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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: *KQ* SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) C

INFORMATION CONCERNING CONSPIRACY TO
ASSASSINATE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
July, 1966,
Oxford, Mississippi

44-1987
157-147 sheet by James W. Cole, to kill King 6-10-66
Re Kansas City letter to Memphis, 2/5/70.

The following is a correction of the FD-302 of
SA KEITH M. HUNTER:

Page 6, Paragraph 4, Line 9, last three words,
"not be contacted" to "be contacted".

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1 Kansas City
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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

2/17/70

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (RUC)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, dated 2/11/70; San Francisco letter, dated 2/11/70; and Memphis airtel to the Bureau, dated 1/20/70.

Memphis airtel, dated January 20, 1970, reflected RAY in prison at the time he was alleged to be in Dallas, Texas.

San Francisco investigation, limited to record checks, disclosed no pertinent information. San Francisco believes nothing of value would be obtained by interviewing BEVERLY JEAN EVANS. No interview recommended.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
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R. Deninno, B-12713

Hi Sweetheart,

seem like a long time since I have written baby but believe me I have thought about you all the time, No key with this job seems like I have no time, It is almost driving me completely nuts.

Ronnie I just loved your card about the belated birthday it really was too much cause there is nothing more that I would love to give you is a whole lot of peace. Smile. Now to ans. your questions. But first do you know how much I love you. Well I do.

So you are going to be transferred to Chino, Baby thats great. I mean Real Great.

Baby dont worry about the frames,, I still have that one and really that one is enough. When you come home we dont want anything to remind us of these last 2 horrible years, I do t know how you think about it but I feel like I am just half here, I try and have fun Honey but nothing I do can take you off my mind. My soul id with you Ronnie, You will have to come home to make me feel complete, thats what I meant when I said about sex, Sweetheart I Honestly am just half here. My soul is dead, thats what I meant., not my love for you, that is all that is keeping me going. The thought of you being home.

Honey have you ever felt half there. All I want to do is work and come home. Everything that is happening is not ha happening like movies and groovy places to go, I want to wait and see it with you. I am still waiting to see 2001. That movie. We will do all that when you are here to share it with me. Baby believe me, nothing is nowhere when you are n not here and I wont let it be.

Christmas was just another day; sure did miss you. Now Honey about my condition, Only time will tell when I will be fine again, the new doctors have it down to a slipped disc, which is temporary, wiyh the right treatments taking care of myself and my monthly visits I should be fine within a year.

Of course those pictures were taken before the accident, the were taken for the book that was going to come out on Earl Ray. In fact those were the weights that he asked me to hold til he came back, I was keeping them for you but when all that commotion came up I gave them to the FBI, Babe it was off of those weights that they got his fingerprints, also off of the tv knobs, So babe if he gets a new trial we will make mucho bread.

Honey let me tell you what happened to me today, at first the car wouldn't start. I was getting late for work so I called Joel up to take me to work, well in the meantime I tried to start it again and it started so I left, I got on the freeway and the accelerator stuck me going 70 mph *ait*

Page of letter from C. L. wife Thame to inmate 12/26/69

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)(RUC)

MURKIN

WILLIAM FORDEN, Associate Superintendent, State Prison, Soledad, California, furnished SA THOMAS P. DOND with a copy of a page of a letter written to R. DENINNO, FBI Number 821464-D, Soledad Number B-12713, by his common-in-law wife, MARIE MARTIN DENINNO, 11075 Oxnard Street, Hollywood, California.

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Marie Martin

FORDEN advised DENINNO is receiving a great deal of mail from his common-in-law wife and it appears she is contemplating writing a book relative to her association with RAY.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Los Angeles, and Memphis is one copy each of the page of the letter furnished by FORDEN.

San Francisco is furnishing this for information purposes.

Memphis is requested to advise Los Angeles, if warranted, of the action to be taken regarding this letter.

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2/21/70

AIRTEL

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

ReSFlet to Bureau 2/17/70, regarding a portion of a letter that MARIE MARTIN DENINNO, 11075 Oxnard St., Hollywood, Calif., directed to R. DENINNO, FBI # 821 464 D, Soledad # B12713, State Prison, Soledad, Calif.

A review of the Memphis files concerning this matter revealed that MARIE MARTIN, aka Marie Deninno, was interviewed on numerous occasions by Agents of the Los Angeles Division in connection with her association with JAMES EARL RAY during the period RAY resided at the St. Francis Hotel in Los Angeles and during the period that RAY made a trip to New Orleans, La., in December 1967 accompanied by MARTIN's cousin, CHARLES STEIN.

During these interviews, it was determined that RAY traded a console television set to MARIE MARTIN in exchange for a portable television set. It was also ascertained that RAY did leave a set of barbells for safekeeping with MARTIN, and these barbells are currently in possession of the Los Angeles FBI Office.

A review of Memphis sub file in this matter concerning evidence submitted to the Bureau failed to reveal any information to indicate that the console television set formerly owned by RAY and the barbells in possession of the

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Los Angeles FBI Office were ever forwarded to the FBI Identification Division for fingerprint examination, nor were any latent fingerprints obtained from these items by the Los Angeles Division and forwarded to the FBI Identification Division. Therefore, MARTIN's story regarding fingerprints obtained from these weights and TV set is a complete fabrication.

UAC by the Bureau, the Los Angeles Division is not being requested to reinterview MARTIN concerning any book that MARTIN contemplates writing concerning her association with JAMES EARL RAY.

Information copies of this airtel have been designated for Los Angeles and San Francisco in order that these divisions may be aware of the Memphis Division's evaluation of MARTIN's letter to DENINNO.



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
LICENSE TAX DIVISION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36102

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HARVEY L. RADREN
Commissioner

RALPH P. EAGERTON, JR.
Secretary

March 13, 1970

TPAVIS WILLIAMS, JR.
Assistant Commissioner

HENRY P. DRAUGHON
Division Chief

Re:

Our File No. 3-1370
Your: 1968 Ala. Lic #1-38993

C. M. Murphy
Attorney at Law
Derron Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

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GALT, ERIC S. 2608 HIGHLAND AVENUE BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA					THE VEHICLE DESCRIBED THEREON (WAS NOT IN ALABAMA) (WAS NOT OPERATED ON THE HIGHWAYS OF ALABAMA) BETWEEN _____ and _____		
					THIS VEHICLE IS DESIGNED AND USED PRIMARILY FOR PRIVATE PASSENGER PURPOSES.		
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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the information hereon is true and correct.							
Sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>2</u> day of <u>October</u> 19 <u>67</u>							
S/Eric S. Galt				DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, JEFFERSON COUNTY BRADLEY BROWN, DIRECTOR			
LICENSEE OR APPLICANT				BY <u>S/J.D.</u> CLERK			

I, Henry P. Draughon, hereby certify that I have been duly appointed and assigned as Chief of the Motor Vehicle and License Division of the State Department of Revenue in and for the State of Alabama. As such Chief, I have in my custody and control central records pertaining to the issuance of automobile license plates, the identification or motor number for each vehicle for which a license plate was issued, as maintained by the State of Alabama.

