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On April 8, 1966, LAVERNON CORNELIUS, 7354 South Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, reported that he had received a letter in the mail from one JAMES C. WATTS stating, among other things, that MORTON ZASLAVSKI, 6240 North Drake Avenue, Chicago, had put up \$3,000 to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 14, 1968

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MORTON L. ZASLAVSKI, Attorney at Law, 820 West North Avenue, furnished the following information:

In addition to being an attorney, ZASLAVSKI is the owner of the Public Service Currency Exchange, 820 West North Avenue, Chicago, which is located in a predominantly Negro area. A majority of the customers of the currency exchange are Negroes.

ZASLAVSKI advised that he does not know JAMES EARL RAY by name, aliases or description. ZASLAVSKI was shown a photograph of RAY and he advised that he has never seen RAY.

ZASLAVSKI's business interests are located in Chicago and he uses his office at 820 West North Avenue to operate these interests. During March and April, 1968, he was in Chicago, Illinois. ZASLAVSKI did not travel to Tennessee or Alabama during March or April, 1968.

At this point ZASLAVSKI stated that he does not know the FBI's source of information but he attributes this inquiry to an occurrence in 1966. At this time, an individual whom he believes is named BROWN, first name unknown, reported to the Chicago Police Department that he, ZASLAVSKI, had put up some money to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed. BROWN was a self-appointed civil rights leader who may have been affiliated with the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). Actually BROWN was a trouble maker who would disappear for months at a time and then reappear. Whenever BROWN appeared ZASLAVSKI would always anticipate some type of trouble. ZASLAVSKI believes BROWN has been a customer at the Public Service Currency Exchange.

At the time of this alleged threat to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, a Chicago police officer came to 820 West North Avenue and interviewed ZASLAVSKI. The officer explained that a complaint had been made. ZASLAVSKI told the officer that he did not make any offer of money to have KING killed nor did he make any threats to kill KING. ZASLAVSKI believes that

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the officer made a report and that it could be located at the district police station covering 820 West North Avenue. The police at that district station were aware of BROWN and that he had a history of being a trouble maker.

The following is a description of ZASLAVSKI:

Name	MORTON L. ZASLAVSKI
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Height	6'1"
Weight	190 pounds
Hair	Grey
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Attorney, Currency Exchange owner
Address	820 West North Avenue Chicago, Illinois

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On November 3, 1966, a representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Chicago, advised that an anonymous call had been received from an unidentified male. The caller indicated he was acquainted with one TONY DEXTER, an employee of the City of Chicago. The caller indicated he had learned that DEXTER was aware of an individual, not named, who was offering \$10,000 for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, if and when KING returned to Chicago.

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Re: "TONY DEXTER"

The following investigation was predicated upon information by SA FRANK BYDLON and SA PAUL H. KELLERMEYER that on November 3, 1966, SYDNEY FINLEY, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), advised that he had received information from an anonymous source which revealed that "TONY DEXTER," an employee of the City of Chicago "working for the City of Chicago Asphalt Company," was aware of an individual who was currently reported to be offering \$10,000 for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING when he returns to Chicago.

A review was made of the classified section of the telephone directory for Chicago and no mention was made of a company with the name Chicago Asphalt Company. The only companies that had similar sounding names were the Chicago Asphalt Patching Company, 6009 North Nina, Chicago, and the Chicago Paving and Construction Company, 7601 South Wentworth (office), and 12701 South Doty (plant), Chicago.

AL HOFFMANN, Partner, Chicago Asphalt Patching Company, advised on April 25, 1968, that he has never had an individual named TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER employed for his company.

Miss EVELYN WILSON, Secretary, and DICK WARRINGTON, Office Manager, Chicago Paving and Construction Company, from memory and a record check advised on April 25, 1968, that a TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER has never been employed for this company.

ED NEFELD, Plant Foreman, Chicago Paving and Construction Company, advised on April 26, 1968, that he cannot recall any individual having worked for this company having the name TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER. He had contacted several other knowledgeable individuals working in the industry and could not come up with any information. He suggested, however, that if DEXTER was an employee in this industry, he would most probably belong to a labor organization. He said that the group certified for this company is the County, Municipal, Employee and Foreman's Union, Local 1001, 228 North La Salle, Chicago.

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All of the above individuals could not identify a company called the Chicago Asphalt Company.

On April 26, 1968, JAMES S. OSBORNE, Secretary and Chief Custodian of Records of the Civil Service Commission, City of Chicago, City Hall, 121 North La Salle Street, Chicago, advised SA GARRETT M. DUEL that records of this office reflect that no individual named DEXTER had been an employee of the City of Chicago in any capacity during the period 1966 to the present date.

DELLE CRIVELLONE, Executive Secretary, Local 1001, advised on April 26, 1968, that this union has certification of practically all of the companies and government agencies that engage in various trades which include asphalt work. She reviewed records and found nothing concerning membership for 1966 to present of a TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER.

Due to the possibility that TONY DEXTER could have been a member of another union, the following investigation was conducted:

CATHERINE GRUND, Secretary, Laborers Union, 6222 West North Avenue, Chicago, reviewed records on April 26, 1968, of Locals 76, 1006 and 1, and found no record of a TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER having present or recent (1966) membership in any of these locals.

MATT BOSS, Secretary of the Treasurer, Excavating, Grading and Asphalt Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union, Local 731, 133 South Ashland, Chicago, advised on April 26, 1968, that this union certifies practically all drivers in the asphalt industry. He reviewed records and could locate no information concerning TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER, 1966 to present.

