINGER admitted his identity and the fact that he knew he was wanted by the State of Washington.

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at San Diego, California, on June 13, 1968, at which time he advised as follows:

LETSINGER advised that in 1963 he went to England and visited the Russian Embassy, Grovesner Square, London, England, for the purpose of renouncing his United States citizenship.

He was arrested while in England by New Scotland Yard, based upon a check which he had deposited in a bank prior to his departure to England and later determined it was a fraudulent check.

LETSINGER was asked why he desired to renounce his citizenship, to which he replied the country is no longer a country for the white people and is eventually being taken over by the "niggers."

LETSINGER exhibited a strong anti-Negro sentiment and stated that at one time he had been a member of a clan-type organization at Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

LETSINGER was questioned as to his association with JAMES EARL RAY and whether he had any knowledge concerning the assassinations of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and President JOHN F. KENNEDY. LETSINGER merely replied "I do not wish to talk about these subjects."

LETSINGER did say, however, that if Senator TED KENNEDY and Vice President HUBERT H. HUMPHREY continue to seek the Presidency of the United States, they will be assassinated. LETSINGER did not desire to elaborate regarding this information.

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

LETSINGER admitted previous mental history, having been confined during 1961 for a short period of time at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Missouri.

Handprinting was obtained from LETSINGER and was compared with the note received by the U. S. Post Office, San Diego, California, and because of a close resemblance of these, LETSINGER was asked if he, in fact, had written the note himself.

He categorically denied having written this note.

The following is a description and background concerning LETSINGER as obtained during interview:

Name	GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER
Alias	George Anderson
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	 at Macomb, Missouri
Height	5'5½"
Weight	165 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Tattoo	"Gladys" "1900", both on right shoulder.
Mother	ETTA LEE LETSINGER nee Collett, Ava, Missouri
Father	GEORGE WILBUR LETSINGER, deceased
Sister	Mrs. TROY STAMPER Route 1 Ava, Missouri
Marital Status	Single
Education	High school, third year

On June 14, 1968, Sergeant JOHN KENNEDY, Fugitive Detail, San Diego Police Department, San Diego, California, advised that he had just received word from the Seattle,

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

Washington, authorities that they decided they did not want to extradite the subject to Seattle, Washington, however, the warrant for his arrest is still outstanding and should he return to the State of Washington, would be arrested on this warrant.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)
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OO: Memphis

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Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER for appropriate dissemination. Enclosed for each office receiving this communication are two copies each of the same letterhead memo. ?

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Diego, California

July 8, 1968

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

On June 17, 1968, handprinting obtained from George Robert Letsinger along with the anonymous note received by Assistant Postmaster Joseph Ferror, June 11, 1968, was forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory.

On June 21, 1968, the FBI Laboratory advised that no latent impressions of value were developed on the note or on the known handprinting of George Robert Letsinger.

On June 21, 1968, the Bureau advised that a handwriting examination of the anonymous note obtained by Assistant Postmaster Joseph Ferror, June 11, 1968, was prepared by George Robert Letsinger as determined from the known handprinting of George Robert Letsinger.

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Re San Diego airtels to the Bureau 6/17/68; Bureau letter to San Diego, 6/21/68; and Bureau airtel to San Diego, 6/21/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 7 copies of an LHM captioned GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, for appropriate dissemination. Enclosed for each office receiving this communication are two copies of the same LHM.

Dissemination has been made locally to U.S. Secret Service.

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- ② - Memphis (Encl. 2) *ll*
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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

EARLY THIS MORNING, AN ANONYMOUS MALE CALLER WHO CLAIMED TO BE AN ESCAPEE FROM WASHINGTON STATE PRISON, WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, CONTACTED CHICAGO OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT HE IS THE "FAT MAN" ^{m-6} REFERRED TO IN THE NEWSPAPERS WHO HAD FURNISHED MONEY TO RAY. CLAIMS MONEY FURNISHED BY GENE BASS OWNER OF A MEAT PACKING COMPANY, DALLAS, TEXAS. CLAIMED BASS GAVE HIM SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AND HE THEN CONTACTED RAY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO GIVE HIM MONEY OBTAINED FROM BASS.

CLAIMED CAN FURNISH NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UPON RETURN TO WASHINGTON. CALLER WAS REQUESTED TO COME TO CHICAGO OFFICE BUT HAS NOT YET SHOWN. CLAIMED PRESENTLY RETURNING TO PRISON VIA CAR.

