

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/29/68

LELAND CLIFFORD PEARCE, Owner, Buckhead Ridge Subdivision, Okeechobee, Florida, was advised of the identity of the interviewer as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and of his rights as contained in an executed waiver of rights form. Upon signing the form PEARCE furnished the following information:

He was in the cattle business in Cuba in 1956 and 1957 and upon leaving Cuba he came to Okeechobee, Florida where he developed the Buckhead Ridge Subdivision, of which he is the sole owner. He is no longer in the cattle business and devotes all of his time to the developing of the subdivision and selling lots. He does not own any buildings or cottages on the property. For eighteen years, prior to going to Cuba, he was in the cattle business in Belle Glade, Florida. While in Belle Glade he became acquainted with WILLIAM PIERCE, who also went to Cuba in the 1950's to promote a middle east fiber called "Raime". He did not associate with WILLIAM PIERCE and in fact only spoke to him about a half a dozen times. He does not know what line of business WILLIAM PIERCE is in now nor does he know how he could be located.

He is not now nor has he ever been a member of the Ku Klux Klan nor is he sympathetic to their cause. He does not know the following individuals; BOB and WILLIAM BRICKLEY, BEN THOMPSON, EDDIE WILBURN nor JIM GARRISON, although he has read about JIM GARRISON in the paper. He did not do any building while in Cuba nor did he believe WILLIAM PIERCE did any building while in Cuba. He has never been to Kansas City, Kansas or Kansas City, Missouri, and in fact the only places he has been outside of the State of Florida are New Orleans for a cattle auction in the early 1950's, New York City, Washington, D.C., Thomasville, Georgia and Cuba. He does not own a plane nor does he do any flying.

On 5/18/68 at Okeechobee, Florida File # MM 44-1854-695
by SA RONALD TODD/dmc Date dictated 5/29/68

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He did not kill MARTIN LUTHER KING nor does he know who did nor does he know who might have been involved in the murder of KING. There is a member of the local Ku Klux Klan, JOHN THOMAS BOWLES, who was capable of participating in the murder of KING. BOWLES has a strong hatred for Negroes and was recently tried in Martin County, Florida for beating up a school superintendent because of his efforts in integrating the schools. BOWLES owns a small two passenger Cub airplane that he keeps on Hog Island which is next to Buckhead Ridge. It is an open field without any lighting facilities. Deputy CURTIS WRIGHT, Glades County Sheriff's Office, had asked PEARCE to keep an eye on the airplane, particularly if the Klan was planning anything, so that BOWLES' whereabouts could be accounted for. He recalls that on the evening of the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING he made it a point to check the airplane and noted that it was gone. The next morning, around seven AM, while on his way to Okeechobee for coffee he noted that the plane was there; however, when he returned approximately an hour later the plane was gone. It was either the day following the death of KING, April 5, 1968, or the next day, April 6, 1968, that the airplane was gone and stayed gone for about two or three days. He had been told by BOWLES' girl friend, MARY KNIGHT, a barmaid at the Fin and Feather Bar in Buckhead Ridge that BOWLES had gone to Tampa to get his teeth fixed. BOWLES' wife, GERALDINE, is presently seeking a divorce although he believes they are still living together. He sold BOWLES a couple of lots in Buckhead Ridge and BOWLES built a home on one and his brother-in-law, CHARLES P. GRIZZAFFE, built the Ridge Apartments on the other lot. There are about sixteen units in the apartment. GRIZZAFFE is a businessman who lives in Tampa, Florida. BOWLES and his wife, GERALDINE, manage the apartments for GRIZZAFFE.