Chicago telephone directories from 1965 to the present were reviewed and no information concerning a TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER could be located.

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Chicago indices had no additional references concerning a TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER.

Since SYDNEY FINLEY, the original complainant, advised that he would furnish anything additional to the FBI concerning this matter, no additional contacts with FINLEY have been made.

The records of the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Credit Bureau, as furnished on April 26, 1968, to IC RALPH MC CLAIN reflect no information concerning TONY or ANTHONY DEXTER.

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Mrs. M. MARANTO, Personnel Department, Chicago Park District, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA PAUL H. KELLERMEYER on May 2, 1968, that "TONY DEXTER" is unknown to the Chicago Park District and further, that the park district in the last five years has not had any employee with the last name DEXTER.

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On September 5, 1966 DONALD STOUT, white, male, reportedly of 826 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, told passengers riding in his car in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri, that he was rabidly anti-Negro and that he was going to shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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On September 7, 1966, HARRY P. STEWART, United States Secret Service, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, advised that his nephew, STEWART LINDH, 2206 Greenwich, San Francisco, California, along with JEFFREY KRONEN, 58 Miller Road, Farmingdale, Long Island, New York, and RICHARD LARKEY, in care of Mrs. SCHONBERGER, 2829 Highland Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, were in San Francisco and answered an advertisement placed in the "San Francisco Chronicle" by DONALD STOUT, who was seeking paying passengers to accompany him on a trip from San Francisco to New York City in his car. An agreement was made by him with STOUT and each paid him \$50 for the trip.

On September 5, 1966, STOUT and his passengers arrived in Kansas City, Missouri, and went to a local YMCA. STOUT disappeared with his car and the boys' personal effects. They said that before arriving in Kansas City STOUT made it clear that he was rabidly anti-Negro and he told the boys he was going to shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING.

STOUT had claimed residence at 826 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, and claimed that he was employed by the Eastern States Freight Lines, Terre Haute, Indiana. He was driving a 1966 light green Chevrolet Impala with Massachusetts license plates PP83473.

The files of the FBI, Chicago, reveal a similar type incident which occurred at Rapid City, South Dakota on February 23, 1953, and involved one DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT also known as LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, FBI number 4959380. He was described as a white male, born [redacted], at Detroit, Michigan, about 5'5", 185 pounds and having brown hair and blue eyes.

On April 26, 1968, the FBI Identification Division, Washington, D. C., reported that STOUT, FBI number 4959380, was received on March 12, 1955, at the Federal Correctional Institute, Seagoville, Texas, to serve one year and one day for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. His latest arrest record in FBI Identification Division files was on April 10, 1958, by the police department at Berlin, New Hampshire.

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The following investigation conducted by SA GIFFORD G. BASHAM and SA DAVID L. PIPPENGER on the dates indicated:

On April 26, 1968, records of the Chicago Police Department were searched concerning the names DONALD STOUT, DON STOUT, LAWRENCE D. STOUT, DONALD L. STOUT, DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, and reflected the following information:

DONALD RAY STOUT, also known as DONALD STOUT, DONALD RAYMOND STOUT, RALPH DON STOUT	
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	
Height	6' tall
Weight	162 pounds
FBI Number	4 930 647
Chicago Police Department Number	IR 131324

The records failed to reflect any other individuals with the name or alias of STOUT.

On April 26, 1968, HAMID MIRKARINI, Chief Security Officer, YMCA Hotel, 826 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the hotel has no person by the name STOUT currently residing and that these records would go back for one year.

MIRKARINI advised that records of so-called "permanent guests" are maintained indefinitely but that they are maintained in the basement.

On April 27, 1968, MIRKARINI advised that the hotel had a RICHARD GORDON STOUT from December 7, 1953, to July 20, 1954. He stated that the record gives no further information other than the fact that STOUT was originally from Texas and was attending the Art Institute.

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On April 26, 1968, CAROL MATTHEWS, Secretary, Inland Boatman's Union (IBU), 9383 South Ewing, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the union office was previously located at 3261 East 92nd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. MATTHEWS stated that her records reflect no person by the name STOUT as being a member of the union. She stated that her records are only maintained for one year.

Mrs. MATTHEWS advised that should further information be needed concerning past membership, all records are maintained at the IBU Office, 675 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

On April 26, 1968, SCOTTIE AUBUSSON, Agent, Seafarers International Union (SIU), 9383 South Ewing, Chicago, Illinois, advised that his records reflect no person by the name STOUT as having been a member.

On April 26, 1968, WILLIAM NEILL, Port Agent, National Maritime Union (NMI), 2335 East 100th, Chicago, Illinois, advised that his records reflect no person by the name of STOUT as having been a member since 1959. Records prior to 1959 are not available because they were destroyed by a fire.

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On April 26, 1968, the Pittsburgh Division advised that **RAYMOND ZACKOVICH**, United States Secret Service, Pittsburgh, reported that **HARRY P. STEWART**, former Secret Service Agent, retired one year previously and was now residing at Route 1, Box 388, Sebastian, Florida.

On April 26, 1968, the Miami Division advised that **HARRY P. STEWART**, Sebastian, Florida, advised that he possessed no additional information concerning the incident in which his nephew was involved while hitch-hiking from San Francisco, California to Vermont, and did not recall any references to **MARTIN LUTHER KING**. He stated that his nephew, **STEWART LINDH**, was not residing at 4010 $\frac{1}{2}$ Van Dyke, San Diego, California, and attending college in San Diego.