I further certify the above facsimile is a true and correct copy of the registration receipt as shown by the records of the Motor Vehicle and License Division of the State Department of Revenue, in my custody and control.

Witness my hand, and the official seal of the State Department of Revenue, this the 13th day of March, 1970.

Henry P. Draughon, Chief
Motor Vehicle and License Division
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

ATTEST:
Secretary
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE



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C. M. MURPHY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
DERMON BUILDING
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38103

February 26, 1970

RECEIVED TELEPHONE
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REVENUE

Department of Safety
State of Alabama
License Registry Division
Montgomery, Alabama

Re: Obtaining a Certificate
showing License Registration
or Ownership of Automobile

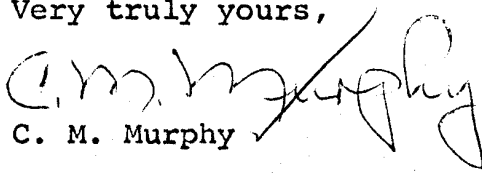
Dear Sir:

My client has purchased in Tennessee a certain automobile from the owner, whose last purchase of record of that automobile occurred in Alabama. In order to properly register this vehicle for my client, the Tennessee authorities require me to procure a copy of the automobile registration, or the registration of the license of said vehicle.

The name of the person from whom we bought the vehicle, though not his real name, is Eric Starvo Galt, who used the address of 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Galt bought the vehicle from William D. Paisley on October 2, 1967, in Jefferson County, Alabama. The license tag then on the car was, and I believe still is, Alabama 1-38993.

If your department does not keep the records, a copy of which we need, please let me know with whom I must correspond, and if you will, let me know the amount of money necessary you require to send me a certified copy.

Very truly yours,


C. M. Murphy

CMM/plc

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : *WMA* SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 3/23/70

Enclosed and for the information of the Memphis Division is a photo copy of a letter dated 2/26/70, from C. M. MURPHY, Attorney At Law, Memphis, Tenn., wherein he requested a certified copy (photo copy of which is also enclosed for Memphis) of registration of an automobile that had been registered to ERIC STARVO GALT. This information was made available by Mrs. CONNIE REDDOCH on 3/16/70.

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copy of enclosure furnished to Gene Clyde Mason, AG office, 3/26/70. BFB.

murphy represents Benjie Hayes in suit to obtain Gray & Mustang & murder weapon.

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

MURKIN

Enclosed for information of the Bureau is newspaper clipping reflecting transfer of JAMES EARL RAY from Tennessee State Penitentiary to the Brushy Mountain Prison at Petros, Tennessee. Petros, Tennessee, is in the Knoxville Division.

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

The Washington Post newspaper for April 14, 1970 contains an article indicating that James Earl Ray has filed an appeal under the Tennessee "Post Conviction Act".

If not already done, you should obtain details of this appeal and forward to the Bureau, together with observations of appropriate state prosecutor as to the possible disposition of this appeal in state court. *M*

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

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On 4/15/70, Sgt. of Dets. JAMES NOBLE (NA), Homicide Squad, Metropolitan Toronto Police Department (MTPD), Toronto, Ontario, Canada, advised as follows:

He had been in contact with one of the police constables assigned to the Department who furnished him with the following:

This Police Constable, during the past year, was using an informant, identified only as (FNU) DINENNO or DENINNO.

During the time he was in contact with this person, DINENNO received several telephone calls from Mexico from his brother or cousin, who apparently had just been charged with murdering his wife by pushing her off a cliff. This brother or cousin's name was CHARLES DENINNO and his wife's name was MARIE.

Recently, this Police Constable had been reading a book entitled "The Case of James Earl Ray" by CLAY BLAIR, JR., supposedly on Page 136 of this book, the author referred to RAY as having made friends in Mexico and

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having used their names as references in order to gain employment as a waiter. The names of the references in this book supposedly were CHARLES and MARIE DENINNO. The Police Constable pointed out to Sgt. NOBLE that he believed the DENINNOs mentioned in this book were possibly related to his source and that there might be some significance which would aid in developing past background re JAMES EARL RAY. The Police Constable's source is unavailable but the Police Constable is attempting to locate him for additional details.

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Marie Martin Deninno
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Sgt. NOBLE stated that he realized the Police Constable might have a tendency to exaggerate and imagine there is some connection with his informant and the RAY case but he felt he should furnish same to the FBI in any event.

Memphis is requested to evaluate the above information and advise Buffalo as to any significance involved so that MTPD may be informed.

SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

5/22/70

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

Re Buffalo airtel to Memphis, 4/25/70.

It is believed that MARIE DENINNO (referred to in referenced airtel is MARIE MARTIN, aka MARIE DENINNO, who was an associate of the subject JAMES EARL RAY at Los Angeles during late 1967 and early 1968. At that time, MARIE MARTIN was a cocktail waitress at the Sultan Room, a bar in the St. Francis Hotel in Los Angeles. She knew the subject as ERIC GALT, and it was at MARIE MARTIN's suggestion that the subject and MARTIN's cousin, CHARLES STEIN, traveled from Los Angeles to New Orleans for the purpose of bringing the children of another cousin, RITA STEIN, back to Los Angeles during December, 1967.

For your information, CHARLES STEIN, RITA STEIN, and MARIE MARTIN have all been interviewed on several occasions regarding their knowledge of the subject, and it is not believed likely that they are now in possession of any worthwhile information which they have not previously furnished.

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Director, FBI (44-38861)

6/3/70

SAC, Birmingham (44-1740) (P*)

MURKIN
CO: ME

Rerep SA HENRY A. SNOW dated 4/17/68 at Birmingham, wherein it is set forth that a complaint was filed against subject under the alias of ERIC STARVO GALT at Birmingham on 4/17/68 charging him with having conspired with an unnamed brother to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code.

U. S. Marshal, Birmingham, on 5/26/70 advises he still holds above-mentioned warrant.

The existence of this warrant was set forth in a letterhead memorandum from the Birmingham office under date of 6/13/68.

Since news releases available to the Birmingham office indicate that subject RAY has exhausted possibilities of appeal from the sentence he is now serving, the Bureau may desire to contact the Department with the idea of authorizing the dismissal of this warrant.

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AIRTEL

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

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Re Memphis airtel to Bureau, 5/8/70.

For the information of WFO, subject JAMES EARL RAY is now being represented by J. B. STONER of the National States Rights Party; RICHARD J. RYAN, a Memphis, Tennessee, attorney; and BERNARD FENSTERWALD, JR. An article appearing in a Memphis newspaper indicated that FENSTERWALD is from Washington, D.C. and heads a private group called "The Committee to Investigate Assassinations." According to the article, FENSTERWALD worked for the Senate Judiciary Committee from 1957 until 1968.