SEATTLE AT WASHINGTON STATE PRISON. CALLER STATES ESCAPED IN FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND FURNISH COMPLETE BACKGROUND, DESCRIPTION, ETC. DETAILED

AIRTEL BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS, ^{AND MOBILE.} AND DALLAS, NO INVESTIGATION

1 - Mobile (157-2627) (AM)

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REQUESTED UNTIL VERIFICATION OF ESCAPE *And Identity.*

AM CCS TO DALLAS ~~XXX~~ MEMPHIS, AND MOBILE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHARLOTTE AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388) P 3P

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ON JUNE FIFTEEN INSTANT MARIKA FOXIE, LONG-DISTANCE
TELEPHONE OPERATOR, WISCONSIN TELEPHONE COMPANY, RACINE,
WIS., CONFIDENTALLY ADVISED AS FOLLOWS AND REQUESTED HER
IDENTITY BE PROTECTED: ON JUNE ELEVEN LAST AT APPROXIMATELY
TEN FORTYTWO PM A MALE CALLER AT UNION GROVE, WIS., CALLED
HER AND SHE ENDEAVORED TO PLACE CALLS TO THE FOLLOWING
NUMBERS IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR HIM: SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN
FIVE EIGHT-TWO NINE ZERO EIGHT; SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE
FOUR-FOUR NINE THREE ZERO; AND SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE
EIGHT-TWO ONE ZERO ZERO. THE CALLER ALSO ATTEMPTED
TO LOCATE NUMBER FOR RUBY ANDERSON PAREN PH END PAREN, LEONA, NORTH
CAROLINA. FOXIE ADVISED THAT SHE OVERHEARD PORTIONS OF THE
CALLER'S CONVERSATION WITH PERSON IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND THAT
DURING CALL TO SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE FOUR-FOUR NINE
THREE ZERO CALLER WAS ASKED IF HE WERE QUOTE ROBERT END QUOTE AND
REPLIED QUOTE YES END QUOTE. IN CALL TO SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE
EIGHT-TWO ONE ZERO ZERO CALLER CONTACTED MALE WITH HILLBILLY VOICE
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AND CALLER SAID AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE I'VE GOT THE HAVE MONEY, A WHOLE LOT OF MONEY TO GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY. I'M GOING TO CALL BACK TOMORROW NIGHT. YOU TELL THE CLAN PAREN PH END PAREN TO GET ME SOME MONEY OR I'M GOING TO BLOW THIS THING SKY HIGH. WHEN THEY GET RAY BACK IN THIS COUNTRY HE WILL SPILL HIS GUTS. END QUOTE. THE MALE IN NORTH CAROLINA RECEIVING THE CALL SAID, QUOTE I THOUGHT YOU WERE STRAIGHTENED OUT BEFORE YOU LEFT DOWN HERE END QUOTE. FOKIE HAS IMPRESSION CALLER WAS REFERRING TO JAMES EARL RAY. SHE SAID CALLER MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES HIS NEED FOR A LOT OF MONEY AND THAT HE WOULD TALK IF HE DID NOT RECEIVE IT. FOKIE DESCRIBED CALLER AS A WHITE MALE WITH A SOUTHERN ACCENT, INTELLIGENT VOICE, APPEARED TO BE IN LATE THIRTY'S OR EARLY FORTY'S. SHE STATED CALLER DID NOT APPEAR UNBALANCED OR INTOXICATED. FOKIE STATED THAT SHE HAD FAILED TO CONTACT AUTHORITIES EARLIER DUE TO FEAR OR RETALIATION SHOULD SHE BECOME INVOLVED.

CHARLOTTE. DETERMINE SUBSCRIBERS OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE EIGHT-TWO NINE ZERO EIGHT; SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE EIGHT-TWO ONE ZERO ZERO; AND
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SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE FOUR-FOUR NINE THREE ZERO. ATTEMPT
TO IDENTIFY ROBERT PAREN LNU END PAREN IN UNION GROVE, WIS. BY
DISCREET INVESTIGATION. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY RUBY
ANDERSON AND APPARENT SIGNIFICANCE OF ABOVE CALLS.

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555 AX URGENT 8-16-68 DRL

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, AND MILWAUKEE
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE MILWAUKEE TEL SIX FIFTEEN LAST.

MR. BEN LEAZER, MANAGER, SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE CO.,
LENOIR, N.C. IDENTIFIED SUBSCRIBERS OF FOLLOWING TELEPHONE
NUMBERS:

SEVEN ZERO FOUR - SEVEN FIVE EIGHT - TWO NINE ZERO EIGHT -
EARL HALL USED CARS, EARL HALL, OWNER, LENOIR, N.C. HALL
FORMERLY EMPLOYED AS MANAGER OF ECONOMY OIL SERVICE STATION
NUMBER TWO, LENOIR, N.C. RESIDENCE ONE ZERO ONE MOEHILL
DRIVE, LENOIR, N.C. RESIDENCE TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN FIVE
FOUR - NINE FIVE FIVE ZERO.

SEVEN ZERO FOUR - SEVEN FIVE FOUR - FOUR NINE THREE ZERO -
NON PUBLISHED NUMBER - SUBSCRIBER, PAUL ELLISON SANDERS,
BILLING ADDRESS, RADCLIFF ROAD, LENOIR, N.C. EMPLOYED AS
VICE PRESIDENT, SANDERS MANUFACTURING CO., FURNITURE WOOD-
WORKING FIRM. WIFE, ANN SANDERS, EMPLOYED LENOIR HOSIERY CO.