The Boston Division advised on April 26, 1968, that 1966 Massachusetts license P83473 was listed to National Car Rentals, Boston, Massachusetts.

Investigation at National Car Rentals, Boston, on September 13, 1966, concerning rental of car by **DONALD STOUT** was negative; however, the manager of the rental agency had frequent contact with **STOUT** at that time. The manager stated that **ROBERT GUNDY**, National Car Rentals, John Fitzgerald Kennedy Airport, New York City, was fairly acquainted with **STOUT**. **GUNDY** contacted **STOUT** through Indianapolis telephone number WA 5-8965. **STOUT** was described as a "big talker, who likes to hear himself talk." He has transported cars for his rental agency at much lower rates than other car jockeys. **STOUT** has no record at the Massachusetts State Police, however, trooper **HARDIN**, Massachusetts State Police, Logan Airport, Boston, recalled that **STOUT** was questioned concerning the theft of personal belongings from riders he had abandoned in Kansas City, Missouri.

DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, 826 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, born on [redacted] was arrested by the Berlin Police Department on April 10, 1958, for operating an unregistered vehicle. He is described in the police record as a white male, 5'8", medium build, blue eyes. **STOUT** paid a \$5 fine and was released on April 11, 1958. The New Hampshire State Police found no further information concerning **STOUT**.

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The San Francisco Division advised on April 26, 1968, as follows:

FRANCES LINDH, 1545 Green Street, Apartment 104, San Francisco, California, reported that her son, STEWART MARSHALL LINDH, age 24, is presently attending San Diego State College full time and resides at 4010 1/2 Van Dyke, San Diego, California. She possesses no information concerning the incident with DONALD STOUT.

On April 26, 1968, the New York Division reported that efforts to locate ROBERT GUNDY at John Fitzgerald Kennedy Airport were negative and it was determined that the executive officers at National Car Rentals are located at 5000 Normandale Road, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Indianapolis Division reported on April 26, 1968, that Indianapolis telephone number WA 5-8965 was assigned to Ford Motor Credit Company. C. DEMPSEY of this firm advised that STOUT delivered a Mayflower moving van to Indianapolis in repossession for an Indianapolis dealer. STOUT had been recommended by the Los Angeles Office of Ford Motor Company, 13701 Riverside Drive, Sherman Oaks, California. There is no such company as Eastern States Freight Lines, Terre Haute, Indiana.

The Boston Division reported on April 30, 1968, that ROBERT MC HUGH, city manager, National Car Rentals, Logan Airport, east Boston, Massachusetts, advised that no present employee of that agency is acquainted with DONALD STOUT.

The San Diego Division reported on April 30, 1968, as follows:

STEWART MARSHALL LINDH was interviewed on April 29, 1968. He said that on October (sic; should be September) 2, 1966, an ad appeared in the classified section of the "San Francisco Chronicle" for persons to share a ride to New York and Boston and the ad contained the name of DONALD STOUT with an Oakland, California address given. LINDH, RICHARD ALLAN, an architectural draftsman from Newark, New Jersey, and JEFFERY COHN from Farmingdale, Long Island, New York, a student attending George Washington University, Washington, D. C., answered the ad and all three met with

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STOUT at 7th and Market Street, San Francisco, California for the trip to New York and Boston.

STOUT was allegedly an employee of the National Car Rental Company and was returning a 1966 Chevrolet Impala to Boston, Massachusetts.

LINDH said that immediately departing from San Francisco, California STOUT displayed a very obsessive attitude towards the Negro and Jewish people. He stated "We might as well kill some niggers on the way." During the trip STOUT indicated he had three .357 magnum revolvers in the trunk of his automobile. During the entire trip from San Francisco to Kansas City, STOUT continuously talked against the Negro and Jewish people, mentioning that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and all other "niggers" should be killed or sent back to Africa." STOUT left LINDH and the two other boys at the YMCA in Kansas City, Missouri and gave the excuse that he had to do something to the automobile and departed, never returning.

LINDH immediately left Kansas City for Boston, Massachusetts and arrived there before STOUT. When STOUT arrived at the National Car Rental, Logan Airport, Boston, LINDH had STOUT detained, however, no charges were pressed against STOUT. LINDH said that STOUT claimed to be a member of the Teamsters Union and a telephone call from LINDH to Detroit, Michigan, verified STOUT's membership.

On May 1, 1968, the San Diego Division reported that STEWART MARSHALL LINDH advised on May 1, 1968, that the dates previously furnished by him of October 2, 1966, Et Seq., should have been September 2, 1966, that the classified ad appeared in the "San Francisco Chronicle" and September 4, 1966, that he and the others met with STOUT.

The San Francisco Division reported on May 1, 1968, that JAMES HEALY, Charter Member, National Car Rental System, 735 Harrison Street, San Francisco, California, advised on April 30, 1968, that he could not locate any record of STOUT. A present employee, ROBERT E. STOUT, is not identical to DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT.

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MARGARET REED, Payroll Clerk, National Car Rental System, San Francisco, advised on May 1, 1968, that she was unable to locate any record of DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, also known as LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT.

No record of STOUT was found by CURT KRAFT, Manager, Advertising and Accounting Department, San Francisco New Printing, Inc., which firm prints the "San Francisco Chronicle", which indicated that STOUT was not billed for any ad placed by him.

On May 2, 1968, the San Francisco Division reported an interview on that date with National Car Rental System Manager ROBERT E. STOUT, who could furnish no information concerning suspect STOUT.

