

5/13/69

AIRTEL REGISTERED AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (44-253)(P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis, dated 5/7/69, which forwarded to Salt Lake City copies of FD-302s of H. C. FREEMAN and Mr. DON M. STRICKLAND.

A review of these FD-302s disclosed no individuals residing within Salt Lake City Division.

Jackson is requested to review the original motel registrations and furnish Salt Lake City with appropriate information.

2 - Jackson
② - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Salt Lake City

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Date: May 8, 1969

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, DENVER (9-1826) (P)
SUBJECT: EDWARD PINAUD
NATIONAL RADIO INSTITUTE
WASHINGTON, D. C. - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a letterhead memorandum and two copies of a letter addressed to the National Radio Institute. Enclosed for New York City are two copies of the letter addressed to the National Radio Institute. Enclosed for WFO is one copy of the letter addressed to the National Radio Institute.

On 5/6/69, the Denver Office of the FBI received a letter from Mr. E. S. WINDBIGLER, Postal Inspector in Charge, U. S. Post Office, Denver, Colorado, in which he forwarded as a possible threatening letter a letter addressed to the National Radio Institute, 3939 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington D. C. and the envelope bore the return address of EDWARD PINAUD, 902 Broadway, New York, New York. The envelope was postmarked April 21, 1969 at Denver, Colorado.

Mr. WINDBIGLER stated that this letter had been turned over to his office by the Postmaster, New York City, New York.

- ② - Bureau (Enc. - 6)
 - 2 - New York (Enc. - 2)
 - 1 - WFO (Enc. - 1) (Info)
 - 2 - Denver
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DN 9-1826

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is a letterhead memorandum for dissemination, if appropriate.

It is to be noted that the letter in question is hand printed in ink on lined notebook paper and reads as follows:

"I am deeply involved in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King" and "Thanks for the letter, now if you call the police on me I'll kill you too." This letter also contains obscenities written at random on the letter.

On May 7, 1969, these facts were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney MILTON C. BRANCH, Denver, Colorado, who declined prosecution as there is no real victim.

In view of the contents of this letter it has been disseminated to Secret Service, Denver, Colorado. It is also being furnished for the information of WFO inasmuch as the letter was originally mailed to the National Radio Institute in Washington, D. C.

A letter confirming the opinion of the AUSA, Denver is being forwarded.

LEAD:

NEW YORK DIVISION:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

Will advise Secret Service regarding this matter.

~~ENCLOSURE~~

SAC, New York (44-1609)

5-14-69

Director, FBI (44-78861)

MURKIN

ReDMAirtel to the Bureau dated 5-8-69, captioned, "Edward Pinaud, National Radio Institute, Washington, D. C., - Victim, Extortion."

New York immediately locate and interview Edward Pinaud, 902 Broadway, New York, New York, concerning the letter which in part reads "I am deeply involved in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King." This interview must be complete and set forth any leads necessary to thoroughly resolve this matter.

Enclosed for the information of Memphis is a copy of referenced communication.

Based upon available data Edward Pinaud not identifiable in Bureau indices.

1 - Memphis (Info) (Enclosure)

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN
OO: ME
Bufile: 44-38861

Re Jackson airtel to ME and CV, 5-7-69.

Referenced airtel sets forth lead for CV to review an enclosed FD 302 re H. C. FREEMAN, owner and operator, Carona Plaza Motel, Corinth, Miss., and handle appropriate lead. CV not in receipt of this FD 302.

Jackson furnish copy of FD 302 re FREEMAN so this lead can be handled.

2 - Jackson
② - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Cleveland

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May 15, 1969

AIRTEL

To: SACs, New York (44-1609)
Philadelphia (44-1368)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReNYairtel to Bureau dated 5-13-69.

New York and Philadelphia should maintain contact with appropriate sources to determine the whereabouts of Reverend James Bevel in order that he may be interviewed regarding his statement in the "New York Times" on 3-18-69.

If it is determined that Bevel is in a hospital or institution, the Bureau should be advised as to complete circumstances of such confinement, including opinion of doctors and authorities as to advisability of interviewing Bevel before any such interview with Bevel is conducted.

Keep Bureau advised of results of contact with appropriate sources.

① - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)
1 - Atlanta (Info)

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5-16-69

AIRTEL

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles Airtel 4-29-69.

Los Angeles requested to advise Memphis if any additional information has been developed to date concerning Mrs. FREINDLY VAR.

2 LOS ANGELES (AM)

1 MEMPHIS

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5/14/69

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis, 5/7/69.