Assistant Attorney General CLYDE MASON, Memphis, Tennessee, the state prosecutor assigned to the JAMES EARL RAY case, has asked that we furnish him any information available concerning FENSTERWALD and his political linkings.

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WFO

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will prepare a brief outline of BERNARD FENSTERWALD's professional background including any information to indicate association with leftist and racist groups in order that this information may be made available to the District Attorney General at Memphis, Tennessee.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, 6/3/70.

For the information of Birmingham, the subject has not exhausted all possibilities of appeal from his present sentence. However, if subject's appeals are successful, it will only mean that he will be given an opportunity to stand trial for KING's murder.

Since the subject is receiving free, or presumably free, legal assistance, it is anticipated that these appeals may continue for several years or longer.

Should the Department be agreeable to dismissing the Federal warrant now outstanding at Birmingham, Memphis has no objection as it sees little likelihood of RAY's being acquitted on state charges even if he is ever allowed to stand trial on these charges.

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2 - Birmingham (44-1740)
2 - Memphis

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

DATE: 6/16/70

JWA
FROM : Director, FBI (44-38861)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re your airtel 6/5/70 captioned as above.

Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., was the subject of applicant-type investigations in 1949 and 1959, which developed the following information which you may orally furnish to Assistant Attorney General Clyde Mason. Fensterwald was born [redacted] in Nashville, Tennessee, graduating from Harvard University in 1942 with a Bachelor of Science degree and thereafter attending Harvard Law School, Harvard University, where he was awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1949. The names of his mother and sister appeared on a list of delegates and members in 1942 of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, which has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In 1956, while employed by the State Department, Fensterwald and his mother traveled to the Soviet Union. In addition to his employment by the State Department, Fensterwald was also employed as chief counsel of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary; Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure (the Long Committee). He has also been employed on the staffs of a number of Senate committees.

For your own information and guidance, our contacts with Fensterwald have made it clearly evident that he was unscrupulous, untrustworthy and anti-FBI and frequently endeavored to draw the FBI into conflicts around the country by his requests of various telephone companies and other sources who might have information of wiretaps and other technical surveillances by the FBI. In January, 1966, in connection with hearings scheduled to be held in San Francisco, Fensterwald indicated that ex-Agent William Turner would be one of the witnesses he intended to call in connection with the extent of FBI wiretapping. As you are aware, Turner is extremely anti-FBI



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Letter to SAC, Memphis
Re: Murkin

and has an unsavory background. Fred J. Cook, in an article in the December, 1965, issue of "The Nation," dealing with wiretapping by Government agencies, allegedly obtained information for his article from Fensterwald, whom he quoted several times.

Insure that you are alert to furnish the Bureau under the above caption any information coming to your attention concerning the activities of the "Committee to Investigate Assassinations" or activities of any of the members thereof.

902-17th Ave.
Kenosha, Wis. 53140
June 22, 1970

Dear Sir,

I was advised by the local police department that I should write to you to find out about petitioning the court to reopen a case that has been closed on the basis of further information (information involving material evidence which was disposed of but of which I have certain knowledge). I am referring to the case of James Earl Ray in the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. The assassination was definitely a conspiracy on the part of some Nazi or Nazis from the evidence I received, meaning other than Mr. James Earl Ray. The local district attorney's office and the local police department said I might need an attorney to file such a petition. I would like the name of an attorney in Memphis (other than Richard J. Ryan, to whom I have already written) if this is necessary. If your office can handle the matter, I would appreciate that information also. Thank you.

Yours respectfully,
Mrs. Priscilla Schwein
(MRS. PRISCILLA SCHWEIN)

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June 24, 1970

Mr. Robert Boyle
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Building
Memphis, Tennessee

Re: Letter from Mrs. Priscilla Schwei

Dear Bob:

I am enclosing for your information the letter that I discussed with you by phone on Wednesday, June 24, 1970.

Very truly yours,


JOHN L. CARLISLE
Criminal Investigator

JLC/bk

Enclosure

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6/26/70

Airtel

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

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Milwaukee are two copies each of a letter received by the State Attorney General's Office, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, from Mrs. PRISCILLA SCHWEI, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

On 6/2/70, Mr. JOHN L. CARLISLE, Criminal Investigator, District Attorney General's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit of Tennessee, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, made available the original of the enclosed letter wherein Mrs. SCHWEI claims that she has possession of information concerning the conspiracy involved in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

LEADS:

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN.

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau and unless records would make interview inadvisable, will interview Mrs. PRISCILLA SCHWEI at 1902 17th Avenue, to determine if she does possess any information of value concerning captioned matter.

Airtel _____ Mr. CARLISLE advised that his office is not acknowledging receipt of the enclosed letter from Mrs. SCHWEI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 6/30/70

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Remyairtel, 4/25/70 and your letter, 5/22/70.

On 6/24/70 information contained in referenced letter was furnished to Sgt. of Detectives JAMES NOBLE (NA), Homicide Squad, Metropolitan Toronto Police Department (MTPD), Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

No further action is required and this matter is being considered RUC.

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Date: 7/13/70

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 5/22/70.

Review of this case reflects no additional investigation remains in Atlanta and it is being Ruc'd.

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Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

1902 17th Ave.
Kenosha, Wis. 53140
June 7, 1970

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In regards to the assasssination of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, in April of 1968, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that there may be a "package" yet wandering around or parked someplace in the Kenosha area addressed to me care of Dell Horoscope in New York City. I received the package in a Dell envelope, but this I almost immediately threw away. The "package" was an old brown wrapper envelope (about the usual 8"x12") containing a letter from some old man in Canada (Toronto-Montreal area, I believe) who wanted to know his "future". He gave a birthdate which I cannot recall off-hand but which involved five planets in the sign of Taurus. I also found in the "package" some newspapers, the Canadian Sun front page for one day in 1941, on which date a photo appeared of an unidentifiable flyer (face covered) and a short comment under the picture about the flight of Rudolf Hess to Scotland. Also included were some of the same newspaper's want ads. These were not marked in any way so I made nothing much of them other than that this was an answer to my "feeler" to some television news reporter (I forget which one), meaning my statements: "I like the American Nazi Party". Apparently some Nazi (or Nazis) heard about it and decided to let me hold some evidence on a future political assassination. I immediately answered the letter and tore it up and put it in the garbage (a milk carton with old scalloped potatoes or something). I do, you noted that there was a news leak in the Kenosha post office as the address I wrote to was broadcast by the local networks. You realize that I do not like being under surveillance when I have committed no crime whatsoever, and I am finding it difficult to remain "tactful" in this letter to you. What I choose to do about mail that comes to me is my business and no one else's. This is a free country and I consider that an invasion of privacy. If it were not for the fact that James Earl Ray has admitted in public that there was a conspiracy, I would not be telling the U.S authorities anything at all, that's how angry I am. To get back to the "package" - I slipped it in among some old stuff I had around the house (in a closet off the bathroom at 5700 19th Ave, Kenosha - the package came to 1902 17th Ave. as that is the address Dell had for me at the time - I had sold two articles to them). My parents can verify the existence of the package and also the fact that it came in early June, so that James Earl Ray could not possibly have mailed it himself, from the very dates of his work in Chicago (Winnetka). You might check with Dell to see if anyone remembers the package - what also came with it was the ~~SEARCHED INDEXED~~ advertisement for a Chicago Baptist Church - doubtless mailed in Chicago, but timed to arrive with the package so that I would know that some Negro minister or other ~~MEMPHIS~~ be murdered. I had not the faintest idea who the intended victim would be, nor any other details. I wrote back because I was being harassed and was so sick at the