The San Diego Division reported on May 3, 1968, that a photograph of DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, also known as LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, FBI number 4959380, which was a Reno, Nevada Police Department photograph number 15495, taken on March 16, 1953, was displayed to STEWART MARSHALL LINDH, San Diego, California, on May 3, 1968, and LINDH advised that the photograph shown was definitely identical to the same individual called DONALD STOUT, who gave LINDH and others a ride to Kansas City, Kansas. LINDH reported that STOUT is actually much heavier than he is depicted in the photograph.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU ~~JULY FIVE LAST.~~ TODAY.

HAZEL DREW, MOTHER OF PAMELA SCHNEIDER, EX WIFE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK, ADVISED SCHNEIDER IN KENTUCKY ON VACATION AND DUE TO RETURN ON JULY TWELVE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

DENNIS NICHOLS, DEPUTY, MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SO, ADVISED WILLIE LEE ASSOCIATE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, SEPARATED FROM WIFE AND AT PRESENT TIME HAS NO FIXED ADDRESS. EFFORTS TO LOCATE LEE TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON COVINGTON'S RESIDENCE AND ASSOCIATES CONTINUING. WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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TELETYPE

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JULY EIGHT LAST.

CAROLYN LEE, WIFE OF WILLIE LEE, ASSOCIATE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCH AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, ADVISED SHE IS SEPARATED FROM WILLIE LEE; HOWEVER, SHE KNEW COVINGTON AND MC CLINTOCH DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. SHE SAID SHE BELIEVED COVINGTON WAS LIVING WITH HIS MOTHER IN EAST ALTON, ILLINOIS, DURING THIS TIME, NAME AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN. SHE ADVISED SHE NEVER KNEW COVINGTON OR MC CLINTOCH TO CARRY A GUN OR PULL BIG JOBS SUCH AS BANK ROBBERIES OR BANK BURGLARIES. SHE FURTHER ADVISED THEY WERE USUALLY BROKE AND HAD NEVER KNOWN EITHER OF THEM TO CARRY MUCH MONEY IN THEIR POSSESSION.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED JULY FIVE LAST CONTINUING EFFORTS TO POSSIBLY IDENTIFY JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC). EFFORTS

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TO DATE HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE. WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND PAMELA SCHNEIDER.

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Cleveland airtel to Chicago dated 6/26/68.

As Memphis is aware, all United Air Lines flights from Atlanta from 4/5 - 12/68, have previously been checked by Buagents, Chicago, for names and known aliases of subject, this case, with negative results. Included in that chart was Flight 396, as set forth in referenced airtel.

*This is all
well & good -
But how about
the new names?*

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FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE JULY NINE, LAST.

DEMIS NICHOLAS, DEPUTY, MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ADVISED HE HAD TALKED TO WILLIE LEE, ASSOCIATE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, AND INFORMED LEE THAT THE FBI WAS INTERESTED IN TALKING TO HIM, AT WHICH TIME LEE STATED HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE FBI IN ALTON, ILLINOIS, IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC) HAVE BEEN UN-PRODUCTIVE IN THE ALTON AREA. WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY JOE HEINTZ AND INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT ST. LOUIS, MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO SI TEL TO BUREAU JULY TEN LAST.

PAMELA JANE SCHNEIDER, EX-WIFE OF JOHN MCCLINTOCH

ADVISED JULY TEN SIXTYEIGHT MC CLINTOCH AND HERSELF LEFT FOR CALIFORNIA APPROXIMATELY JULY FIFTEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND RETURNED TO ALTON, ILLINOIS IN NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN. SHE ADVISED SHE BELIEVED HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON WAS LIVING WITH WILLIE LEE IN THE ELEVEN HUNDRED BLOCK OF EAST FOURTH STREET, ALTON, ILLINOIS, IN JULY AND AUGUST, SIXTYSEVEN. SHE SAID SHE NEVER KNEW COVINGTON OR LEE TO WEAR A HAT OR COVERALLS. SHE SAID SHE HAD HEARD COVINGTON HAD A GUN BUT DID NOT KNOW WHAT KIND AND HAD NEVER SEEN IT. SHE DID NOT ASSOCIATE WITH COVINGTON VERY MUCH AND HAD NEVER HEARD HER HUSBAND SPEAK OF ANY BANK ROBBERIES IN HER PRESENCE. SHE FURTHER STATED SHE

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- 1 - Chicago (44-114) (Info)
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NEVER KNEW OF EITHER OF THEM TO POSSESS VERY MUCH MONEY.

SPRINGFIELD WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW WILLIE
LEE AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED. P.

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Memphis, Tennessee
July 13, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT -
ROBBERY

On July 8, 1968, Mr. J. W. Crosier, Manager, Memphis Yacht Club, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that the Nell Willey is a 55-foot, steel-hull, diesel-powered house boat that is owned by Mr. A. D. Cartwright, Jr., the owner of Cartwright Nurseries, Collierville, Tennessee. Mr. Crosier stated the Nell Willey was purchased by Mr. Cartwright several years ago, and that prior to being owned by Mr. Cartwright, this boat was docked at Greenville, Mississippi.