SEVEN ZERO FOUR - SEVEN FIVE EIGHT - TWO ONE ZERO ZERO -
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NON PUBLISHED NUMBER - SUBSCRIBER SAMUEL JERRY SANDERS,
TELEPHONE LOCATED AT COTTRELL HILL ROAD, LENOIR, N.C.
EMPLOYED AT QUALITY WOOD PRODUCTS, LENOIR, N.C. AS WOOD
LATHE OPERATOR. WIFE, REBECCA.

DEPUTY SHERIFF LEONARD ANDREWS, CALDWELL COUNTY, N.C.
SO ADVISED PAUL ELLISON SANDERS AND SAMUEL J. SANDERS ARE
REPUTABLE INDIVIDUALS IN COMMUNITY. ANDREWS VERIFIED SAMUEL
J. SANDERS LIVES ON COTTRELL HILL ROAD AND STATED HE, ANDREWS,
LIVES NEAR PAUL ELLISON SANDERS. ANDREWS ALSO STATED SAMUEL
J. AND PAUL ELLISON SANDERS HAVE BROTHER ROBERT FRANKLIN
SANDERS WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN BAD CHECK AND STOLEN CAR
MATTERS. ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH
CC FILE TWO SIX DASH THREE NINE EIGHT SEVEN THREE UNSUB;
AKA GUY MITCHELL, JAMES C. BATES, ROBERT SANDERS, ITSMV;
ITSP, CC: CHARLOTTE. ROBERT FRANK SANDERS, FBI NO. FOUR
SIX EIGHT SIX SIX NINE ONE, WHITE, MALE, DOB:
 FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS.
SANDERS ALLEGED TO HAVE ABANDONED NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT
CHEVROLET IN WATAUGA COUNTY, N.C. ON THREE SEVEN SIXTY-EIGHT,
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WHICH WAS RENTED IN SALT LAKE CITY BY INDIVIDUAL USING NAME OF GUY MITCHELL. CURTIS L. WOODARD, POSTAL INSPECTOR, HICKORY, N.C., ADVISED IN NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS HAD PASSED FRAUDULENT MONEY ORDERS ON BANK OF LAKE WOOD, WASHINGTON. WOODARD ALSO ADVISED HE HAD DETERMINED ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS HAD SERVED TIME IN STATE OF WASHINGTON AND PAROLED TO STATE AUTHORITIES ON APRIL ELEVEN, SIXTY-SIX. SANDERS ARRESTED FOR B&E LENOIR, NCPD AND TWICE FOR INVESTIGATION.

DEPUTY SHERIFF LEONARD ANDREWS STATED ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS NOT PRESENTLY IN LENOIR, N.C.

CHARLOTTE WILL DISCREETLY INTERVIEW PAUL ELLISON SANDERS AND SAMUEL JERRY SANDERS AT LENOIR, N.C. USING PRETEXT OF ABOVE DESCRIBED AUTO THEFT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS HAS BEEN IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT ON SIX ELEVEN SIXTY-EIGHT.

NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION IN CHARLOTTE INDICES CONNECTING EARL HALL OR SANDERS BROTHERS WITH UKA ACTIVITY.

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COLORED FEMALE WHO VISITED R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO.,
WINSTON SALEM, N.C. ON NINE TWENTY FOURTY FOUR.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH
PAUL ELLISON SANDERS AND SAMUEL JERRY SANDERS, LENOIR, N.C.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

Re Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, 6/15/68 and Charlotte teletype 6/16/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA BOIS D. CROCKER in Caldwell Co., N. C., under pretext ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS being sought by FBI for questioning in car theft and suspect in cashing of numerous worthless checks in connection with Charlotte file 26-39873.

On 6/16/68 SAMUEL JERRY SANDERS, Route 1, Box 111, (Cottrell Hill Rd.), Lenoir, N. C., Telephone 758-2100, advised he had just returned from 2 weeks National Guard duty at Ft. Bragg, N. C., on that date. During the two weeks of guard duty his wife resided with his brother's wife, Mrs. BILL SANDERS, in Lenoir. His 19 year old brother, JACOB DOUGLAS SANDERS resides in the homewith him and would have been at home at this telephone number at nights only. He denied receiving any telephone calls from his brother, ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS or anyone else and especially calls from the State of Wisconsin.

On 6/16/68 JACOB DOUGLAS SANDERS, Route 1, Box 111, Lenoir, N. C., advised he resided with his brother but did not receive any telephone calls from Wisconsin during the previous week and he has had no recent contact with his brother, ROBERT.

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- ② - Memphis (44-1987)
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- 3 - Charlotte (2 - 44-1365)
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On 6/17/68 PAUL ELLISON SANDERS, 109 Radcliff Rd., Lenoir, N.C., Telephone 754-4930, advised he does not accept any collect telephone calls from his brother, ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS, and the last time he talked with his brother, ROBERT, was about 2 or perhaps 3 weeks ago when ROBERT called him at approximately 4 or 5 A.M. desiring to know if PAUL had heard from ROBERT's wife and family. This was the last contact he has had with ROBERT and stated he definitely did not receive any long distance telephone calls during the week of 6/9-16/68 from ROBERT or anyone else from the State of Wisconsin. He stated he worked several nights until around 11 P.M. and on Friday night, 6/14/68, visited his father, JVEY SANDERS of Lenoir. PAUL SANDERS pointed out it was possible his wife may have received a call from his brother, ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS from Wisconsin.