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time I needed the Nazi Party. As I recall, I did the usual horoscope and mentioned that on the basis of a stellium in Taurus the individual could be expected to live a very long life. I definitely did not approve of your giving out publicity photos of James Earl Ray - that wasn't conducive to a long life, which are the odds on a racial murder, which was what I suspected.

You have to realize that since my parents had opened the thing and ran over to drag me to their house to see it, that I had to answer (and wanted to) so that perhaps the organization would give some indication of the victim and so on, so that I would know the specific crime. Quite bluntly, I wanted that assassin as a future husband or friend whoever he was - I assumed the source of the "deal" was George Lincoln Rockwell and I trusted his judgment on that score. He was bound to have a good man lined up for the job. As I saw it, I was merely to keep the material as future evidence to support the assassin in case he got into deep water. I had no idea such a prominent man as Martin Luther King was involved, and I did rather go into a state of shock over it, especially when the assassination of Robert Kennedy confirmed the tip-off I received in January or February (prior to the 8th) about "two white papers".

As I recall, after Rockwell was murdered, I was so upset I decided to take a chance that if I threw the "package" out, someone might rescue it and turn it over to local authorities to keep - I have my pride and I would not approach any authorities on the Nazi Party personally. But Rockwell was dead, and I wanted that assassin back in the country as company for me. I duly noted that while apparently there was plenty of "heat" all over the country and abroad, there was very little information given out in Wisconsin. When will authorities learn that lack of information is as much of a dead give-away as "heat", and I already suspected the material was being used or suppressed someplace along the line? I have been patient long enough. I have already written to one of James Earl Ray's lawyers about the package and stated specifically that he could not have mailed the tipoffs to me (in 1966 I had received a Baptist Church advertisement from Chicago through Dell) himself. You realize also that he and his American cohorts (if there were any) could not have collected and packaged that stuff themselves - someone had to have been saving those old newspapers and possibly that old hand-written note (it, too, was rather old, in distinctive black ink and hand-writing - stylized, you might say).

I am sorry I didn't keep the stuff, but I had a real mad on with all that stuff about the Communists (read Witness some time - I didn't like it), although it was a nice temporary "cover". That's why I don't feel like suing over the allusions to me and my family. So - the package came in early June, I answered, the note was destroyed immediately and the package tossed out in September 1967 (first week of Sept) just before I moved (I was evicted). I'm still thinking of suing ABC for the use of my name for advertising purposes without my interest or permission - specifically the Storer Broadcasting Company. They started in in 1966, as far as when I first noticed it.

Oh, I might mention that the Britisher who came by ^{global} knew about both assassinations and was merely sent around to see me to let me know about the Kennedy business in advance. He was about six feet tall, sandy-gray hair and moustach (resembling that of a Schnauzer) well-dressed (light colored suit - maybe grey or blue, but not very light- the weather in early February was very warm that day here in Kenosha). He was extremely healthy and alert - he tapped at the back door, the entrance to the apartment above, and raced around the house to my porch and stood there - then he papped at my door - I was sitting quietly on the couch listening - it was mid-morning, the sun was shining, there was no traffic whatsoever on 22nd Ave, which is normally a very busy streets many hours of the day. I opened the door, he enchanted me with his British accent, saying that he was an insurance agent for the lady upstairs. Then he asked for "Mrs. Schwartz". As I recall, his exact words were, "Is there a Mrs. Schwartz here?" and gritted his teeth (I looked like such a mess - I had been so sick). I said "Why don't you try the lady upstairs?" and he left. As he walked away, he held the top of his head looked backsort of, and waved a white cardboard twice. The I just sat around. I immediately arranged to leave town, first informing myb permanent mission in New York and later informing them of my departure date (April 3, the first day my brother had open for me to leave for a rest). I lost my cool - I said out loud "Lee Harvey Oswald, you ^{might have at least} should have tried for just one bullet". I suspect somebody heard it, and the harassment has continued. I am planning to leave this state for Knoxville, Tennessee, in the near future - I want to keep an eye on the possible retrial of James Earl Ray. But actually, I had no idea that "they" would have the nerve to try for another Kennedy, I was suspecting political murders and that's all. At the time I assumed it was merely somebody in the know who was tipping me off that possibly Kennedy was due to get it someplace - I assumed that if I heard it it must be common knowledge, because I am usually the last one to hear anything at all.

I would have loved to get in touch with the Nazi assassin, to let him know what was going on, to attempt to call him off (which would not possibly have been very smart- you know how the Nazis are when they have something set up - they are apt to be extremely unappreciative of objections from mere women, and you saw what happened to Rockwell). As it was I had tossed out the letter, and I assumed the assassin would be long gone anyway, in case I might tip off the authorities and they might go to that address. But I could not take the chance of writing to any of the Nazis now that Rockwell was dead - he was the only one I would have trusted in something so big. And I couldn't write to him either at the time I received it - I assumed he knew of it, and you will note that Patler murdered him as he came out of a laundromat (the noise on the networks was that I am "schizophrenic", and you know what the books say about that - I'm not, but I had a good old-fashioned case of delirium there from abscedded teeth for a while - it lasted well into ^{early} 1968 - I had my teeth fixed in June, 1967, but then I had very bad colds and tonsilit is in early 1968). That may have had something to do with the fact I was writing to the USSR for a while, and Patler perhaps thought I talked about that "package" to them.