A review of reairtel reflects that San Antonio would have a lead appearing in the 302 of H. C. FREEMAN, owner and operator, Corona Plaza Motel. A copy of this 302 was forwarded to San Antonio.

A thorough review of the 302 of H. C. FREEMAN dated 4/24/69, reflects on page 9 three individuals residing in Texas; however, none of them are listed as residing in the San Antonio Division. Further, this review failed to reflect any possible lead for San Antonio.

In view of the above, San Antonio is conducting no investigation in this matter.

2-Jackson (RM)
2-Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
1-San Antonio

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 5/16/69

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel 5/7/69.

A review of the enclosure to reairtel, which consisted of a 302 containing the names of the people registering at the Holiday Inn Motel, Highway 72, West Corinth, Mississippi, reveals that there does not appear to be anyone from the State of Washington who registered at that motel.

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1 - Seattle
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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)
MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel with enclosures, 5/7/69, setting forth numerous individuals whose identities should be determined.

In line with Birmingham telephone call to SAC Memphis, Birmingham has thoroughly reviewed all names of individuals set forth on FD-302's submitted by the Jackson office, and in no instance has there been any identification of the individuals with names appearing in the Birmingham file in this matter which might indicate any conspiracy with subject RAY.

Birmingham, in the absence of any additional request from Memphis, will consider above action as being sufficient at this time.

It is noted that Birmingham has previously conducted investigation at motels in the Florence, Alabama area, as reported in FD-302 submitted to Memphis by airtel dated 4/24/69.

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1 - Birmingham
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Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum

TO : SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 5-20-69

FROM : SPC JENKINS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. Boyd of division #6 Washington contacted this office at approximately 3:30 am. Boyd advised he had heard an attempt on James Earl Ray's life had been made. Boyd requested pertinent information concerning the radio broadcast be conferred by this office.

Memphis Sheriff's office NEG.
Tenn. Highway Patrol NEG.
Tenn. State Penitentiary records office NEG.

Boyd was advised of results.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (2P)

Threat on Ray's Life

MURKIN.

AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER MAY TWENTY INSTANT REFLECTS THAT ON MAY NINETEEN LAST TENNESSEE STATE CORRECTIONS COMMISSIONER HARRY S. AVERY ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL TELLING HIM OF A THREAT ON THE LIFE OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY, WHO IS NOW INCARCERATED AT THE TENNESSEE STATE PRISON, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, SERVING A NINETY NINE YEAR SENTENCE FOR THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

AN INTERVIEW WITH COMMISSIONER AVERY TODAY DISCLOSED THAT THE TELEPHONE CALL MENTIONED BY HIM WAS RECEIVED SOME WEEKS AGO, SHORTLY AFTER THE SUBJECT RAY WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE PRISON AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. AVERY STATES THE CALLER WAS A NEGRO FEMALE WHO MENTIONED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE TO SHOOT RAY WHILE HE WAS IN THE EXERCISE YARD OF THE MAXIMUM SECURITY BUILDING. AVERY STATED THE CALLER THEN GOT INTO A

Airtel DISCUSSION OF SEX DURING WHICH SHE ASKED AVERY IF HE HAD EVER
Teletype GONE TO BED WITH A NEGRO FEMALE. AVERY SAID HE CONSIDERED THIS
A.M. ENTIRE AFFAIR A BIG JOKE AND THAT HE DID NOT CONSIDER THIS CALL
A.M. S.D. AS INDICATIVE OF A THREAT AGAINST RAY'S LIFE

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Reg. MA Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 9:53 AM 6/25 M Per [Signature]

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TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN

The airmail letter is addressed to:

Dr. Winkler
Office of the
Chief Editor of "Horizont"
108 Berlin
Mauerstrasse 86/88
German Democratic Republic

The letter is postmarked Los Angeles, California,
March 13, 1969.

The return address reads:

Martin Hall
1542 South Holt Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90035
U.S.A.

Los Angeles, March 13, 1969

Dear Dr. Winkler:

One should never give up hope. Today, March 13,
I received the fee for my first article. Many thanks.

Forgive me please if my last letter sounded some-
what impatient. However, I really did not know what to
think. Your letter never got here. Perhaps it became
lost, at one time or another, in one of the winter storms.

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I receive letters from my sister in Berlin regularly. On the average, it takes about six days; lately, it has gone up to ten days on occasion.

I have not received sample copies either of the first or of the second article, although I heard from my sister that it (sic) appeared.

Naturally, I would like to know whether my articles are in accordance with your desires and it would be also helpful to know if and when the third article will appear and, particularly, whether you are interested in the subject which I proposed in my last letter.