Subsequently on 6/17/68 PAUL SANDERS advised that he had discussed this matter with his wife and she stated she did not receive any long distance telephone calls during the week of 6/9-16/68. She stated ROBERT SANDERS had called PAUL's home on Sunday evening either 6/2/68 or 6/9/68 from an unknown location and this was the last contact she had had with ROBERT SANDERS. She definitely received no calls from Wisconsin to her knowledge during the week of 6/9-16/68.

On 6/17/68 EARL HALL, Hall's Used Cars, Lenoir, N.C., Telephone 758-2908, advised that he usually closes his used car lot at approximately 6 P.M. and at the latest 6:30 P.M. He stated ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS was unknown to him to the best of his recollection. He stated he did not receive any long distance telephone calls during the week of 6/9-16/68 and especially from anyone in the State of Wisconsin.

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On 6/17/68 SAMUEL JERRY SANDERS was recontacted and advised he had discussed this matter with his wife and youngest brother, JACOB DOUGLAS SANDERS and they both advised him they had not received any telephone calls from ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS or anyone else from the State of Wisconsin during the week of 6/9-16/68.

For the information of the Bureau and all offices, PAUL and JERRY SANDERS were interviewed at length and at no time displayed any animosity toward minority groups of the Federal Government and indicated a high regard for the FBI.

They both advised their father, IVEY SANDERS, had tried to help their oldest brother, ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS, for a number of years but finally gave up. They stated there were 13 members of the immediate family and on numerous occasions had sent ROBERT money to pay fines or lawyer's fees when actually the money was needed to buy food and clothing for other members of the family. Both brothers also indicated they and other members of the family had helped ROBERT on numerous occasions but for the past several years have refused to assist any financial aid and no longer accept any collect telephone calls from him. They both stated they had unlisted telephone numbers for this reason in order to prevent any unnecessary calls from ROBERT or any of his associates to their homes. They stated that ROBERT had traveled extensively over the U. S. and the family never knew where he was or when he would next appear in Caldwell Co., N. C., PAUL indicated that he could not place any confidence in any information that ROBERT gave him and he might tell you he was going to Calif. when actually he would be going to the next county.

ROBERT SANDERS' brothers indicated that they knew EARL HALL as a used car dealer only and have no personal association with him. RUBY ANDERSON is unknown to them but

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they have a first cousin by the name of RUBY CRUMP who has been married several times and whose whereabouts are unknown.

They advised they did not lie as to ROBERT's whereabouts and if he were responsible for the theft of a car or passing bad checks or any other crime, he should be caught and punished.

Investigation in Lenoir indicated that all members of IVEY SANDERS' family are law-abiding citizens with the exception of ROBERT FRANKLIN and they are a working class people with good reputations. There is no indication that SANDERS are engaged in any klan activities. EARL HALL operated a used car business in Lenoir for a number of years but sold out but just recently re-established this business. He has the reputation of being a shrewd car dealer not known to engage in any illegal activities.

LEADS:MILWAUKEEAT RACINE, WISCONSIN

1. Re-interview MARIKA FOXIE, Wisconsin Telephone Company, bearing in mind above information and the fact ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS is the suspect in a car theft and in the cashing of numerous worthless checks.

2. Attempt to obtain toll tickets concerning telephone calls set forth in referenced Milwaukee teletype.

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July 2, 1968

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, Milwaukee (44-388)
FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN

**ReMiltelet 6/15/68, CMairtel 6/17/68, and
Milairtel 6/20/68.**

**Milwaukee is authorized to obtain appropriate
telephone toll call records. Since you advise that
no Federal Grand Jury is in session, these records
should be obtained through established sources and
accomplished with full security and the Bureau's interest
fully protected. Advise results of reinterview with
Marina Fazio, Long Distance telephone operator.**

1 - SAC, Charlotte
1 - SAC, Memphis

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Charlotte airtel to the Bureau 6/17/68, Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau 6/29/68, and Bureau airtel to Milwaukee 7/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN L. DUFFY:

At Racine, Wisconsin

On June 27, 1968, Mrs. MARIEA FUKIE, 1940 Hood Road, advised she had no further information to furnish and that to the best of her knowledge, the information previously furnished by her was true. She mentioned that she had maintained a close check on all telephone calls originating from Union Grove, Wis., in the event the unknown caller in question requests his calls.

Mrs. FUKIE again expressed her strong desire to remain completely anonymous regarding this matter.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA DANIEL E. BRADET:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On July 9, 1968, contact was made with ROBERT WENZEL, General Security Supervisor, Wisconsin Telephone Company, 208 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was requested to

- 3 - Bureau (AM)
 - 1 - Charlotte (44-1345) (Info) (AM)
 - ② - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
 - 2 - Milwaukee
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attempt to locate long distance toll records for three calls made from an unknown telephone number, Union Grove, Wisconsin, to the following telephone numbers in Lenoir, North Carolina, on June 11, 1968:

704-758-2908;
704-754-4850;
704-758-2100.