If he was trying to fix it, Patler can go fly a kite. The first the Soviets heard was my letter about the Britisher, and even then they didn't know what or how much I knew or anything. Since it was Federenko who made me suspicious that another Kennedy might just get it, they sure couldn't do much but swallow their words about that one. I try very tactfully not to mention it to them, but in a way I feel I have them pinned down, so to speak. I really don't want to get old Federenko in trouble, so I pretend I didn't even notice anything. Which I think is brighter than the comments of that jackass Eugene McCarthy. Some Irish have the tact of a pack of apes. I felt I had to tell that lawyer Ryan to be tactful in fishing around Kenosha for that "missing package". If it is around, I'm hoping he subpoenas it as evidence, since the defense has a right to any material available to the prosecution. Now, I subtly made it available to the authorities, if anyone was on the ball. I have to give the defense their chances, which was my intention all along. If the FBI had access to it, I hope it turns up. I will advise him to check with your agency here, too.

I am not part of any conspiracy other than my and Rockwell's attempts to find me a Nazi husband. I am known to enjoy battling with the Irish (more fun making up), so I guess that was the best he could come up with - must be pretty nice, too, that James Earl Ray. I'm sorry the Nazis didn't understand my interest in the USSR - very sorry. I don't feel much like talking to them since they cremated Rockwell - I don't like cremations. Oh, that line about the bleach was Rockwell's attempt to cover up the "package", but I just forced myself to read about it later, just this fall - I may have heard it on television, though.

I may be way out of line in talking to the FBI about this, as I don't know what kind of a retrial Mr. Ray's lawyers are working on - possibly a state trial again. Myself, I would think conspiracy trials have to be held in federal courts if the case involves a variety of states and also people from a foreign country. (The "package" was mailed in Canada). When I threw the stuff out it was not yet evidence of anything but perhaps criticism of my religious writings and perhaps a hint that I should join some Negro church myself - so I now practice black magic instead. Would you believe it, I even bought a copy of Mein Kampf (please don't tell the Nazis, but I am not overly impressed thus far - I'm only reading it in memory of Rockwell, anyway). I don't even want to discuss the Communists, I get a headache just thinking about them. Some time when this Nazi business is taken care of.

I'm rather teed off at that lousy Arab, but if that Britisher knew about it, and he wasn't an official foreign source (you know what I mean, I'm sure), I think some effort should be made to get him a life sentence in the hopes he'll talk (I read he lost his cool in court - he may just do it again). I'll still bet it started from some Arab guerrilla "plot" and the guy was planted, but the Communists wouldn't tell anyone - and with my name being used and my address to put me up as a target again (I know what Witness was put out for - anybody in the US government willing to apologize to three generations

of Pestkas and Sutki 'czs. The latter were royals in (the you hadn't heard. The former never discussed it. I'm waiting for an apology, not for warm wishes from the President - it is a little too late for that. But I like a good argument too much to care to see Nixon drop dead. No conspiracies hatching around here, and by now, with all the network heat, I doubt if I ever will hear anything again.

Please don't send any ~~more~~ of your agents out to see me here in Kenosha - the neighbors are too nosy, and strangers stick out like sore thumbs. Maybe in Tennessee, I don't know. I sure didn't like the man who was so snarly in Kenosha in 1967 when I called to ask the address of the Communist Party in Kenosha (if there was one, which I guess there isn't). I also don't like doling out information and then not receiving any in return. I would have loved to have heard about the prints on the material I got, but then I know you people never tell anything anyway, so we're both possibly out in the cold. The German Nazis put out a nice front about the "package" - it proves my word is good about it - I really would hate to drag my parents into this. If it's around their prints are on it, too. Mine are. Dell's are (or were). And someone else's.

Oh, for your information, there was another one like the Galt of Memphis here in Kenosha in 1966 - the Vis. Employment office sent me over to St. Catherine's to work as a potwasher and there was some temporary help there - a "Jim" who vaguely resembled James Earl Ray (he grabbed my stomach to see if I was pregnant and I wanted to kill him - but I quit at the height of the rush instead) and an Al who made a point of his "sore feet". "Jim" made a point of being from "Canada". I didn't like either of them. Am I getting through to you about what was going on? They did a nice job on the addressing of the package - it was made to look like my own handwriting on the outside, vaguely - but you see I have never been to Canada in my life and likely never will, of course. I am not interested in "election-swinging" - I am not a part of such goings on - I will not tolerate an attempt on the part of the USA and Canada to "frame" me in to keep me quiet, is that clear? I have been very busy spreading the word, and I will not shut up about it. I'm healthy now, I'm not sick. I want to see James Earl Ray's case handled right and I want to find a nice job and I never want to hear about it again. I am not on speaking terms with whoever was at the bottom of it - I don't know. I took a real mental and emotional beating from that Democrat I was married to after that Jack Kennedy business, and no men are ever around me any more - I'm tired of prejudice against my face and nationality and I'm tired of being used. I see someone has "cooled" the networks lately - too late for that, too - nothing more to be milked from me, and this time I'd like to see justice served properly, instead of having to read about some Jew covering up the facts by murdering an "assassin". It won't do any good for anyone to try to shut me up - information is good any time a person chooses to use it, and now I have given you some information. All I've seen from my letters to Nixon was a batch of oddly marked photos - sorry, they are quite secure at the moment. Nice rigging, but I'm still an ESP-ist, with "help".

Now that I'm wise to that, no more photos from machine in U.S. So much for that.

It's too bad I couldn't come forward before Ray's original trial, I realize it is difficult to reopen a case, but evidence is evidence, and information is information, you know. I would hate to think the FBI is not up to its usual "old college tries" in this matter. Try the garbage collectors, though from one character's comment that he was "Pete the Porter", I have my suspicions about the "package". I don't expect to have to ~~publish~~ publish a book about it to get the truth out. Webl, don't broadcast away any more, hmm? You wouldn't want to get a witness murdered, now would you? In any case, I'm feeling very lively. And very alive. I shall expect ~~some~~ some response to this letter, and I don't mean my arrest, either. I also don't expect any more "dates" to appear in the news columns, nor "allusions" - really, Douglas MacLean's fondness for "allusions" is extremely unpopular with me. That's the trouble with the USA - it's such a lying, blabbermouth country. When a person does tell the truth, all she sees is more bilge in the press. I don't like it. I'd like to see a response worthy of its salt - a retrial for James Earl Ray and more consideration about that Arab. Thank you for your patience.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Priscilla Schwei
Mrs. Priscilla Schwei

P. S. All my arrangements to leave town are being made. I want to get a US passport here where I am now, so I may have to delay until August, and I will be low on cash anyway. I am on state aid here and I am planning to take part of a check as the local social worker said I should, to go job-hunting. I am trying in Kenosha for a temporary job, but the situation is very poor.

P.P.S. To finish describing the Canadian or Britisher: blue eyes, average oval face (pointed chin), good teeth, average body frame (not thin for over 6 feet, but not as broad-shouldered for his height, say, as Mr. Ray). His clothes looked like money or at least a decent income. He was between 35 and 45, closer to the latter figure, which was what surprised me about his age (unless he was ^{he was} prematurely gray). The way he hot-footed it away, he could be anyplace by now. Since I mentioned the incident in a letter to the USSR the next day or so and I assured the Kenosha post office was still leading my private business, I would think you'd know about it and be doing something about it. What's the U.S. govt's stance this time?