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The following description of PEARCE was
obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	May 13, 1918
Place of Birth	Fort Bassinger, Florida
Height	Six feet
Weight	260 pounds
Hair	Light brown, balding
Eyes	Green
Military	None
Wife	MILDRED
Children	Mrs. JIM LINDSAY, U. S. Air Force, Macon, Georgia; LELAND SIDNEY PEARCE, Northwestern Mutual, Jacksonville, Florida; CLIFFORD PEARCE, age 15, living with parents.
Education	Attended University of Florida, 1934 through 1936
Occupation	Land developer and sole owner of Buckhead Ridge Subdivision
Arrests	None

7/15/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

WILLIAM SOMERSETT, formerly MM 607-R, who is no longer being contacted by the Miami Office and who is characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past, and in addition has furnished information which cannot be verified or corroborated, telephonically advised on 7/12/68 as follows:

Since the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., he has made trips to Atlanta, Ga. and Memphis, Tenn. at the request and expense of the Florida State Attorney's Office and the Miami, Florida Police Department. He indicated the purpose of these trips was to try and develop information relative to the assassination of Doctor KING and other information relating to the National States Rights Party. He did not elaborate on his assignments nor did he indicate he had developed any unusual or pertinent information. He reportedly was in contact with witnesses involved in the KING case and based on information heard on the "street," it was said that the chauffeur of Doctor KING was suspected of "setting up Doctor KING for the assassination." SOMERSETT was unable to identify source of this information.

It is not known why the Florida State Attorney's Office or the Miami Police Department would have SOMERSETT

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make trips to Atlanta, Ga. and Memphis, Tenn. except for possibly some sensational information that would afford them nationwide publicity.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau, Atlanta and Memphis for information and to be aware of the fact that SOMERSETT has been in Atlanta and Memphis regarding the KING case.

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

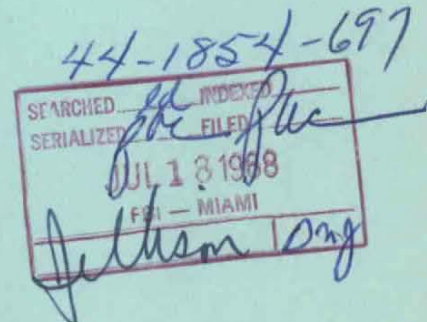
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X Ref - 157-2434*

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 7/9/68.

The Bureau has requested that all divisions continue to submit monthly cost data until further notice.

In view of the above, all divisions are requested to comply with the Bureau's instructions, including offices who have negative cost data to report.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

FROM : SA C. GRAHAM HURST

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(44-1854)

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(44-1880)

DATE: 7/24/68

On 7/24/68, PHILIP M. ZANG, who requested that his identity be protected although he would not mind, if necessary, his name being given to U.S. Secret Service, 2431 NW 28th St., Miami, Fla., telephonically advised at 2:20 PM as follows:

ZANG, who has been contacted by SA HURST in the past in connection with another case, inasmuch as his stepson, GARRETT BROCK TRAPNELL, is currently a Bureau fugitive (Miami 88-7644), owns two Diamond taxi cabs and operates one himself. He requested that if anyone needed to recontact him that he not be recontacted at his home, but that the Diamond Cab number, FR 9-7575, be called, and requested that ZANG call a certain person at a certain number. He stated that he goes into service from approximately 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. ZANG stated that something has been bothering him, and he wanted to furnish the following information for whatever value it might have.

ZANG stated on 7/11/68, sometime around noon, he picked up a passenger at Leon's Bar, which is located at SW 8th St. and 70th Ave., Miami. He stated that the passenger had had a few drinks. He stated the passenger indicated through his conversation that he "disliked Negroes" and he also bragged about what had been done to ROBERT KENNEDY and to Reverend KING.

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He indicated that he had no employment other than "working with his buddies". He indicated that any time he needed money that he could go to the nearest GEORGE WALLACE Presidential headquarters and obtain same. The passenger requested to be taken to the GEORGE WALLACE headquarters, Hialeah, Fla., which is located at about 3rd or 4th Street, just off Palm Ave. The man went into the headquarters and after a while, came out and said the boss was not in and he could not get any money. The passenger then requested he be taken to Cooper's Ranch Motel located on SW 8th St. where he was staying in Room 5.

He was taken to this address, and in lieu of paying a \$15.10 taxi fare, he packed two suitcases and gave them in payment of the fare. He signed the receipt showing that he owed \$15.00, which receipt he signed "ERNEST F. SIMPSON". The passenger described as a white male, age 60, 5'11" - 6', 175 pounds, reddish hair turning to gray, very outspoken in a rather loud way, indicated he had been in the construction business in the past.