On July 21, 1968, MENZEL advised a search had been made of toll call records covering Union Grove, Wisconsin, during the pertinent period, and that said search failed to locate any toll calls reflecting calls to the above numbers. He said that if the calls were made on a collect basis or if a credit card was used, the records would be found in North Carolina.

It is noted that in the original interview with Mrs. FORKE, she advised that the unknown caller paid for his phone calls and also apparently was calling from a coin-operated telephone.

LEADS

MILWAUKEE REGION

At Lenoir, Lenoir, and Union Grove, Wisconsin

Will conduct credit and criminal checks on the name of ROBERT FRANKLIN SANDERS.

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FBI DALLAS

604PM DEFERRED 6/13/68 JDP.

TO DIRECTOR (44-33861) AND MEMPHIS

FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS SUMMARY TELETYPE JUNE TWELVE LAST, SEATTLE
TELETYPE TO DALLAS JUNE TWELVE AND CHICAGO AIRTEL JUNE ELEVEN
LAST.

GENE BASS, REFERRED TO BY ANONYMOUS CALLER TO CHICAGO
OFFICE AS BEING OWNER OF A MEAT PACKING COMPANY DALLAS AND
ALLEGED TO HAVE GIVEN CALLER SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS TO DO JOB
DONE BY RAY, IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL TO GENE LLOYD BASS, EMPLOYED
AS A DELIVERY MAN FOR ARNOLD MEAT CO., DALLAS. HE IS A WHITE
MALE, BORN [REDACTED] AT BIG HILL, TEXAS.
HE HAS FBI NUMBER EIGHT ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO TWO C. HE IS ONE
SUBJECT IN PENDING ITSP CASE AT DALLAS (BUFILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH
NINE THREE ONE SIX EIGHT) IN WHICH HE ALLEGEDLY HAD POSSESSION OF
STOLEN TRAVELERS EXPRESS MONEY ORDERS. WHEN INTERVIEWED
ON FEBRUARY TWENTY NINE LAST HE DENIED THIS ALLEGATION. BASS WAS
ALSO A SUBJECT IN BANK ROBBERY CONSPIRACY CASE IN NINETEEN FIFTY
EIGHT (BUFILE NINETY ONE DASH ONE ONE ZERO ONE EIGHT) BUT NO
CHARGES FILED. DALLAS PD IDENTIFICATION RECORDS SHOW BASS ARRESTED
BY DALLAS PD JANUARY THIRTY LAST ON CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION

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OF BURGLARY. ON FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST HE WAS ARRESTED BY DALLAS PD AND CHARGED WITH SHOPLIFTING ITEMS HAVING VALUE OF ONE DOLLAR FIFTY NINE CENTS. DALLAS COUNTY SO RECORDS SHOW BASS' LAST ARREST BY THAT DEPARTMENT WAS ON OCTOBER THIRTEEN LAST FOR PASSING WORTHLESS CHECKS. RECORDS DO NOT SHOW ANY PRISON TIME EVER SERVED BY BASS. INVESTIGATION REVEALS BASS IS A POLICE CHARACTER WHO IS FREQUENTLY WITHOUT FUNDS, IS NOT THE OWNER OF A MEAT PACKING CO. HE IS LISTED IN TELEPHONE BOOK AS GENE BASS MEAT CO., FOUR ZERO ZERO EIGHT COMMERCE ST., WHICH IS ALLEGEDLY ADDRESS OF HIS EMPLOYER, ARNOLD MEAT CO.

ANONYMOUS CALLER STATED HE WAS "FAT MAN" REFERRED TO IN NEWSPAPERS, HOWEVER "FAT MAN" HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. HE ALSO STATED HE ESCAPED FROM WASHINGTON STATE PRISON IN FEB. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN; HOWEVER SEATTLE HAS ADVISED THERE WERE NO ESCAPEES FROM THAT PRISON IN FEB. SIXTY SEVEN OR SIXTY EIGHT.

FROM THE ABOVE IT WOULD APPEAR THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY THE ANONYMOUS CALLER HAS NO BASIS IN FACT AND NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED BY DALLAS UACB.

AIR MAIL COPY TO CHICAGO.

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June 14, 1968

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TELETYPE

DEFERRED

TO SAC DALLAS (44-2649)
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861)

MURKIN.

UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE TO THE CONTRARY, DALLAS WILL
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW GENE BASS CONCERNING INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY ANONYMOUS CALLER. AIRMAIL COPIES SENT TO MEMPHIS, SEATTLE
AND CHICAGO.

1 - MEMPHIS
1 - SEATTLE
1 - CHICAGO

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
Re Chicago tel 6/11/68.

On 6/11/68, 12:02 a.m., an anonymous male telephonically contacted SA EARNIE L. WALDRUP and claimed to be an escapee from Washington State Prison, Walla Walla, Washington. He advised that he is aware that JAMES EARL RAY is under arrest and there has been some publicity about a "fat" man who supposedly met RAY on several occasions. The caller advised that he is the "fat" man referred to in the papers and stated that he is en route to Washington State by car to turn himself in to authorities. He advised that he escaped in February, 1967.