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : *[Handwritten initials]* SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)(RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 7/17/70

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau, 6/26/70;
Bureau letter to Milwaukee, 6/16/70, captioned
MRS. PRISCILLA SCHWEI, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Enclosed for the information of Memphis is one copy
of a letter dated 6/7/70, received by the Bureau from Mrs.
PRISCILLA SCHWEI.

For the information of Milwaukee, referenced letter
from the Bureau indicated that Mrs. SCHWEI was not identifiable
in Bureau files and her letter was not being answered.

Through perusal of enclosed letter received at the
Bureau from Mrs. PRISCILLA SCHWEI, 1902 17th Avenue, Kenosha,
Wisconsin, it indicates that it would not be advisable to
interview her in this matter.

A review of the Kenosha, Wisconsin PD records on
7/9/70, was made which indicates that PRISCILLA SCHWEI, 1902
17th Avenue, had filed a complaint for non-support against her
husband FRANK SCHWEI, JR. No other information was in their
files.

On 7/9/70, Lieutenant RUDDY BOTZ, Detective Division,
Kenosha, Wisconsin PD, advised that he was not familiar with
this individual.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND
ATLANTA (26-48376)
FROM PHILADELPHIA (26-40535) (P)

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ON JUNE TWENTYFOUR LAST, LAWRENCE GELLER, CITY EDITOR,
PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE (PHILA NEGRO NEWSPAPER), ADVISED
CAPTIONED VEHICLE APPARENTLY IN ABANDONED STATE IN PHILA
AREA FOR PAST SEVERAL MONTHS AND REQUESTED FBI ASSISTANCE
TO DETERMINE IF VEHICLE WAS STOLEN. GELLER REFUSED TO
GIVE LOCATION OF VEHICLE AT THAT POINT STATING HE DID NOT
WISH TO DIVULGE SOURCE UNTIL IT WAS DETERMINED THAT A CRIME
HAD BEEN COMMITTED. NCIC AND PHILA INDICES WERE NEGATIVE
RE CAPTIONED VEHICLE.

ON JULY SIX LAST GELLER AGAIN CONTACTED BY PHILA AGENT

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IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE VEHICLE AND EXAMINE IT FOR VIN TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING IF VEHICLE STOLEN AND ITSMV VIOLATION EXISTED. GELLER ADVISED VEHICLE WAS STORED IN A GARAGE IN PHILA WHERE IT HAD BEEN ABANDONED SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. GELLER AGAIN REFUSED TO REVEAL EXACT LOCATION OF THE VEHICLE STATING THAT HE BELIEVED THERE MIGHT BE SOME CONNECTION OF THIS VEHICLE AND THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. GELLER REFUSED TO GIVE ANY DETAILS IN THIS REGARD OR TO STATE WHY HE THOUGHT THIS VEHICLE MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN THE KING MURDER.

BY AIRTEL JULY TEN LAST ATLANTA ADVISED CAPTIONED VEHICLE REGISTERED TO LOIS J. FLOYD, FIVE SEVEN TWO - C CASANOVA ST., SOUTHEAST ATLANTA, GA., ON SIXTYFIVE FORD MUSTANG, VIN FIVE F ZERO SEVEN F ONE ZERO EIGHT FOUR SIX FIVE. ATLANTA ALSO DETERMINED OWNER TO BE LOIS JANE FLOYD, AKA LOIS J. KING, WHITE FEMALE, DOB [REDACTED] [REDACTED] PROBATION VIOLATOR, GEORGIA PROBATION SYSTEM, WHOSE

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WHEREABOUTS WERE UNKNOWN SINCE DECEMBER SIXTYNINE. HOWEVER, NO FUGITIVE WARRANT OUTSTANDING.

ON JULY TWENTY THREE LAST, A WHITE NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE FORD MUSTANG, TWO-DOOR HARDTOP, BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE ONE DASH D DASH SIX THREE SIX FOUR SIX AND VIN FIVE F ZERO SEVEN F ONE ZERO EIGHT FOUR SIX FIVE, WAS EXAMINED BY BUAGENT. VEHICLE LOCATED IN FOURTH FLOOR, SLAY SYSTEM GARAGE, PHILA., PA. VEHICLE EXAMINED FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING IF IN VIOLATION OF ITSMV AS ABANDONED ABOVE GARAGE SINCE SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL.

AT REQUEST OF MERCELL RANDOLPH, CHAIRMAN, PHILA CHAPTER SCLC, BUAGENT MET WITH HIM AND GELLER WHO SHOWED BUAGENT WHERE VEHICLE LOCATED. RANDOLPH STATED BELIEVED VEHICLE POSSIBLY CONNECTED WITH MURKIN CASE AND DESIRED FBI CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF VEHICLE CONNECTED.

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RANDOLPH WAS ADVISED FBI ATLANTA HAD RECOVERED MUSTANG VEHICLE IN MURKIN CASE AND INSTANT VEHICLE BEING EXAMINED FOR SOLE PURPOSE OF RESOLVING WHETHER VEHICLE STOLEN AND TRANSPORTED INTERSTATE, UNLESS HE HAD INFO CONNECTING VEHICLE TO MURKIN MATTER. NOTHING DETERMINED TO BE ALTERED ON VEHICLE AND NO RECORD NCIC RE VEHICLE OR FLOYD.

RANDOLPH SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED PHILADELPHIA FBI OFFICE AND ASKED IF FBI PLANS TO CONDUCT INQUIRY RE POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH MURKIN CASE, HOWEVER, HE FURNISHED NO CONCRETE REASON WHY FBI SHOULD DO SO, OTHER THAN FACT ABOVE VEHICLE MEETS DESCRIPTION OF ONE USED IN SLAYING, IS FROM ATLANTA, GA., AND ABANDONED FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS. RANDOLPH WAS ADVISED KING SLAYING OCCURRED APRIL SIXTYEIGHT AND INSTANT VEHICLE ABANDONED PHILA SEPTEMBER SIXTYEIGHT, AND NO CONNECTION BELIEVED TO EXIST.

EARLY MORNING HOURS JULY TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, SAC NEWSPAPER CONTACT ADVISED RANDOLPH AND GELLER INTEND TO HOLD

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PRESS CONFERENCE MORNING OF THIS DATE AND BELIEVES INTENDS TO CREATE ISSUE RE ABOVE VEHICLE.

IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT LOCAL SCLC INTENDS TO USE VEHICLE AS MEANS FOR OBTAINING LOCAL PUBLICITY ALTHOUGH IT HAS NO FACTUAL INFO TO OFFER RE MURKIN MATTER.