On July 12, 1968, Mr. Marion Looney, Secretary, Cartwright Nurseries, Collierville, Tennessee, advised that Mr. A. D. Cartwright, Jr., is out of the city and unavailable for interview. Mr. Looney said that Mr. Cartwright purchased the Nell Willey from Mrs. C. C. Willey, Altimer, Arkansas, about three years ago, and at the time of purchase this boat was docked at Monroe, Louisiana. Mr. Looney said that for the past three years this boat has been docked at the Memphis Yacht Club and is used only to entertain customers. He said there is no regular crew and that the boat is operated by Mr. Cartwright and his sons. He also stated that this boat seldom goes more than 10 miles in either direction from the Memphis Yacht Club and has not been used for lengthy trips on the Mississippi River.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau and listed offices are copies of an LHM concerning investigation occasioned by information furnished by RAYMOND CURTIS, prisoner in the Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia.

Little Rock and New Orleans should continue efforts to locate and interview Mrs. NELL WILLIE, the widow of Mr. CHARLES WILLIE, now married to Mr. J. BURNETT, of Monroe, Louisiana. The results of your investigation in this regard should be furnished to the Bureau by LHM.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN; RM

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE DATED JULY ELEVEN LAST.

CHIEF WILLIAM PETERSON, ALTON, ILLINOIS PD, ADVISED JULY TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, HIS RECORDS CONTAINED NO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO JOE HENITZ (PHONETIC).

LEADS FOR QUINCY, ILLINOIS CONCERNING ASSOCIATE OF HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON HAVE BEEN SET OUT UNDER SEPARATE COVER. ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR C FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON JULY TWELVE NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE TO DATE. WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

AIR MAIL COPIES ARE BEING SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

1 - Springfield (44-561)
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (Info) (AM)
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Airtel

To: SAC, Springfield (44-561)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to the Bureau dated 6-26-68.

Referenced communication indicated that upon completion of proposed circular letter, 1,800 copies should be sent to Chicago, 1,800 copies should be sent to Indianapolis and 700 copies to St. Louis.

Prior to approval, it will be necessary for the Bureau to know exactly the cost of the preparation of the circular letter, as well as the cost of distribution. You should, therefore, advise the Bureau the exact cost for you to distribute these circular letters and by what means they are being distributed. The preparation of the circular letter will be held in abeyance pending the receipt of the cost data from you.

① - Memphis

*3/5 to Springfield
to send my copy of
Springfield airtel to Bu 6/26/68
2 copy of proposed letter
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SAC, Springfield (44-561)

July 12, 1968

Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReSIairtel to Bureau dated 6/26/68.

In accordance with your request contained in re communication the evidence as submitted is being returned to you.

1 - Package (Registered Mail)

1 - Memphis

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FBI

Date: 6/26/68

Transmit the following in _____

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

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

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Circularization

Re Springfield airtel to Chicago dated
6/17/68.

Being transmitted under separate cover by registered mail are the following items of clothing previously submitted by Springfield under caption, "Unsubs (2); The Bank of Alton, Alton, Illinois, 7/13/67"; Springfield file 91-3699, Bufile 91-27506.

Man's Van Heusen Vanguard shirt,
Item Q3 (PC-A1071 JV).

Man's brown trousers, Item Q6
(PC-A1071 JV).

The above-named shirt bears laundry marks in collar; the trousers bear laundry marks on right front and rear pockets.

The laboratory is requested to photograph these laundry marks for suitable reproduction in circular letter, the preparation of which is being requested of the Mechanical Section by this airtel, and the text of which is set out below.

The above-described evidence is being submitted and the preparation of circular letter requested, in order to fully explore laundry and dry cleaning marks on the

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3 - Bureau (44-38861)

1 - Indianapolis (44-) (Info)

1 - Package (RM)

2 - Springfield (44-561)

1 - Chicago (44-1114)

(Info) RCH: [initials]

1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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1 - St. Louis (44-775)

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submitted items, since allegations have been made by JOSEPH EUGENE GAWRON, St. Louis, Missouri, which indicate JAMES EARL RAY cased The Bank of Alton in 1959 and may have been involved in bank robbery at that bank July 13, 1967. The Bureau is vitally interested in ascertaining source of RAY's funds since his escape from MSP, April, 1967.

The Mechanical Section is requested to prepare, upon receipt of photographic facsimiles from the Photographic Section, the following circular letter:

"To all Laundries and Dry Cleaning Establishments

On July 13, 1967, two unknown males, wearing stocking masks, robbed The Bank of Alton, Alton, Illinois, at gunpoint and obtained over \$27,000. Investigation of this crime led to the recovery of a white Van Heusen Vanguard shirt and a pair of tan trousers among other items.

The shirt bears laundry marks and the trousers dry cleaning symbols, facsimiles of which appear below. The laundry marks appear on the shirt collar, the dry cleaning symbols appear on the front and rear pockets on the right side of the trousers.

(Facsimile photos inserted at this point)

If, after review of the above facsimiles, you feel you have information which would be of assistance to the Bureau, please call the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which is in the front page of your telephone directory."

Offices receiving information copies of this airtel are instructed to hold leads requested in referenced airtel in abeyance pending receipt of above circular letter.

The Laboratory is requested to send direct to Chicago 1800 copies, to Indianapolis 1800 copies, and to St. Louis 700 copies of the prepared circular letter.

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The Laboratory is requested to return submitted items upon completion of requested action.

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Date: 7/18/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel 7/12/68

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of previously prepared Bureau circular letter re JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, Aka.

It is requested that the format used for enclosed circular letter be used for circular letter in captioned matter.

Assuming that the circular letter comes to the field folded, franked and sealed, the following is the cost data concerning distribution:

CHICAGO DIVISION - \$20.00 (stenographic manhours needed to address 1400 plus circular letters for distribution to dry cleaners in Illinois).