Caller further advised that, following his escape, he went to Dallas, Texas, where he met an individual by the name of GENE BASS, owner of a meat packing company in Dallas. Caller claimed that BASS gave him \$1600 to do the job that was done by JAMES EARL RAY; he accepted the money, then contacted RAY on several occasions to give him money which he had obtained from BASS. He delivered money to RAY at Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham, Alabama, and Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Caller advised that BASS is not the sole supplier of money for assassination, but there are numerous people involved, primarily at Montgomery, Alabama. He claimed that

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- 2 - Dallas (44-2649)
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he can furnish names of individuals involved, but preferred not to give them over the phone. He stated that he feels certain that RAY will talk and he wants to avoid having to run from authorities. He stated that he will be available for interview, upon his return to Washington State. He indicated that he preferred to serve Federal time in prison, was invited to come to the office and stated that he would arrive shortly.

Caller has not appeared at Chicago Office as of 9:00 a.m., 6/11/68. During the call, he indicated that he was in the Chicago area and apparently was calling from a pay phone since the operator cut in advising that his initial time had been used up. He then stated that the \$1600 paid to him by BASS was in postal money orders. He would furnish no further information other than set forth above, but again stated that he would come to the Chicago Office this date.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

6/18/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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

OO-MEMPHIS

Re Chicago airtel to Memphis, 6/11/68; Seattle teletype to Dallas, 6/12/68; Memphis teletype to Bureau, 6/12/68; Dallas teletype to Bureau, 6/13/68; and Bureau teletype to Dallas, 6/14/68, copies of which are enclosed for San Antonio.

Investigation at GENE BASS' last known employment, Arnold Meat Company, 4906 Commerce, Dallas, on 6/17/68 revealed that ~~he is no longer~~ employed by that company. He was believed to be working for Kroger's in their meat warehouse in Irving, Texas.

MISS KAY BREWER, Personnel Clerk, and BILL MC CLENDON, Foreman, Kroger's Meat Plant, advised on 6/17/68, they could locate no employment record for GENE BASS and do not know or recall him.

The last arrest record for BASS, when he was arrested by the Dallas PD on 2/18/68 for shoplifting, shows his residence as 410 W. Colorado, Groesbeck, Texas.

3 - Bureau
2 - San Antonio (44-1342)(Enc. 5)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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LEAD:

SAN ANTONIO

AT GROESBECK, TEXAS. Locate and interview GENE BASS
per Bureau instructions.

6/25/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

RE: MURKIN
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Re Dallas airtel to Bureau 6/18/68.

On 6/25/68, MARY BASS, 410 West Colorado, Groesbeck, Texas, wife of LLOYD GENE BASS, SR., states the last address she has for her husband is care of Arnold Meat Company, 4008 Commerce, Dallas, Texas. BASS is supposed to be living with BILL (LNU), Dallas, Texas, whom she knows nothing about. She expects a telephone call from BASS this weekend, which is 6/29-30/68, and is to advise him to contact the Dallas FBI Office. She will obtain his address and furnish to FBI. She stated BASS was, to her knowledge, still employed in the boning of meat with Arnold Meat Company.

On 6/25/68, HENRY COX, Limestone County Sheriff's Office, Groesbeck, Texas, stated he has known LLOYD GENE BASS, SR., for about 30 years. He stated BASS' wife, MARY, and children live at 410 West Colorado, Groesbeck, Texas; however, BASS lives and works in Dallas and is thought to run a meat company in Dallas.

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②-Memphis (44-1987)
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1-Seattle (44-371) (Info)
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AT DALLAS, TEXAS Will attempt to locate LLOYD GENE BASS, SR., thought to be living with a man named BILL (LNU) in Dallas.

SAN ANTONIO

AT GROESBECK, TEXAS Will maintain contact with MARY BASS for information to locate her husband, LLOYD GENE BASS, SR.

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Date: 7/2/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)
 RE: MURKIN
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 OO: Memphis

Re Dallas airtel to the Bureau dated 6/18/68 and
 San Antonio airtel to the Bureau dated 6/25/68.

The following information was furnished tele-
 phonically to CLINTON B. BROWN, Dallas Division, on 7/1/68.

On 7/1/68, LLOYD GENE BASS, SR., telephonically
 contacted the Waco, Texas, Resident Agency from Dallas pay
 phone number 214 TA 3-0854.

BASS stated he had learned from his wife MARY that
 he was to contact the Waco RA. He stated he is living with
 JIM and MARY POLLARD, Apartment 109, 3320 Marvin D. Love
 Freeway, Dallas, and is working as a jobber for Arnold Meat
 Company servicing Sam and Pete's Cafe (Main Street), Medical
 and Surgical Clinic, and Gaston Hospital, all in Dallas.

Nature of the matter to be discussed with BASS was
 not disclosed.

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AT DALLAS, TEXAS Will at Apartment 109, 3320 Marvin
 D. Love Freeway, interview LLOYD GENE BASS, SR., re information
 furnished by anonymous caller per Bureau request.