Perhaps an article about the truly monstrous scandal of the Ray trial would be in order (Ray is the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.). Ray had broken out of jail before King's assassination. He had no means of support. Even so, he was able to evade the police in Memphis, which, reportedly, did not set up a single road block. Ray was able to fly to Canada and, from there, to London and Lisbon. He must, therefore, have had people who helped him - people who paid him for the assassination and, later, financed him. Even so, the Court allowed Ray to confess the murder and, thereby, avoid capital punishment. After that, the trial came to an end in two days. No questions were asked about the men-behind-the-scenes and even though Ray, still in the Courtroom, declared he could not possibly accept the theory that he had acted alone and without help, he was not asked who had helped him. An hour later, Ray was on his way to the jailhouse. This whole case - if at all possible - is even worse than President Kennedy's assassination.

Perhaps you could let me know shortly whether you are interested in an article on this case and how long it should be.

Hoping to hear from you, I remain

Best regards

Your

Martin Hall ✓

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : *WJG* SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 5/19/69

By routingslip, 5/9/69, captioned "MARTIN HALL: SM-C", the Bureau furnished the Los Angeles Office a letter from Legat, Bonn, dated 4/14/69, captioned as above.

This letter furnished a translation of a letter received from the Communications Intercept Service (CIS), United States Army Operations and Research Department (O & RD), Frankfurt/Main, West Germany (conceal source). This translation pertained to a letter from MARTIN HALL indicating he was anxious to author an article for an East German publication concerning the trial of JAMES EARL RAY.

A xerox copy of this letter is attached hereto for the information of the Memphis Office.

Should it become necessary, MARTIN HALL may be characterized as follows:

SHERINE THORNE, PSI, protect identity, advised MARTIN HALL, as of January 8, 1968, was a member of the Peace Action Council (PAC) in Los Angeles.

LA 4200-S advised HALL, in March, 1968, was mentioned as a possible director of the Society for Cultural Relations, USA - USSR of Southern California.

Bureau approved characterizations for these organizations are available.

The above is furnished for the information of the Memphis Office.

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SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

5-20-69

SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (RUC)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Bufile: 44-38861

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis and Cleveland, 5-7-69;
Cleveland airtel to Jackson and Memphis, 5-15-69; Memphis
airtel to Bureau, Cleveland and Jackson, 5-14-69.

Cleveland conducting no further investigation in
this matter in view of instructions set forth in referenced
Memphis airtel.

2 - Jackson
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Cleveland

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751PM URGENT 5/22/69 SPT

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

FROM SAVANNAH (44-1768)

MURKIN.

RE ME AIRTEL FIVE FIFTEEN SIXTYNINE.

ON MAY TWENTYTWO INSTANT SV FIVE TWO FOUR - R ADVISED JERRY RAY WAS IN SAV@NNAH THIS AM AND DEPARTED SAVANNAH AT TWELVE THIRTY PM BY CAR WITH J. B. STONER, ATTORNEY, FOR MEMPHIS TO TALK TO JAMES EARL RAY. STONER IS DUE TO RETURN TO SAVANNAH ON WEDNESDAY, MAY TWENTYEIGHT BUT IT IS NOT KNOWN AS TO WHETHER JERRY RAY WILL RETURN TO SAVANNAH WITH HIM. SOURCE SAID TRIP IS IN CONNECTION WITH A HEARING FOR JAMES EARL RAY.

MEMPHIS IS REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN RESIDENCE OF JERRY RAY IN MEMPHIS AND INTERVIEW HIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH REAIRTEL.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (3P)

MURKIN.

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY HAS BEEN RETURNED TO THE SHELBY COUNTY JAIL AT MEMPHIS, TENN., FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE PRISON AT NASHVILLE, TENN., FOR A HEARING ON MAY TWENTYSIX NEXT ON HIS MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL.

JERRY RAY WAS DISCOVERED BY BUAGENTS TODAY VISITING THE SUBJECT AT THE SHELBY COUNTY JAIL. AS JERRY RAY WAS LEAVING THE JAIL, HE WAS APPROACHED IN THE CORRIDOR BY BUAGENTS WHO REQUESTED THAT HE ACCOMPANY THEM TO SOME PLACE SUITABLE FOR INTERVIEW. JERRY AGREED TO GO WITH THE AGENTS INTO ONE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OFFICES, AND AS JERRY AND BUAGENTS WERE ENTERING THIS OFFICE, THEY WERE JOINED BY THE SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY'S ATTORNEY, J. B. STONER. STONER REFERRED TO THE BUREAU AS THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INTEGRATION AND ADVISED