Regarding distribution to 325 laundries in Illinois, there will be no charge for the use of the Laundry Institute's Addressograph machine in Chicago.

INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION - 27.00 (for addressing 1800 letters)

ST. LOUIS DIVISION - 10.00 (for addressing 700 letters)

Total \$57.00

3 - Bureau (44-38861) (Enc.1)
 ① - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi 39205

July 11, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM

Reference Raymond Curtis interview in County Jail, at Dalton, Georgia.

On July 5, 1968, the current telephone directory and the current city directory were examined. No listings were found in either directory under the name of Willett.

Chief of Police Marion Brown, Vicksburg, Mississippi, Police Department, advised on July 5, 1968, that he did not know anyone in the Vicksburg, Mississippi, vicinity by the name of Willett. He did note that he has occasionally seen trucks pulling heavy equipment for oil riggings passing through Vicksburg containing the name of W. O. (Red) Willett, painted on the side of the trucks. The headquarters of this organization is shown at an unrecalled location in the State of Louisiana.

Detective Captain Roy Redditt, Vicksburg Police Department, was unable to furnish any additional information concerning a (First Name Unknown) Willett in the Vicksburg, Mississippi, area.

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JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM

John Edwards, Identification Bureau, Vicksburg Police Department, advised on July 5, 1968, that his records indicate one A. M. Willett, a white male, age 40, of Tallulah, Louisiana, was arrested on November 24, 1952, on a charge of drunk driving. He was fined \$50. The file contains no additional information concerning this arrest.

John Edwards also indicated that his files reveal that one R. D. Willette, a white male, age 35, of the Circle Lake Apartments, Vicksburg, Mississippi, was arrested on November 10, 1952, on a charge of drunk driving and that he was fined \$50. No other information was contained in the record concerning this arrest.

Sheriff Paul Barrett, Warren County Sheriff's Office, advised that his records concerning prior arrests are incomplete, but that he does not recall an individual from this area by the name of Willett.

On July 5, 1968, Mrs. Edna Cole, Manager, Credit Bureau of Vicksburg, Emmich Building, Vicksburg, Mississippi, advised that her records contained the following information:

A. H. Willett, Jr., has been known to the Credit Bureau since March, 1959. This individual resides at 116 South Cedars Street, Tallulah, Louisiana. He previously resided at 700 LaSalle Street, Tallulah, Louisiana. As of March, 1959, he was employed as a Sales Manager by the Tallulah Motor Company. His credit record has been satisfactory.

Mrs. Cole stated the file indicates August H. Willett, III, has been known to the file since February, 1967. He resides at 100 North Lincoln Street, Tallulah, Louisiana, receiving mail at Post Office Box 221. He is

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VICTIM

employed as an automobile salesman by the Lamar T. Loe Motor Company, Tallulah, Louisiana. His date of birth is given as [REDACTED]. He is single, and is renting at his residence. He has been in the United States Army Reserve, his military service expiring on March 1, 1967. The file indicates his father is August H. Willett, Jr., also an employee of the Lamar T. Loe Motor Company. An uncle is shown as Adrian Willett, Tallulah, Louisiana. A credit report was prepared for "Phillips," Kansas City, Missouri, on February 11, 1967. His credit has been satisfactory.

An unsatisfactory account, a repossession, was reported by Southern Trailer Distributors, Vicksburg, Mississippi, Highway 61, South, on May 26, 1967, for one Franklin Willett, Beldon, Mississippi.

The files of the Credit Bureau contained, for reference purposes, the name J. O. Willett, Pipeline Company, Monroe, Louisiana. The company is shown as being organized in September, 1959, and its President as L. W. Bobbs.

Paul J. Dennis, Vice-President, Vicksburg Mid River Service, Incorporated, advised on July 5, 1968, that (First Name Unknown) Willett owned a houseboat known as the "Nell Willie," a diesel-powered ship capable of travel on the Mississippi. (First Name Unknown) Willett was described as an elderly man who was crippled and used a cane. He and his wife, whose name is believed to be Nell, took vacation trips on his houseboat approximately twice a year, securing the services of a Mississippi River pilot to operate the boat for them. (First Name Unknown) Willett is believed to have been a resident of the State of Arkansas and to have docked his houseboat at the Greenville, Mississippi, Yacht Club.

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VICTIM

Mr. Dennis advised on July 9, 1968, that he does not know any individual in the vicinity of Vicksburg, Mississippi, who is known as "Mississippi." He stated that he had made inquiry among his employees and other individuals who are familiar with the people who frequent the Vicksburg waterfront and those who travel on the Mississippi River, and that he was unable to find anyone having knowledge of an individual known as "Mississippi."

John B. Sanders, Boat Captain of the Sprague, advised that he is familiar with most of the individuals who frequent the Vicksburg waterfront. He stated he does not know of any person in this area who has the nickname "Mississippi."

Willie Smith, a Negro male employee of the Greenville, Mississippi, Yacht Club, advised on July 5, 1968, that the correct name of the houseboat is the "Nell Willis" and that it was owned by a (First Name Unknown) Willis, who died about two or three years ago. Nell Willis, wife of (First Name Unknown) Willis, is still living and residing in or around Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Following the death of Mr. Willis, the houseboat was sold to Sonny (Last Name Unknown), a member of the Memphis, Tennessee, Yacht Club, who is believed to be a Mississippi River pilot.

Willie Smith advised that Mr. Willis was always considerate of Negroes and gave no indication of anti-Negro sentiments.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Date: 7/11/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, dated 7/5/68, and Jackson airtel to the Bureau, dated 7/5/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM.