PHILA WILL FURNISH BY SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE TO ATLANTA RESULTS OF VEHICLE EXAMINATION SO THAT APPROPRIATE GEORGIA AUTHORITIES MAY BE ADVISED IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE WANTED STATUS OF VEHICLE OWNER.

PHILA POLICE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIED OF ABANDONED STATE OF VEHICLE SO THAT APPROPRIATE ACTION MIGHT BE TAKEN RE ITS RECOVERY.

PHILA WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

MAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

NR004 DALLAS PLAIN

4:25 PM URGENT 5-6-70 RGR

TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) (RUC) 2P

MURKIN

44-1987

AT ONE THIRTYFIVE AM INSTANT DATE DET. SEWELL, DALLAS PD, ADVISED SAC SHANKLIN THAT ROY RICHARD ERWIN ARRESTED EARLIER BY THAT DEPARTMENT IN RESPONSE TO PHONE CALL FROM ERWIN ADVISING HE WAS ARMED AND AN ACCOMPLICE OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WANTED TO GIVE HIMSELF UP. ERWIN INTERVIEWED AND CLAIMED HE DROVE THE CAR IN WHICH RAY DISAPPEARED FROM MEMPHIS AFTER MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. FOREGOING INFORMATION FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY TO ASAC CLIFF HALTER, MEMPHIS OFFICE.

AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE THIRTY PM CAPT. GEORGE LUMPKIN, DALLAS PD ADVISED ERWIN REINTERVIEWED AND WAS NOW INSISTENT HE HAD BEEN PAID ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO DRIVE A STOLEN CAR WITH A POLICE RADIO IN IT AWAY FROM WHERE KING HAD BEEN KILLED TO DIVERT POLICE. CAPT. LUMPKIN SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED AT ONE THIRTY
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PM THAT ERWIN ADMITTED HIS ENTIRE STORY WAS A HOAX. ERWIN UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY MOTIVE FOR FABRICATING STORY. LUMPKIN ADVISED LOCAL CHECK WARRANT OUTSTANDING FOR ERWIN IN DALTON, GEORGIA, HOWEVER, LOCAL AUTHORITIES REFUSE TO COME AFTER HIM. FACTS OF FALSE REPORT FURNISHED TO DALLAS COUNTY DA WHO ADVISED AGAINST PROSECUTION BECAUSE OF PUBLICITY. RUC.

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MCP FBI MEMPHIS CLR

FBI

Date: 7/22/70

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, JACKSONVILLE
 FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1644) (P)
 SUBJECT: NEUMAN ROY BRITTON, aka
 Newman Roy Britton
 Newman Ray Britton
 RM - NSRP
 OO: Little Rock

Re Los Angeles report of SA ALBERT N. CARLBLOM dated 4/6/70.

On 7/16/70, BILLY D. HODGES (protect identity), racial informant - PROB, was contacted and stated that NEUMAN BRITTON, his wife SALLY, and a couple of their daughters went to Atlanta, Georgia, from 7/2/70 to 7/13/70 to help J. B. STONER with his campaign and parade on the 4th of July. After helping STONER with his campaign, they returned to Arkansas through the State of Alabama and Nashville, Tennessee. SALLY BRITTON bragged to him that during the parade in Atlanta, Georgia on 7/4/70, they had 18 guns in the car. NEUMAN BRITTON was armed with a .38 caliber revolver and J. B. STONER always had one hand on a shotgun during the parade.

- 2 - Jacksonville (RM) (AMSD)
- 2 - Savannah (RM)(Info)
(1 - 157-871) (1 - STONER)
- 2 - Chicago (RM)
- 2 - Norfolk (RM)
- ② - Memphis (RM)(Info)
(1 - NSRP) (1 - JAMES EARL RAY)
- 4 - Little Rock (2 - 157-1644)
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NEUMAN BRITTON was scheduled to fly to Norfolk, Virginia, on 7/24/70 to make a speech before an NSRP group in that city.

On 7/18/70, HODGES was again contacted and furnished the following information:

He saw NEUMAN ROY BRITTON and SALLY ANN BRITTON on the evening of 7/17/70. At that time NEUMAN BRITTON told him their plans had been changed and that he and SALLY were driving to Jacksonville, Florida, on 7/22/70 in the station wagon. HODGES stated this means a 1966 Chrysler station wagon, red in color, Arkansas license BTE 841. According to BRITTON, they planned to stay approximately one week in Jacksonville, Florida, and then may travel to Norfolk, Virginia, for a speaking engagement.

Informant said that during his conversations with the BRITTONs, he is of the impression they are hurting for money and NEUMAN BRITTON told him he was currently working full time for the National States Rights Party (NSRP).

Regarding the J. B. STONER parade in Atlanta, Georgia, on 7/4/70, informant advised as follows:

NEUMAN and SALLY BRITTON bragged to him that the brother of JAMES EARL RAY rode in the parade with them in the same car as J. B. STONER, NEUMAN and SALLY BRITTON, MARY ANN BRITTON and PAT HARRINGTON. (It is to be noted that MARY ANN BRITTON is the daughter of NEUMAN BRITTON and PAT HARRINGTON is the daughter by a previous marriage of SALLY BRITTON.)

NEUMAN BRITTON made the first speech at Atlanta, Georgia, on 7/4/70 and J. B. STONER made the rest of the speeches. SALLY ANN BRITTON told the informant that there were very few police officers on the street, with the exception of a few colored patrolmen and they had no protection whatever. During the parade they had 18 guns in the car, all of which belonged to J. B. STONER. NEUMAN BRITTON carried a .38 caliber revolver in his pocket during the parade and STONER had his hand on a shotgun at all times.

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While they were in Georgia helping J. B. STONER with his campaign, they had a meeting at Griffin, Georgia, on 7/11/70. According to BRITTON, three carloads of "niggers" came to the meeting and a bunch of klan members went out with shotguns and ran them off.

PAT HARRINGTON and MARY ANN BRITTON are currently in Savannah, Georgia, where they are helping ROY WAKE, the Illinois NSRP state organizer from Chicago, Illinois, to distribute material promoting STONER's campaign. Informant said according to SALLY ANN BRITTON, PAT HARRINGTON and WAKE are going to get married and WAKE is going to leave Chiago and take up residence in Arkansas where he can help with the NSRP.

PAT HARRINGTON, MARY ANN BRITTON and ROY WAKE are supposed to meet SALLY and NEUMAN BRITTON in Jacksonville, Florida, on 7/23-24/70 and HARRINGTON and WAKE will probably be married at that time.

SALLY BRITTON told informant that she and NEUMAN BRITTON were pictured in the July issue of Jet Magazine, a Negro publication. She also stated that she and NEUMAN and several others were pictured in a newspaper, the name of which he could not recall.