Above recorded for whatever action deemed necessary.

7/31/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel 4/19 and Bureau airtel to all
SACS, 7/16/68.

COST DATA - MIAMI DIVISION

I. Man Hours - Regular and Overtime

A. Special Agents

Regular	8 hrs. 8
Overtime	None

Total Agent Man Hours	8 8
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B. Clerical Employees

Regular	2 2
Overtime	None

Total Clerical Man Hours	2 2
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II. Total Mileage Traveled

50 miles

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III. Unusual or Out of Ordinary Cost

None

IV. Peak Number of Special Agents Working

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

FROM : SA DAVID N. JELLISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(44-8154)

KENSALT
(44-1880)

DATE: 7/31/68

Re memo of SA C. GRAHAM HURST dated 7/24/68.

On 7/25/68, D. LEE COOPER, owner and manger, Cooper's Ranch Motel, 7017 S.W. 8th Street, Miami, Florida, advised that ERNEST SIMPSON has been known to him for several years. He stated that SIMPSON is an alcoholic and has been arrested numerous times for drunkenness. He stated further that when drinking, SIMPSON is a "loud mouth and a braggart of many wild and exaggerated stories." At one time several years ago, SIMPSON was employed as a painter but has not held any steady employment of any type for many years.

COOPER is of the opinion that SIMPSON does not like Negroes. He has never known SIMPSON to openly or actively proceed against Negroes in any way. He does not believe that SIMPSON is associated with the WALLACE for President campaign and does not think SIMPSON is smart enough or stable enough to have had anything to do with the KING or KENNEDY assassinations.

COOPER advised that SIMPSON has no permanent address as he often sleeps where he falls when he is drunk, which is most of the time.

A white female named E. MOSLEY, whom COOPER also described as an alcoholic, rented Room 5 at

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Cooper's Ranch Motel from 7/5/68 to 7/12/68. She used so much profane language that COOPER asked her to leave on the 10th of July. Since she had paid her rent until 7/12/68, she gave the room to SIMPSON for the remaining two days in order to get even with COOPER for asking her to leave. She left no permanent address and COOPER does not know where she went or where she came from. When SIMPSON slept in Room 5 on 7/11 and 7/12/68, he did not register since the room was already paid for. COOPER has not seen him since and does not know his current whereabouts.

On 7/26/68, IC CLIFFORD M. WERNER reviewed the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Miami with reference to ERNEST F. SIMPSON. These records contain no information identifiable with SIMPSON.

On 7/26/68, IC WERNER reviewed the records of the Miami Beach PD with reference to SIMPSON. These records indicate SIMPSON was arrested for drunken driving on 2/1/63. On 2/22/63, he paid a \$125 fine as a result of this arrest and his license was suspended for three months. He was described as white male, born 7/19/12 at Greensboro, N.C. His eyes were listed as brown, his hair as gray, his height, 6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and his weight, 210 pounds.

On 7/29/68, IC WERNER reviewed the records of the Dade County Department of Public Safety with reference to SIMPSON. These records indicate he was arrested on 10/23/65 for drunk driving and was sentenced to nine months in the Dade County Jail on 11/2/65.

The Miami Municipal Court records indicate that SIMPSON was tried for drunkenness on 3/25/68 and received a 30-day sentence. He has been tried for drunkenness on at least 12 other occasions in the last five years and has received sentences ranging from fines to jail terms.

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Miami PD records were reviewed on the same date and list several arrests for SIMPSON, all for drunkenness.

In view of the fact that SIMPSON is obviously an alcoholic and a braggart and was, in fact, confined to jail in Miami, Florida, on 4/4/68, no further action is being taken with regard to SIMPSON.

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

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN. CR. X-Ref 157-2434*

IMMEDIATELY AFTER MURKIN OCCURRED, THE JACKSON DIVISION INITIATED IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECTS WITHIN THE JACKSON DIVISION INCLUDING BURRIS L. DUNN, JR., JOE DANIEL HAWKINS, AND J. L. HARPER, ALL OF WHOM ARE KNOWN TO THE BUREAU. INVESTIGATION THAT DATE INDICATED THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE IN THE CITY OF JACKSON.