Enclosed herewith for Kansas City are two copies each of the following:

An LHM

Atlanta teletype to Bureau and Jackson, 7/3/68
Jackson airtel to Bureau, 7/5/68
Bureau airtel to Jackson, 7/5/68.

One copy of this airtel and LHM is being directed to Little Rock and Memphis for information.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
2 - Kansas City (Enc. 8) (RM)
1 - Little Rock (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
① - Memphis (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
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JN 157-9586

ADMINISTRATIVE:

UACB, additional inquiry is not being made in regard to information obtained from the Vicksburg, Miss., Credit Bureau, and the Vicksburg Police Department, concerning individuals who have the last name of WILLETT, as no information was contained in the file indicating that these individuals are now or were connected with Mississippi River Transportation, either by profession or for entertainment.

LEADS: (UACB):

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

1. Will review the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary to determine if an inmate by the name of (FNU) WILLETT, aka Mississippi, from Vicksburg, Miss., was incarcerated at the Penitentiary sometime following the death of JOHN F. KENNEDY.

2. Should a record of (FNU) WILLETT be located, will obtain complete background information and set out leads to have this individual interviewed concerning the allegations made by RAYMOND CURTIS.

7-15-68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

(P 1)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JULY TWELVE LAST.

GENE ZIMMERMAN, MANAGER, ALTON CREDIT BUREAU, ALTON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THIS DATE HIS RECORDS CONTAIN NO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO JOE HENITZ (PHONETIC) OR ANY NAME SIMILIAR.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED JULY TWELVE LAST EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY JOE HENITZ HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE. SPRINGFIELD WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON. WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS AND MEMPHIS. - P -

1 - Springfield (44-561)
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (Info) (AM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (AM)
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P 1)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JULY FIFTEEN LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C CURRENTLY AT ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS,
ENDEAVORING TO DEVELOP INFORMATION RE JOE HEINTZ.

HAZEL DREW, MOTHER OF PAMELA SCHNEIDER, STATES JOHN
MC CLINTOCK LEFT ALTON JULY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN
TWO DAYS AFTER BANK ROBBERY AT THE BANK OF ALTON; FURTHER
THAT MC CLINTOCK HAS ALWAYS BEEN CLOSE TO HAROLD RICHARD
COVINGTON AND WILLIE LEE.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED TO HAZEL DREW,
PAMELA SCHNEIDER AND PCI HELEN GRABLE. ALL STATE THEY
ARE CERTAIN RAY NOT AN ASSOCIATE OF MC CLINTOCK, COVINGTON
OR LEE AND RAY UNFAMILIAR TO THEM.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

- 1 - Springfield (44-561)
 - 1 - Chicago (44-1114) (Info) (AM)
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED JULY SIXTEEN LAST.
CANVASS OF APARTMENT AND ROOMING HOUSES VICINITY THE
BANK OF ALTON INITIATED; PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED
WITHOUT EFFECTING IDENTIFICATION. CANVASS CONTINUING.

ALLEN L. CALVEY, ALSO KNOWN AS BUTCH, FORMER POLICE OFFICER,
ALTON PD OF KNOWN UNRELIABILITY, CLAIMS HE HAS INFORMATION
HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON DEFINITELY INVOLVED IN ROBBERY THE
BANK OF ALTON, AND USED MOTOR BIKE TO EFFECT ESCAPE. SAME BASIC
INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY CALVEY COULD NOT BE VERIFIED.
CALVEY REFUSES TO DIVULGE SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

1 - Springfield (44-561)
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)
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SAC, KANSAS CITY

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN 44-1987

New Orleans has conducted extensive investigation in an attempt to determine if JAMES EARL RAY was in contact with any resident of the New Orleans area, during the time that he was in New Orleans from December 17 - 19, 1967, and also when he passed through New Orleans on or about 3/21/68. To date, this investigation has met with negative results. According to CHARLES STEIN, who accompanied RAY on a trip from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans in December, 1967, RAY alleged his purpose in coming to New Orleans was on business and to contact an individual.

Up to the time RAY escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri, in April, 1967, he had spent the better part of the previous ten to twelve years incarcerated either at the MSP or the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Working on the theory that possibly RAY, while in New Orleans, may have contacted a former fellow inmate that he knew at either of the above institutions, New Orleans contacted various state and Federal parole and probation officers as well as officers of the NOPD, in an attempt to determine if these persons knew the identities of any former inmates of the above institutions who might be residing in New Orleans. These inquiries met with negative results.

Kansas City is requested to advise New Orleans if it is known whether there are any persons who were inmates at the above institutions during the time RAY was incarcerated

- 2 - Kansas City (RM)
- ① - Memphis (Info.) (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans
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~~at~~ at the time they were released gave a New Orleans
address for residence.

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P 1)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED JULY SEVENTEEN
LAST.

CANVASS OF APARTMENTS IN ROOMING HOUSES VICINITY OF
THE ALTON BANK CONTAINING APARTMENTS AND ROOMING HOUSES ON
BROWN AND EDWARDS STREETS CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
NO INDICATION JAMES EARL RAY KNOWN OR EVER RESIDED IN
THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

1 - Springfield (44-561)
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)
① - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
1 - St. Louis (44-775) (AM)
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1 P)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JULY EIGHTEEN, LAST.
CANVASS OF APARTMENTS AND ROOMING HOUSES VICINITY THE
BANK OF ALTON COMPLETED TODAY; DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF
JAMES EARL RAY UNPRODUCTIVE.