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② - Memphis (44-1987)
 1 - Chicago (44-1114)(Info)
 1 - Seattle (44-371)(Info)

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Date 7/16/68

LLOYD GENE BASS, 3320 Marvin D. Love Freeway, was advised of the identity of SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised by SA HOLLOMAN of his right to have an attorney present during interview and his rights as appear on the Rights and Waiver form which he read, acknowledged he understood but declined to sign.

BASS stated he does not know any present or former inmate of the Washington State Penitentiary. He does not know anyone who has escaped from that institution. He denied giving anyone any amount of money to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed. He said he has been almost destitute himself for many months and has had to resort to writing bad checks and petty thefts to sustain himself. He denied that he has any knowledge of any conspiracy to kill KING or has ever made any statement to anyone concerning having KING killed. He stated he does not own a meat packing company but has worked as a meat cutter and delivery man for meat packers in the Dallas area. He is presently employed as a meat cutter for Acers Meat Company, 1737 Levy Street, Dallas.

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[Signature]

On 7/3/68 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 44-2649

by SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN/tk Date dictated 7/16/68

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

7/26/68

SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)

MURKIN

OO - MEMPHIS

Re Chicago airtel to Memphis dated 6/11/68; Bureau teletype to Dallas dated 6/14/68, and Dallas airtel to Bureau dated 6/18/68, all relating to possible involvement of GENE BASS in conspiracy to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On 7/3/68, LLOYD GENE BASS was interviewed by SA WILLIAM B. HOLLOWAY at Dallas, Texas. BASS denied knowing any present or former inmate of the Washington State Penitentiary. He stated he certainly did not give anyone any amount of money to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed. He said he has been almost destitute himself for many months and has had to resort to writing bad checks and petty thefts to sustain himself. He denied that he has any knowledge of any conspiracy to kill KING or has ever made any statement to anyone concerning having KING killed. He stated he does not own any meat packing company but has worked as a meat cutter and delivery man for meat packers in the Dallas area. He is presently employed as a meat cutter for Acers Meat Company, 1737 Levy Street, Dallas, and resides at 3320, Marvin D. Love Freeway, Apt. 109, Dallas.

FD-302, nine copies, setting forth results of interview of BASS are enclosed herewith for Memphis.

UACB, no further investigation re BASS being conducted.

2 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(Enc. 9)
1 - Chicago (44-1114)(Info)
1 - Seattle (44-371)(Info)
2 - Dallas
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June 14, 1968

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To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

RE: Edgar Downing - complainant.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are two copies of a letter from Edgar Downing, Del-Mar Hotel, Room 312, 257 East Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California, dated 6-9-68. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

You should immediately interview Downing for any pertinent information he may have relating to this case. At the time of interview orally acknowledge receipt of his letter. The correspondent indicates that he previously contacted the FBI, no location designated; however, no record can be located regarding such contact in Bureau files.

Los Angeles, see your file 157-809, airtel dated 8-13-64, captioned "Mississippi Summer Project, Racial Situation, State of Mississippi, Racial Matters," and your airtel dated 12-22-66, captioned "Dr. Gerald Coles, National Planning Association, Information Concerning," which indicates that Edgar Downing of Long Beach, California, has previously furnished information, in unrelated matters, to your office.

Advise Bureau upon completion of interview of Downing.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rebuairtel 6/14/68. Sub - E - 1061

EDGAR DOWNING, Del Mar Hotel, 257 East Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California was contacted by SA JOSEPH R. CONLON on 6/18/68.

His letter to the Bureau was acknowledged and gratitude expressed for his cooperation.

DOWNING advised that about four days after killing in instant matter, he was sitting in lobby of Del Mar Hotel when a white male about 30 years, 5'10", 160 pounds, slender build and brown hair, appeared, and DOWNING overheard inquiry of clerk by this individual concerning whether a certain young lady was registered there. Clerk, TRUE HAROLD, advised this individual that the girl in question had checked out after which HAROLD gave this individual his luggage which had been stored at the hotel and he registered as a guest. DOWNING said he felt this indicated that the individual had been a guest in the hotel previously.

DOWNING indicated that later, he saw one of several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, which he felt somewhat resembled the individual who appeared in the lobby of the Del Mar Hotel. He reported this incident to the Long Beach Resident Agency and understood that subsequently, agents had made inquiry at the hotel.

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- ① - Memphis (44-1987)
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DOWNING said he had no other information concerning RAY or the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He explained he had written the letter to the FBI in Washington, D.C. when he had read recently that RAY had taken dancing lessons in Long Beach, California and desired to offer the suggestion that he may have returned to this city prior to his flight to Canada. He said he had no other information to furnish concerning this matter.

DOWNING, JOHN C. DWYER, and TRUE HAROLD, Clerks, and LEROY CUNNINGHAM, Manager, at the hotel Del Mar were shown a photograph of RAY and indicated that he was not familiar to them as identical with any guest at the Del Mar Hotel.

TRUE HAROLD advised SA CONLON on 6/19/68 that he could not specifically recall any incident where an individual had made inquiry in the recent past concerning whether a certain young lady was registered at the hotel nor could he recall any incident whereafter such inquiry had been made, he furnished any luggage that had been in storage at the hotel by the inquirer.