Airtel JERRY NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. INTERVIEWING AGENTS

- Teletype 1 - Birmingham (AM)
- 1 - Chicago (AM)
- A.M. 1 - Kansas City (AM)
- 1 - Savannah (AM)
- A.M.S.D. 1 - St. Louis (AM)

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Registered Special Agent in Charge

Sent 5:30 PM

Per [Signature]

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REMINDED JERRY THAT HE HAD BEEN WIDELY QUOTED IN THE NEWSPAPERS AS HAVING SAID THAT JAMES EARL RAY WAS A PART OF A CONSPIRACY TO MURDER MARTIN LUTHER KING. JERRY WAS ADVISED THAT IF HE HAS ANY INFORMATION OF A CONSPIRACY HE SHOULD TURN IT OVER TO THE FBI. STONER AGAIN ADVISED JERRY RAY NOT TO TALK, AND JERRY RAY THEN SAID HIS INFORMATION WOULD BEST BE GIVEN AT A TRIAL. JERRY WAS REMINDED THAT AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THERE WILL BE A TRIAL, AND JERRY RAY WAS ASKED IF BY THE TERM TRIAL HE MEANT HE INTENDED TO TESTIFY BEFORE A GRAND JURY. STONER AGAIN CAUTIONED RAY NOT TO TALK AND SAID HE IS CONVINCED JAMES EARL RAY WILL BE GIVEN A TRIAL FOR THE KILLING OF KING.

AS THE AGENTS TURNED TO LEAVE STONER AND RAY, STONER CALLED OUT TO THE AGENTS TO "BE GOOD" AND TO "PROTECT ALL THE NIGGERS." MOMENTS LATER RAY AND STONER WERE OBSERVED TALKING TO A REPORTER FROM ONE OF THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

NO FURTHER CONTACT IS CONTEMPLATED WITH EITHER JERRY RAY OR WITH STONER. P. END.

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Special Agent in Charge

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SAC AT MEMPHIS HAS RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM LOCAL NEWS REPORTER. REPORTER WANTED TO CONFIRM THAT AGENT HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH JERRY RAY AND WANTED TO KNOW WHAT MATTERS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. REPORTER WAS ADVISED THAT NO COMMENT COULD BE MADE BY THE SAC RE THIS MATTER. SAC DID CONFIRM THAT AGENT BY THE NAME OF JOE C. HESTER IS ASSIGNED TO THIS OFFICE, BUT DECLINED FURTHER COMMENT RE NATURE OF INTERVIEW. REPORTER DID HAVE NAME OF AGENT, WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED FROM HIS EDITOR. NO OTHER INQUIRIES RECEIVED, HOWEVER, MEMPHIS DIVISION WILL CONTINUE WITH NO COMMENT IN REGARD TO INQUIRIES FROM NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVES.

AM COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, SAVANNAH, AND ST. LOUIS. P. END.

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Special Agent in Charge



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

St. Louis, Missouri

May 21, 1969

JAMES EARL RAY

In efforts to determine the whereabouts of Jerry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray, in order that an attempt might be made to ascertain from him the basis for statements allegedly made by him to the press as to the existence of a conspiracy in the King assassination, his sister, Mrs. Carol Pepper, and brother, John Ray, were contacted with the following results:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 5-12-69

Mrs. CAROL PEPPER, 2025 Belleview, St. Louis County, Missouri, advised her brother, JERRY RAY, had left the St. Louis, Missouri area about April 1, 1969. He failed to indicate to her his purpose in leaving, or his destination, but promised to telephone her. He has not called her, and she had no knowledge or information as to his whereabouts. She had no reason to believe her brother, JOHN RAY, had any more information.

She denied knowledge of any evidence or information which might form the basis for any statements allegedly made to the press by JERRY RAY as to the existence of a conspiracy in the KING assassination. She expressed the opinion that the FBI would be the proper agency to investigate allegations of a conspiracy and stated she would promptly report any information of that nature, or as to the whereabouts of her brother JERRY, to the FBI.

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On 4-30-69 at St. Louis County, Missouri File# SL 44-775
 by SAA HOWARD C. JENNINGS Date dictated 5-12-69

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 5-13-69

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JOHN RAY stated he had absolutely no opinion as to the existence of a conspiracy in the KING assassination. He denied that his brother JERRY had ever furnished him any credible evidence or information regarding any such conspiracy. He offered the opinion that, if his brother JERRY had made statements to the press regarding the existence of a conspiracy, they would undoubtedly have been based on information JERRY had received from their brother, JAMES EARL RAY.