SI SIXTEEN FOURTEEN DASH C CONTINUES AT ROCKFORD,
ILLINOIS.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

1 - Springfield (44-561)
1 - Chicago (44-1114)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
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Date: 7/22/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JULY NINETEEN LAST.

HAZEL DREW, PAMELA SCHNEIDER, CAROLYN LEE, CAROL WYATT
AND PCI HELEN GRABLE, ALL OF WHOM ARE ACQUAINTED WITH SUSPECTS
IN ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON, AND HAVE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO
COOPERATE WITH BUREAU, ADVISED THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO
DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION IN ADDITION TO THAT ALREADY FURNISHED.
ALL INDICATE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK POSITIVE INFORMATION
IN THIS REGARD.

DEMOS NICHOLAS, MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
DEVELOPING WILLIE LEE AS INFORMANT; STATES HE FEELS LEE
HAS INFORMATION TO PROVIDE AND WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP
SAME AND PROVIDE INTELLIGENCE TO BUREAU.

MAIL COPY TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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① - Memphis (44-1987)
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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 7/23/68

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

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

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau, 6/27/68 and
 Baltimore airtel to Bureau, 7/11/68.

Enclosed under separate cover for Chicago is a list
 of both members and non-members, National Institute of Dry
 Cleaning, 7/68 for the states of Illinois, Indiana and Missouri.

The enclosed list was obtained from Mrs. CECIL BONAS
 National Institute of Dry Cleaning, 909 Burlington Avenue,
 Silver Spring, Maryland, telephone JU 9 - 2334 on 7/16/68.
 Mrs. BONAS has advised that the Institute does not have any
 addressograph equipment and that the list was prepared from
 IBM Punch Cards. She further advised that the Institute would,
 at no cost to the FBI, be willing to run off the list of
 either members, non-members or both from IMB cards to Cheshire
 labels which could be done in about two days' work. She
 stated that the Institute does not have equipment to apply the
 labels but that there are mailing companies in the WDC area
 which have Cheshire labeling machines to apply the labels to
 envelopes or circulars.

Mrs. BONAS advised that there is no breakdown by
 county but that the list is broken down geographically by
 zip code.

- attn Frank Jones*
- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - 3 - Chicago (Enc. 1) (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - (1 - PACKAGE) (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - ② - Memphis (44-1987) (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - 1 - Springfield (Info.) (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - 1 - St. Louis (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - 1 - Indianapolis (Info.) (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - 1 - Baltimore

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 Special Agent in Charge

BA 44-669

No additional requests will be made of Mrs. BONAS pending specific instructions from either the Bureau or Chicago in connection with the enclosed list of dry cleaners.

7/22/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype, 7/3/68; Jackson airtel, 7/5/68; and, Little Rock airtel, 7/11/68.

Re: RAYMOND CURTIS,
INTERVIEW IN COUNTY JAIL
AT DALTON, GEORGIA

On July 21, 1968, Mr. DUKE C. ALLISON, JR., Assistant Trust Officer, National Bank of Commerce, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, telephonically contacted SA GEORGE A. BARRON, JR. at Pine Bluff, advising he had received a telephone call from Mrs. J. BURNETT from New Iberia, Louisiana. Mrs. BURNETT told Mr. ALLISON she understood the FBI desired to talk with her and she could be reached at that time at New Iberia, Louisiana, telephone 387-0214. Mr. ALLISON told Mrs. BURNETT that as he was personally acquainted with SA GEORGE A. BARRON, JR. and the fact that Mrs. BURNETT was also acquainted with SA BARRON, he would attempt to reach SA BARRON and have SA BARRON telephone Mrs. BURNETT.

On July 21, 1968, SA GEORGE A. BARRON, JR., from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Resident Agency, telephonically contacted Mrs. J. BURNETT at telephone number 387-0214, New Iberia, Louisiana. Mrs. BURNETT stated she had heard through her cousin, JIM RHODES, that the FBI wanted to talk with her and that was why she was trying to contact Agent BARRON. She furnished the following information:

- 3 - Bureau
 - 2 - Memphis (44-1987) *G-810*
 - 2 - Jackson (157-9586)
 - 1 - New Orleans (Info.)
 - 2 - Little Rock
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She and her former husband, CHARLES WILLIE, owned a houseboat known as the "Mell Willie." After her former husband's death, she sold this houseboat to a Mr. CARTWRIGHT, owner and operator of Cartwright Marvry Company near Memphis, Tennessee, and delivered the boat to him about February 1966. She was not acquainted with anyone named RAYMOND CURTIS or JAMES EARL RAY. She stated Mr. ALLISON could furnish the name and address of the party to whom she sold the boat.

On July 22, 1968, Mr. DUKE C. ALLISON, JR., Assistant Trust Officer, National Bank of Commerce, furnished SA GEORGE A. BARNUM, JR. the following information:

Mrs. SUMMIT sold the houseboat "Mell Willie" to A. B. CARTWRIGHT, JR., owner of Cartwright Marvry Company, Collierville, Tennessee, and delivered the boat approximately February 3, 1966. Mr. CARTWRIGHT re-named the boat "The Penderose." The boat is believed to be presently docked out of Memphis, Tennessee.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS:

AT COLLETSVILLE, TENNESSEE:

Will locate Mr. A. B. CARTWRIGHT, JR. in order to substantiate information or to disprove information set out in Atlanta teletype of July 2, 1968.

NEW ORLEANS discontinues efforts to locate Mrs. J. SUMMIT.