ROBERT EARL WILSON, AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME WAS BEING SOUGHT BY HAWKINS, DUNN, AND HARPER, AS IT WAS KNOWN TO THEM THAT WILSON WOULD TESTIFY AGAINST THEM IN LOCAL BOMBING MATTERS AND FURTHER THAT WILSON HAD ELOPED WITH THE WIFE OF BURRIS L. DUNN, JR., AND TWO MINOR CHILDREN OF DUNN.

IT IS NOT CONCEIVABLE THAT WILSON COULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE THREE INDIVIDUALS IN ANY ACT AT THAT TIME.

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CONTINUOUS ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE THIS DATE TO LOCATE MRS. VERA BOUTWELL, PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL IN WHICH KATHLEEN MADLYN AINSWORTH WAS EMPLOYED AT THE TIME OF MURKIN. THESE HAVE MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AS BOUTWELL HAS BEEN UNAVAILABLE TODAY.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RALPH AINSWORTH, HUSBAND OF DECEASED AINSWORTH, HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL TO DATE DUE TO FACT AINSWORTH IS ON VACATION AND IS AT THIS TIME EN ROUTE TO THE CITY OF JACKSON FROM SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA.

EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF DECEASED AINSWORTH AT TIME MURKIN OCCURRED THROUGH BOUTWELL AND RALPH AINSWORTH.

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN. CR.

RE MIAMI AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JULY FIFTEEN, LAST, AND MIAMI AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JULY TWENTYFOUR AND TWENTYFIVE, LAST, CAPTIONED KATHLEEN MADLYN AINSWORTH, AKA; ET AL, ATTEMPTED BOMBING RESIDENCE OF MEYER DAVIDSON, TWO NINE ZERO FOUR THIRTYSIX ST., MERIDIAN, MISS., JUNE THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, BOMBING MATTERS.

FORMER SYMBOL INFORMANT WHO IS WILLIAM SOMERSETT, ~~FORMERLY KNOWN AS JACK SEVEN DASH SIX~~ NO LONGER CONTACTED BY THE MIAMI OFFICE, AND CHARACTERIZED AS HAVING FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, AND IN ADDITION HAS FURNISHED INFORMATION WHICH COULD NOT BE VERIFIED OR CORROBORATED, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS TODAY:

ON JULY THIRTYONE, LAST, MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA, MOTHER OF DECEASED, KATHLEEN AINSWORTH, CONTACTED HIM AND RELATED THE FOLLOWING.

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SHE IS UPSET AND DISTURBED WITH SIDNEY C. BARNES OF MOBILE, ALA., WHOSE WIFE, PAULINE, IS PRESENTLY AT THE HOME OF HER DECEASED DAUGHTER IN JACKSON, MISS. STATED SHE TOLD BARNES THE GUNS, PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO SOMERSETT, WERE THROWN IN THE OCEAN. STATED THERE IS A LOT OF DANGER IN THIS CASE, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, AND SHE WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH BARNES AND THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN HER DAUGHTER'S DEATH. STATED TARRANTS (THOMAS A. TARRANTS, III), HER DAUGHTER AND FOUR OTHER MEN, IDENTIFIED AS HAWKINS, DUNN, HARPER AND WILSON, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STATED AUTOMOBILE IN WHICH HER DAUGHTER WAS KILLED WAS USED WITH ONE OTHER CAR BY THOSE INVOLVED. STATED THEY USED RADIO EQUIPMENT AND KATHY HELPED IN JAMMING POLICE CALLS. STATED THEY HAD UNKNOWN COLORED MALE HELP TO "SET UP KING." SAID SHOOTING WAS FROM TREES AND BUSHES IN VICINITY OF HOTEL AND THAT JAMES EARL RAY MAY HAVE HELPED TO PURCHASE THE GUN, BUT RAY DID NOT DO THE SHOOTING. AFTER THE SHOOTING, THEY REMAINED IN MEMPHIS, TENN., UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY, WHEN THEY DEPARTED FOR ATLANTA, GA. KATHY AND TARRANTS THEN

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PROCEEDED TO SOUTH CAROLINA, WHERE THEY REMAINED ABOUT ONE WEEK PRIOR TO GOING TO MOBILE, ALA., AND THEN TO JACKSON, MISS.