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On 5-1-69 at St. Louis, Missouri File# SL 44-775
 by SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY /ral Date dictated 5-7-69

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by SAA HOWARD C. KENNEDY /ral Date dictated 5-6-69

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On 5-1-69 at St. Louis, Missouri File# SL 44 775

by SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY /ral Date dictated 5-7-69

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/21/69

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau, 5/6/69; Jackson airtel to Memphis, 5/7/69; and Memphis airtel to Bureau, 5/14/69.

Enclosed herewith are original and four copies of letterhead memorandum concerning interviews with subject's relatives in an effort to determine the whereabouts of JERRY RAY, as requested in referenced Memphis airtel to Bureau, 5/6/69. In view of referenced Memphis 5/14/69 airtel, leads as set forth in referenced Jackson airtel will not be covered, unless specifically directed by the Bureau.

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1 - St. Louis
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Date: 5/22/69

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel dated 5/16/69.

HENRY HANSON, Superintendent, Hollywood Station, USPO, Los Angeles, California, was recontacted on 5/22/69 and advised that FRIENDLY VAR has not appeared at that station to collect mail since reported in Los Angeles airtel of 4/29/69. Mr. HANSON advised that should VAR reappear at this station, employees have been alerted to determine her identity and he will furnish information to the Los Angeles Office.

② - Memphis
1 - Los Angeles

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 5/27/69

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau dated 5/14/69.

In accordance with the instructions set out in reference airtel, the investigation previously requested in Jackson airtel to Memphis dated 5/7/69, is not being conducted.

② - Memphis
1 - New Orleans
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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

5/23/69

SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN
(OO:ME)

Referenced WFO letter to the Bureau dated 3/25/69.

WFO has no outstanding investigation in connection with this investigation. Memphis advised, any additional action should be taken by WFO in regard to the information furnished in referenced letter.

3 - Bureau
② - Memphis
2 - WFO
(1-170735-Sub A)

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Date: 5/29/69

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Via AIRTEL _____ AIRMAIL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (170-1480)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (170-430) (P)

ROBERT EARL MC COY
FORMER PROBATIONARY
RACIAL INFORMANT

Re Jackson airtel to Bureau 11/30/68.
Jackson letter to Bureau 1/29/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Richmond Division is one copy of referenced airtel dated 11/30/68. Also enclosed for the Richmond Division is a Xerox copy of a portion of "The Thunderbolt" issue of 11/68 which contains an article pertaining to ROBERT MC COY.

At approximately 10:30 PM on 5/26/69 ROBERT MC COY telephonically contacted the Jackson Division and was subsequently put in contact with SA DAVID P. HURLEY in Gulfport, Miss. MC COY advised that he is presently residing with his wife at 714 Windomere Avenue, Richmond, Virginia and that he and his wife are managing a housing project known as the Azalea Apartments. He furnished his home telephone number as 262-5763 and his office telephone number as 266-8831. MC COY stated that his reason for contacting the FBI at this time was the fact that he had that day read in the local paper in Richmond, where National States Rights Party (NSRP) Attorney, J. B. STONER, was one of the attorneys

- ② - Bureau (RM)
 - 2 - Richmond (Enc. 2) (RM)
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representing JAMES EARL RAY who had been convicted in Tennessee of the murder of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING. MC COY stated that when he left the Mississippi Gulf Coast due to family problems he thereafter went to Atlanta for the purpose of "investigating" the NSRP. While there he spoke with STONER and others and when he left he "stole" certain taped recordings which he claimed pertained to conversations concerning STONER and RAY. He stated that he still has these tapes in his possession and would like to turn them over to the FBI. During the brief conversation MC COY denied knowing anything about the article concerning him which had appeared in the November, 1968 issue of "The Thunderbolt".

LEAD:

RICHMOND

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Pursuant to instructions contained in Bureau airtel to Jackson 11/25/68, the Richmond Division is requested to interview captioned individual concerning allegations contained in the article appearing in "The Thunderbolt". During the course of interview with MC COY an attempt should be made to determine his motives and circumstances under which he contacted the offices of the NSRP and obtained these tapes. Pursuant to Section 107S, Volume IV, Manual of Instructions, MC COY should be cautioned against any future public disclosure of his past association with the FBI. Any questions which he might have in the future should be resolved by contacting the FBI. It is suggested that Richmond should accept the tapes and any other material which MC COY desires to make available to the FBI, however, no effort should be made to direct his activities.

In view of the wide spread publicity MC COY received through "The Thunderbolt", it is felt that he should not be operated as an informant in the future, even though he may desire to again cooperate with the FBI.