Regarding the meeting in Decatur, Arkansas, on the weekend of 6/26-28/70, informant stated that BRITTON told him that the persons attending the meeting were BUD REESE of Oklahoma, ART LOGAN of Oklahoma, and LOGAN's brother-in-law, name unrecalled; ARNOLD MURRAY of Gravette, Arkansas, and ROY and MADGE, father and step-mother of NEUMAN BRITTON. BRITTON told him not too many people were there but they had a "powerful meeting."

For the information of Savannah, the meeting held at Decatur, Arkansas, on 6/26-28/70 was carried in local newspapers as the annual convention of the First Covenant Church. Informant stated he knew it was to be listed as an annual convention but he attended the convention last year and knows that it is just a meeting where they verbalize the NSRP hatred.

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Informant said that NEUMAN BRITTON told him that he was going to have a .38 caliber revolver "within reach" at all times. SALLY BRITTON told him she was carrying a .25 caliber automatic in her purse.

LEADS:

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Will through appropriate sources determine the reason for BRITTON's visit to that area and his activities in the Jacksonville area.

CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will furnish Little Rock with a photograph of ROY F. WAKE so that he may be readily identified if and when he appears in Northwestern Arkansas and supply background information as well.

NORFOLK DIVISION

AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Through appropriate sources will determine what group BRITTON was to speak before and if he is currently under invitation to speak.

DUE TO THE FACT THAT NEUMAN AND SALLY BRITTON HAVE BRAGGED THEY ARE CARRYING FIREARMS, THEY AND THEIR ASSOCIATES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 8/19/70

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (C)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 7/31/70, GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, a former Top Ten Fugitive, who is presently residing and working in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, under the assumed name of ALEX BORMANN, personally appeared at the Pittsburgh Office at which time he furnished the following information:

EDMONDSON advised that he is presently residing with his wife JINETTE and his young son at Brighton Terrace, Apartment 403, 721 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15233, after having recently moved to Pittsburgh from Montreal, Canada, where he had been living and working since his release from the Missouri State Prison (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri, on \$5,000 bond pending an appeal with the Missouri Supreme Court on his armed robbery sentence. EDMONDSON stated that since his release from MSP he has been living and working under the assumed name of ALEX BORMANN. He stated he is employed as a project engineer by Rust Associates, Ltd., Montreal Canada, a Division of Litton Industries and was recently transferred to Rust Engineering, Pittsburgh, Pa., for a new work assignment. EDMONDSON stated that officials of Rust Associates, Ltd., and Rust Engineering, Pittsburgh are cognizant of his present status and his background as a former Top Ten Fugitive.

EDMONDSON advised that his purpose in contacting FBI, Pittsburgh at this time was because he was greatly disturbed over some recent developments that have come to his attention which could result in his identity being exposed, thereby jeopardizing his employment and all that he has accomplished since his release from prison.

- ② - Bureau
- 2 - Pittsburgh
- 1 - 88-5467

- ① - Kansas City (Info.)
- ① - Memphis (Info.)

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EDMONDSON stated that he recently learned that a book entitled, "I Slew a Dreamer," written by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, published by Delacorte Press, New York City, is being sold throughout the United States and Canada. He stated that this book is a story about JAMES EARL RAY and the events leading up to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated that upon reading this book, he determined that his name and some of his aliases, including ALEX BORMANN, are frequently mentioned in several chapters of the book with regard to the author's suspicions that he, EDMONDSON may have been involved with and influenced JAMES EARL RAY in the plot to murder KING, while both he and JAMES EARL RAY were serving prison sentences together in the MSP.

EDMONDSON stated he is fearful that notoriety of this book will lead to his subsequent exposure by some news media tracing him to Pittsburgh. He stated he has already received one anonymous telephone call at his place of employment wherein the caller suggested he go to a bookstore and read, "I Slew a Dreamer" which he would find very interesting.

EDMONDSON stated that he immediately notified his attorney, JAMES A. DUNN, Carthage, Missouri, of the contents of the book and mailed him a copy to read. He stated that he has also brought this book to the attention of his superiors at Rust Engineering, Pittsburgh. He stated that if he should be exposed he will consider filing a damage suit for slander against the author and publisher of the book. He stated that insofar as the author's suspicions, that he was involved with JAMES EARL RAY in the murder of KING are concerned, they are not true and FBI records would substantiate him on this as he was extensively interviewed along these lines by the FBI after his apprehension as a Top Ten Fugitive.

EDMONDSON stated that he was merely bringing the above mentioned developments to the attention of the FBI for informational purposes. He stated he is awaiting instructions from his attorney as to what action he should take with regard to his problems.

The above information is being forward to the Bureau for informational purposes only.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File (66-1987)

DATE: 9/9/70

FROM : ASAC C. O. HALTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On Sunday, September 6, 1970, an individual who identified himself as J. M. BISHOP, a writer, telephonically contacted the Clerk on duty, requesting that I contact him at 6:00 PM, September 6, 1970, at the Downtowner Motor Inn, Memphis.

I contacted JIM BISHOP telephonically the evening of 9/6/70. He stated that he is preparing a book on the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING and that he had been conducting a number of interviews in Memphis. He stated that about all he needed from the FBI was an introduction to the doctor who either accompanied Dr. KING in the ambulance to the hospital or who first attended KING on arrival at the hospital.

JIM BISHOP also commented about an organization known as "The Invaders" in Memphis and asked if I knew about the Invaders.

I pointed out to JIM BISHOP that the prosecution of this case was handled completely by the office of Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE and that attorneys for JAMES EARL RAY are still filing post-sentence motions. I further pointed out to JIM BISHOP that for the reasons stated, it would be improper for me to make any comments about the case in question.

JIM BISHOP stated he did not agree with my position but that he would have to accept my answers.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

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Dictated 9/15/70 to Dictaphone

Transcribed 9/18/70 Barbara A. Champey

Authenticated by Informant

Date of Report

9/12, 13/70

Date(s) of activity

9/12, 13/70

Brief description of activity or material

UKA, Inc., S. C. Realm, held state rally at Hartsville, S. C., 9/12/70. Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON and MELVIN SEXTON in attendance. Activities set forth. S. C. State Klonvocation held klavern hall, Florence,

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* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE. VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

S. C., 9/13/70. Identity of some present set out and activities set forth.

IF THIS INFO IS DISSEMINATED, IT SHOULD BE SUITABLY PARAPHRASED TO PROTECT SOURCE.

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 - (1 - JAMES EARL RAY) ✓ 44-1987
- 5 - Birmingham (1 - 105-560) (SHELDON)(RM)
 - (1 - 157-1172) (SEXTON)
 - (1 - 157-1033) (SPAN)
 - (1 - 105-722) (UKA)
 - (1 - 157) (ART HAYNER)
- 2 - Charlotte (1 - 157-) (BOB JONES)(RM)
 - (1 - 157-) (DOC BRYANT)
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