IN FURTHER IDENTIFYING THE MEN INVOLVED, SHE SAID THEY ARE GOING TO TRIAL OR ARE CURRENTLY ON TRIAL THIS WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOMBING OF A REAL ESTATE OFFICE AND THAT THE POLICE INFORMANT IN THIS CASE REPORTEDLY RAN OFF WITH THE WIFE OF A KLANSMAN.

SOMERSETT ADVISED HE WAS UNABLE TO CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CAPOMACCHIA, WHO HE FEELS IS MENTALLY DISTURBED, AND HE HAS NO WAY OF EVALUATING THE INFORMATION, BUT IN VIEW OF THE TYPE OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, IT IS REMOTELY POSSIBLE TARRANTS AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN SOME WAY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF KING.

SOMERSETT ADVISED THAT HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH BARNES ON THE EVENING OF JULY THIRTYONE, LAST. BARNES ADVISED HE WAS LEAVING JACKSON, MISS., ON AUG. TWO, INST., AND REQUESTED SOMERSETT TO JOIN HIM. SOMERSETT DECLINED THE INVITATION AND RELATED THAT BARNES LIKES TO PUSH PEOPLE INTO THINGS WITHOUT BECOMING INVOLVED HIMSELF.

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MIAMI IS NOT IN A POSITION TO EVALUATE THE ABOVE INFORMATION, HOWEVER, IT IS NOTED THAT ANTHONY CAPOMACCHIA AND HIS WIFE, NORMA, WHO HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED IN MIAMI, INDICATE THAT MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA HAS A MENTAL PROBLEM.

UACB, JACKSON, THROUGH EMPLOYMENT RECORDS AND INTERVIEW WITH RALPH AINSWORTH, HUSBAND OF KATHLEEN, ESTABLISH THE WHEREABOUTS OF KATHLEEN AINSWORTH DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD DURING AND FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH ANY VALIDITY IN THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

JACKSON AND MOBILE SHOULD BE ALERT TO THE ACTIVITIES OF BARNES, WHO REPORTEDLY IS LEAVING FOR JACKSON TODAY.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MIAMI 44-1854
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

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RE MIAMI AND JACKSON TELS AUGUST TWO LAST.

JACKSON DIVISION HAS ACCOUNTED FOR WHEREABOUTS BURRIS DUNN,
JOE DANIEL HAWKINS, J. L. HARPER, AND KATHLEEN AINSWORTH, AND
HAS STATED IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT ROBERT EARL WILSON COULD HAVE
BEEN INVOLVED WITH THESE PERSONS ON DAY MARTIN LUTHER KING KILLED.

IN SPITE OF ABOVE, MIAMI SHOULD REINTERVIEW MARGARET
CAPOMACCHIA, MOTHER OF DECEASED AINSWORTH, FOR ANY AND ALL
INFORMATION WHICH SHE MAY HAVE IN HER POSSESSION INDICATING
THAT ANYONE CONSPIRED WITH SUBJECT RAY TO MURDER KING.

MIAMI SHOULD ACCOUNT FOR WHEREABOUTS CAPOMACCHIA ON APRIL
FOUR AND ASCERTAIN FROM HER WHAT SHE MAY KNOW ABOUT HER DAUGHTER'S
CONNECTION WITH THIS ALLEGED PLOT.

MIAMI SHOULD ADVISE BUREAU AND MEMPHIS OF ITS ESTIMATE
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OF CAPOMACCHIA'S PRESENT MENTAL CONDITION AND VERACITY.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC, JACKSON, AND SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. TWO LAST, AND MEMPHIS
TEL TO MIAMI, AUG. FIVE, LAST.