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TO SAC RICHMOND

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

ROBERT EARL MC COY, FORMER PROBATIONARY RACIAL INFORMANT
AS MC COY STATED THE RECORDINGS HAD BEEN STOLEN BY HIM
AND PERTAIN TO CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN ATTORNEY AND
CLIENT, NO ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ACCEPT IN ANY WAY SUCH
RECORDINGS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 6/4/69

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel 5/7/69, and Memphis airtel
5/14/69.

In view of the instructions set forth in
referenced Memphis airtel, no leads have been set forth
by the Charlotte Office for interviews with persons from
N.C. who stayed overnight in motels at Corinth, Miss.

2 - Memphis
1 - Charlotte
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 2, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

JAMES LUTHER BEVEL

The New York Times on March 18, 1969, carried a story concerning an interview of JAMES BEVEL in which BEVEL stated a letter was turned over to the Memphis Police on approximately April 3, 1968, which contained information that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was to be assassinated while in Memphis.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) activities in the Philadelphia area, advised in April 1969 that BEVEL was in a mental hospital in New York.

On May 18, 1969, a track meet was held at Villanova University, Villanova, Pa., and the proceeds from the track meet were sent to SCLC.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he was present with Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, Director, SCLC, at the track meet. This source advised while with ABERNATHY he met BEVEL at the track meet. Source stated BEVEL was extremely quiet and did not act in his usual manner. Source stated he mentioned this to Rev. ABERNATHY who stated, "BEVEL is in another world." Nothing further was said.

On May 20, 1969, the first source contacted people active in SCLC in Philadelphia and was told BEVEL is no longer in Philadelphia. One person stated "BEVEL is in New York,"

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Date: 6/2/69

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA
SUBJECT: JAMES BEVEL
RM - BN
BUfile 100-445914
PHfile 157-2979

MURKIN
BUfile 44-38861
PHfile 44-1368 (C)

Re Bureau airtel, 5/15/69.

Enclosed herewith are 11 copies of an LHM entitled JAMES LUTHER BEVEL. Enclosed for Memphis is one copy and for Atlanta and New York three copies of this LHM. Copies are being forwarded to NISO, OSI, MI, Secret Service.

First source is PH 897-R. Second source is Captain TOMMIE FRYE, Commissioner's Office, Philadelphia PD, who requested his identity be kept confidential if given outside the Bureau.

Captain FRYE and his squad escort Rev. ABERNATHY whenever ABERNATHY is in town. ABERNATHY did not say where BEVEL was staying but made the statement mentioned in LHM.

UACB, Philadelphia will conduct no further investigation to locate BEVEL for interview.

New York is requested to determine location of BEVEL.

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| 4 - Bureau (Enc. 11) | 3 - New York (Enc. 3) |
| 2 - 100-445914 (JAMES BEVEL) | 1 - (MURKIN) |
| 2 - 44-38861 (MURKIN) | 1 - (BEVEL) |
| 3 - Atlanta (Enc. 3) | 1 - (SCLC) |
| 1 - 100-5718 (COMINFIL SCLC) | 4 - Philadelphia (157-2979) |
| 1 - (JAMES BEVEL) | 1 - 44-1368 (MURKIN) |
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Date: **6/5/69**

Transmit the following in _____
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Via **AIRTEL** **AIRMAIL** _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)
MURKIN

Re Birmingham airtel to Memphis, 3/21/69.

Mssrs. BOB and DON WOOD, Aeromarine, new address - 7605- Eastwood Mall, phone 595-2141, have continued to inquire and request return of the gun and other property of their firm described in reairtel. They pointed out that this property was loaned to the FBI and that they are looking for its return by the same agency.

Please advise what response this office may make to their requests.

2 - Memphis
2 - Birmingham
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-78861)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

ReNYlet to Bu, 5/27/69, and Bureau letter to NY,
6/2/69.

On 6/6/69, Mr. HAROLD RAND, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the Ed Pinaud, Inc., 902 Broadway, NY, NY, was interviewed by SA FRANCIS L. CASHIN.

RAND stated the Ed Pinaud Co. is a very old company in France, and that the Ed Pinaud, Inc. in the United States is a licensing arrangement with the France Company to use the name Ed Pinaud. The United States company pays the French company a royalty for the use of the name Ed Pinaud.

There is no such person in the United States company by the name of ED PINAUD or EDWARD PINAUD and to RAND's knowledge there never has been. RAND stated that he assumes that many years ago there may have been an ED PINAUD with the French company.