June 9, 1968

Wm. J. Edgar Hoover
Director : F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Wm. Hoover

I have just read in today's Los Angeles Times of James Earl Ray's arrest in England. The article was written by Robert L. Jackson, from Washington (a Times Staff Writer)

The article mentioned the fact that it is not known in what way Ray arrived in Canada. — — It is this reason that I write this letter to you.

Three or four (maybe five) days after Martin Luther King was killed, I was in the lobby of the Shel-Mar hotel and saw a man register for a room. Later, I saw pictures of the man that killed King. These pictures didn't register in my mind as being the man that I saw register at the Shel-Mar hotel here in Long Beach. Then one day I saw another picture which had not been shown of Ray before, it was this picture that I recognized as being the man who — registered for a room at the Shel-Mar hotel. I then went to the office of the F. B. I. and reported my story described above. About one hour after going to the F. B. I.'s office, I brought

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a local newspaper which stated the fact that Ray wonce took dancing lessons here in Long Beach.

Could it be possible that Ray came from Atlanta, Ga. by plane to Los Angeles, Calif., and then bought a plane ticket to Canada?

Thank you very much. I am

Yours Truly

Edgar Downing

Shel-Mar Hotel

Room 312

257 E. Ocean Blvd.

Long Beach, Calif.

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Date: 6/14/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) (P)

MURKIN.

Re Memphis teletype, 4/25/68.

Mr. T. EDWARD UMPHRES (confidential), Area Security Supervisor, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, St. Louis, Missouri, advised Special Agent SPURGEON J. PETERSON, on May 15, 1968, that St. Louis telephone number 314-865-1381 is issued to Rev. G. L. WHITE, El Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 3328 Rutger, St. Louis, Missouri. ✓

Mrs. ELIZABETH WHITE, 3328 Rutger, St. Louis, Missouri, advised Special Agent JOHN O. TRETHEWEY, JR., on June 10, 1968, she was not acquainted with anyone of subject's appearance as depicted in the IO displayed to her and as seen in newspapers and TV publicity in regard to this case. Subject's name and aliases were likewise unfamiliar to her, except for news media publicity. She was unable to suggest the names of any friends or associates who might be acquainted with or have any information regarding subject. She knew of no friends or relatives residing in Memphis.

It should be noted Reverend and Mrs. WHITE are Negro.

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RE: CHARLES DUNHAM
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On May 8, 1968, Sergeant C. A. FLYNN, New York State Police, Waterloo, New York, furnished the following information to SAA DON FRITZ HEIM:

OTIS DUNHAM, Border City Road, Geneva, New York, told Sergeant FLYNN that he had received telephone calls from his son, CHARLES DUNHAM, on May 6 and 7, 1968.

Mr. DUNHAM said his son, CHARLES, indicated that he had information concerning the assassination of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and that the identification of JAMES EARL RAY as KING's murderer was wrong. He said that the murderer was named either WESLEY, WELSTON or WESTON or a similar sounding name.

CHARLES DUNHAM indicated he had worked in an Atlanta, Georgia, coffee house, but his father believed that he was presently unemployed and living in "hippie" circumstances.

DUNHAM's employer at the coffee house allegedly had been arrested on a narcotics charge subsequent to the KING murder; and, as of the date CHARLES DUNHAM contacted his father, he was supposed to be confined in a mental hospital or penal institution in Atlanta.

OTIS DUNHAM did not know the name of the coffee house or the name of the owner, but the owner allegedly has knowledge of KING's murder.

OTIS DUNHAM told Sergeant FLYNN that his son seemed to be scared in the telephone conversations. He felt that his son might have some information concerning this matter.

CHARLES DUNHAM called from Atlanta telephone number 875-5437, which OTIS DUNHAM said is a rooming house at 416 7th Street, Atlanta, Georgia. 44-1987-Sub E-1063

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OTIS DUNHAM described his son as follows:

Name	CHARLES DUNHAM
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Rome, New York
Height	6 feet
Weight	200 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Wears thick glasses; Was in the United States Navy, received undesirable discharge in 1964 because of homosexual tendencies.

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RE: INFORMATION FROM
MRS. GLADYS MEEHAM

On April 25, 1968, Mrs. GLADYS D. MEEHAM, 362 East Main Street, Springville, New York, wife of Dr. DONALD MEEHAM, came to the Buffalo Office of the FBI. She was at the Rock Sound Club and Beach Cottages, Eleuthera, Bahamas, from April 10, 1968, and had just returned. On the morning of April 25, 1968, she had seen a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY on the Today Show on television.

Mrs. MEEHAM said she had seen a man in the Rock Sound Club on the evening of April 18 or 19, 1968. This man bore a remarkable resemblance to RAY. She observed him again at breakfast the following morning.

This man was dressed in a business suit and appeared pale as though he had just arrived in the Bahamas. He was accompanied by another man whom she could not describe, except that he was similar in appearance to the first with regard to age, height, weight and build.

This information was furnished to Miami.

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