WILLIAM SOMERSETT, FORMER SYMBOL INFORMANT OF THE
MIAMI OFFICE, ADVISED TODAY AS FOLLOWS:

MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA, MOTHER OF KATHLEEN AINSWORTH,
CONTACTED HIM AND RELATED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING
THOMAS TARRANTS, III. STATED THAT AFTER ASSASSINATION OF
KING, TARRANTS PROCEEDED TO ATLANTA, GA., AND THEN TO THE
RESIDENCE OF MR. HENDERSON, WHO RESIDES NEAR TOPTON, N. C.
HENDERSON DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY,
DARK HAIR, FIVE FT. TEN IN., ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE LBS.,
OCCUPATION SALESMAN. TARRANTS REPORTEDLY STAYED WITH
HENDERSON FOR ONE WEEK, WHEN HENDERSON FELT TARRANTS WAS
GETTING TOO HOT AND TOLD HIM HE HAD TO LEAVE. TARRANTS

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REPORTEDLY DROVE TO ATLANTA, GA., AND THEN PROCEEDED TO MOBILE, ALA., WHERE HE REMAINED AT THE RESIDENCE OF SIDNEY BARNES FOR A PERIOD OF TEN DAYS, PRIOR TO RETURNING TO JACKSON, MISS.

MIAMI WILL INTERVIEW MRS. CAPOMACCHIA AS SOON AS SHE CAN BE LOCATED. IT IS NOTED THAT SOURCE HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT CAPOMACCHIA AT HER RESIDENCE AND WHEN SHE CONTACTS SOURCE, IT IS ALWAYS UNANNOUNCED AT SOURCE'S RESIDENCE. IN ADDITION, MRS. CAPOMACCHIA'S SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, WHO RESIDE IN MIAMI, HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT HER.

MEMPHIS AND JACKSON CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION RE POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT BY TARRANTS.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MOBILE AND CHARLOTTE.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MIAMI 44-1854, JACKSON, 157-9586
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST SIX INSTANT.

FOR INFORMATION MIAMI, MEMPHIS AND JACKSON ARE HOLDING IN
ABEYANCE ANY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONCERNING INFORMATION BEING
FURNISHED BY MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA PENDING MIAMI'S EXHAUSTIVE
INTERVIEW WITH CAPOMACCHIA. INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED TO
BUREAU BY A DISCREDITED INFORMANT AS COMING FROM A POSSIBLE MENTAL
CASE WHO HAS NO BEEN INTERVIEWED IS NOT SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER.

MIAMI SHOULD TAKE WHATEVER ACTION NECESSARY, INCLUDING
AROUND THE CLOCK SURVEILLANCES ON KNOWN HANGOUTS, IN ORDER TO
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CAPOMACCHIA. WHEN THIS HAS BEEN DONE, IF
IT IS THE OPINION OF YOUR OFFICE THAT HER INFORMATION WARRANTS
ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION YOU ARE REQUESTED TO THEN SET OUT LEADS
FOR SAME. AM COPIES TO ATLANTA, CHARLOTTE, MOBILE.

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CORR: PARA ONE, LINE SIX, WORD FOUR IS "NOT".

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), SAC JACKSON (157-9586) AND
SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. SIX, LAST, AND MEMPHIS
TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. SIX, LAST.

MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA LOCATED HOLLYWOOD, FLA., AND INTER-
VIEWED TODAY. AT OUTSET OF INTERVIEW, CAPOMACCHIA WAS
PLEASANT, COOPERATIVE AND FRIENDLY, HOWEVER, WHEN QUESTIONED
RE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SHE REFUSED TO
DISCUSS THE MATTER, SAYING SHE WANTED TO HEAR NOTHING
CONCERNING KING OR WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM. ALSO DECLINED TO
FURNISH HER WHEREABOUTS ON NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, LAST. SHE
DENIED KNOWING ANYONE BY THE NAME OF ALBERT TARRANTS, AS WELL
AS INDIVIDUALS BY THE NAMES OF HAWKINS, DUNN, HARPER AND
WILSON.