RAND read the letter sent to the National Radio Institute, Washington, D.C., in April, 1969, with the return address of EDWARD PINAUD, 902 Broadway, NY, NY.

2-Bureau
2-Memphis (44-1987)
1-New York (9-5150) (EDWARD PINAUD)
1-New York (44-1609) MURKIN

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RAND stated that the hand printing is not familiar to him and that the reference to Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING does not cause him to think of any person in the company.

RAND knows of no disgruntled employee who would write such a letter and knows of no one who has any association or correspondence with the National Radio Institute.

RAND stated that he knows of no other such letters having been sent to anyone indicating that they were sent from Ed Pinaud, Inc. or EDWARD PINAUD.

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

6-10-69

SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Director, cc to Knoxville,
5-14-69.

Knoxville has no information which would indicate
that J. B. STONER or JERRY RAY are located within the
Knoxville Division.

In the event information is received indicating
they are in this Division, appropriate action will be
taken to interview RAY.

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- 2 - Bureau
- ① - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Knoxville

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SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

6/11/69

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

Re Birmingham airtel to Memphis, 6/5/69, regarding property now being held by the District Attorney General, which property belongs to Aeromarine, Birmingham, Alabama.

On 6/11/69, Assistant District Attorney J. C. MASON advised that he expects the subject to make every possible effort to win a new trial, and MASON does not desire to return any evidence until such time as all of the subject's appeals have been exhausted.

Birmingham Office should advise the owners of Aeromarine that this evidence is in the hands of the District Attorney General and that the FBI has no control over how long he keeps it. As soon as the Attorney General advises us that he no longer needs it, we will make every effort to see that it is returned to Aeromarine.

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2 - Memphis

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AIRTEL

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

MURKIN

Attached are two Xerox copies of newspaper clipping which appeared in "The Commercial Appeal," a Memphis newspaper, on 6-10-69. It is noted that the Reverend JAMES L. BEVEL restated an earlier claim that he possessed information which could clear RAY of the assassination.

Authorization has previously been granted to conduct an interview of Reverend BEVEL for such information as he might be able to furnish. He has been previously contacted and furnished no information of significance. He has also reportedly spent some time in a hospital in the New York area because of a "breakdown." In view of the above, and despite restatement of his earlier claim that he has possessed information it does not appear that an interview would necessarily be productive.

UACB, no effort being made by Memphis to interview Reverend JAMES L. BEVEL.

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1 MEMPHIS
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SAC, WFO (44-703)

6/12/69

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

Re WFO letter to the Bureau, 5/23/69, in which reference is made to WFO letter to the Bureau dated 3/25/69.

Memphis Office is unable to locate a copy of WFO letter dated 3/25/69 and is therefore unable to furnish you any advice as to additional action to be taken by WFO.

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2 - WFO
① - Memphis

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama

June 13, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KIN, JR. (DECEASED) -
VICTIM

There is attached a copy of a news item which appeared in the Birmingham Post-Herald, Final Edition, on page 3 of its issue of June 12, 1969.

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Ray Warrant s Still On File Here

BY LILLIAN FOSCUE VANN

A warrant for the arrest of Eric Starvo Galt, alias James Earl Ray, convicted killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is still on file in the office of U. S. Marshal Roy L. Call in Birmingham.

Issued at the order of then U. S. Atty. Gen. Ramsay Clark, the warrant was signed by Joseph H. Gamble, then special agent in charge of the FBI in Birmingham.

The warrant, issued April 17, 1968, charged Eric Galt and "an individual whom he alleged to be his brother," with conspiracy to "injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr."

Marshal Call said the last official communication he had with the Department of Justice in Washington concerning the Galt warrant was June 10, 1968.

"We have to hold it until it is dismissed by the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice," the marshal said.

Ordinarily, the marshal would notify authorities at a prison in which a fugitive was already serving that he was wanted in Birmingham on a charge. In the case of the warrant for Galt, alias Ray, however, the marshal said he had not notified prison authorities in Nashville where Ray is imprisoned for the April, 1968, slaying of Dr. King.

"In my opinion this warrant will be dismissed since no evidence of conspiracy has been proved," Call said.

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Date: 6/13/69

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI
(44-38861)
From: SAC, BIRMINGHAM
(44-1740)
Subject: MURKIN

44-1987

ATTENTION:
 CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
 DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

- CR EL VRA-65 CRA-64
- PA PE PF
- BM BM-Threats Racial Matters
- Klan Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Three copies of an LHM are attached containing news item.

The Bureau may desire to furnish a copy to the Department with suggestion that it advise the U. S. Attorney, Birmingham, concerning possible dismissal of the complaint outstanding.

Warrant V. Zolot

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 3) *ell*
 - ① - Memphis (Enc. 1) (Info)
 - 2 - Birmingham
- HHS:sjm

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ACTION: UACB:

- No further action being taken and
- LHM enclosed Copy furnished to USA
- LHM being submitted
- Report being submitted
- Preliminary investigation instituted
- Limited investigation instituted

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Special Agent in Charge

SAC, MEMPHIS (157-1168)

6/17/69

SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

**RACIAL SITUATION IN TENNESSEE
RM**

On 6/12/69, ME 353-R orally advised SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE as follows:

RE: JAMES E. MOCK

Self-acclaimed Black Student Association (BSA) leader JAMES EDWARD MOCK failed all his spring, 1969 courses at Memphis State University (MSU) and is not, therefore, eligible to attend summer school. He will probably loaf around MSU as many of the BSA (black students) will attend summer school.

MOCK tried to get hired as an organizer for Local 1733, AFSCME, representing city employees who may strike 7/1/69, but union leader, JESSE RPPS, would not hire him.

Re: TUTORIAL PROGRAM

BSA will have a tutorial program at MSU the summer of 1969 to teach high school graduates (black) who may have trouble passing the entrance examination necessary to enroll at MSU.

- 1 - 157-1168
- 1 - 157-1815 (BSA)
- 1 - 157-1823 (JAMES L. NEVEL)
- ① - 44-1987 (MURKIN)
- 1 - 157-1067 (Invaders)
- 1 - 170-1068 (JAMES E. MOCK)
- 1 - 157-1516 (AFSCME)
- 1 - 157-1105 (GAYLON CALHOUN)
- 1 - 157- (JOE CALHOUN)
- 1 - 66-1687-SUB (Dissemination)

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ME 157-1168

Re: JAMES BEVEL, MN, Memphis

From Sunday, 6/8/69, through 6/13/69, Rev. JAMES BEVEL, male Negro, a Baptist Minister and recent leader of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is to be in Memphis to preach a revival at Tree of Life Baptist Church, 407 East McLemore, pastored by Rev. ISIAH ROWSER.

ROWSER and BEVEL attended Theology School together and have since remained as close friends.

At the BTU class at Tree of Life Sunday evening, 6/8/69, BEVEL was asked, "Do you know about the 4/4/68 killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.?" BEVEL replied that in the past, prior to KING's death, he was usually accompanied by and protected by several U.S. Secret Service Agents and other Federal Government Agents and that on the 4/68 trip, these Federal Agents were not with him, giving the killer an opportunity to kill KING. BEVEL said he knew who killed KING but would not tell. ME 353 got the impression BEVEL was inferring that someone in the Federal Government had killed KING.

He was asked regarding the current alleged split in leadership in SCLC, a so-called power struggle between Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY and JESSE JACKSON, and BEVEL denied that such a split exists.

Re: INVADERS

ME 353 heard from a relative that 10-12 alleged Invaders came to hear BEVEL speak on the night of 6/11/69. They purportedly sat on the front row and behaved themselves.

Re: JOE CALHOUN

JOE CALHOUN, currently working in the Black Arcade (Dashiki Shop, 241 Linden) is believed to be the brother of GAYLON CALHOUN, who until recently was a MSU student and BSA member and also was inducted into the U.S. Army around the end of May, 1969.

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Date: 6/16/69

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____ AIRMAIL _____
 (Priority)

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis teletype to Bureau 3/28/69, and Mobile airtel to Bureau 4/8/69.

Continued contacts with racial informants and sources of Mobile Division failed to reflect JAMES BEVEL, presently in Mobile Division. In the event BEVEL is located in Mobile Division, he will be interviewed in accordance with instructions set out in referenced Memphis teletype.

② - Memphis
 1 - Mobile
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 Special Agent in Charge

Director, FBI (44-38861)

6-19-69

SAC, Memphis (44-1987) P

MURKIN

There is enclosed to the Bureau check made payable to the Treasurer of the United States in the amount of \$60.00.

Reference is made to Confidential Voucher submitted by the Memphis Office dated April 13, 1968, Item #4 of which was payment of \$60.00 to Mrs. BESSIE BREWER for three \$20 bills which were retained to be used as evidence in captioned matter.

Inasmuch as there is no longer any need to retain these bills, they are being deposited in the Memphis Confidential Fund and the check enclosed submitted to the Bureau.

2 Bureau (Enc. 1)
2 Memphis (66-1289)
(44-1987)

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Indef:
Bessie Brewer - \$20 bills

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