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STATED SHE HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERABLE STRESS AND STRAIN
AND HAS CONSTANT HEADACHES SINCE DEATH OF HER DAUGHTER. IN

- 1 - Atlanta (AM)
- 1 - Charlotte (AM)
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DISCUSSING ACTIVITIES OF HER DAUGHTER, KATHY, SHE STATED SHE WAS UNAWARE AS TO THE EXTENT KATHY WAS INVOLVED WITH INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN BOMBING MATTERS. SHE DESCRIBED HER DAUGHTER AS THE BEST FIFTH GRADE SCHOOL TEACHER IN THE UNITED STATES.

PRIOR INTERVIEWS WITH CAPOMACCHIA'S SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW INDICATE THAT CAPOMACCHIA HAS A MENTAL PROBLEM, BUT NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT SHE HAS BEEN IN A MENTAL INSTITUTION.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY CAPOMACCHIA WHEN CONTACTING INFORMANT, HAVE EXTENSIVE HATE TYPE BACKGROUNDS AND CAPABLE OF SERIOUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

MIAMI HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY INFORMANT, AS HE OBTAINED IT FROM CAPOMACCHIA. ALTHOUGH INFORMANT IS NOT BEING UTILIZED BY MIAMI, NO INFORMATION HAS EVER BEEN RECEIVED FROM HIM WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT HE IS FURNISHING FALSE INFORMATION.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BEING LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN, WHETHER THE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ALBERT TARRANTS WARRANTS ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BY THE MEMPHIS AND JACKSON OFFICES.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED ATLANTA, CHARLOTTE AND MOBILE.

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

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN. CR.

X Ref 157-2434

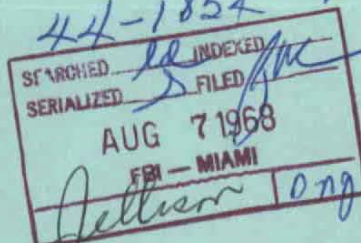
RE MIAMI TEL AUGUST TWO AND JACKSON TEL AUGUST TWO LAST.

RALPH AINSWORTH, HUSBAND OF THE DECEASED KATHLEEN MADLYN
advised late PM 8/3 last that he
AINSWORTH, AKA, RECALLED HIS WIFE CALLED HIM LATE AFTERNOON OF
APRIL FOUR LAST REPORTING THAT THE NEWS HAD REPORTED MARTIN LUTHER
KING HAD BEEN SHOT. LATER IN THE EVENING HE WAS WITH HIS WIFE
AND IS POSITIVE IN HIS OWN MIND SHE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS MURDER.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED MIAMI AND MOBILE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re Miami teletype to the Bureau, 8/2/68, setting forth information to Miami by WILLIAM SOMERSETT concerning MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA.

Mobile was requested to be alert as to activities of SIDNEY C. BARNES who reportedly was leaving for Jackson, Miss., 8/2/68.

SIDNEY CROCKETTE BARNES, 1379 East Rivera Drive, Mobile, Ala., is a bombing suspect of the Mobile Office and his activity has been covered in the past month by four different neighborhood sources. No information has been reported by these sources to indicate that BARNES was away from his residence just prior to or subsequent to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. These sources have furnished no information indicating that THOMAS A. TARRANTS, III or KATHLEEN AINSWORTH had stayed at the BARNES' residence.

In the late afternoon of 8/2/68, neighborhood source, Mrs. MARY LONGCRIER, 1382 East Riviera Drive, telephonically advised that at about 5:20 PM that date she had observed BARNES in his stationwagon which vehicle appeared to be packed as if BARNES was moving from the residence. She did not see Mrs. BARNES on that occasion.

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On the morning of 8/5/68, Mrs. LONGCRIER advised that BARNES had returned to his residence at 4 PM, Sunday, 8/4/68, and had left about 5 AM, 8/5/68, apparently enroute to work.

On 8/5/68, neighborhood source, Mrs. GERALDINE WILKINSON, 1383 East Riviera Drive, advised that both Mr. and Mrs. BARNES, according to Mrs. WILKINSON's daughter, were at their residence late in the afternoon of Sunday, 8/4/68, and left in their stationwagon which was loaded down. She had not seen them on the morning of 8/5/68.

It appears that BARNES may be moving, possibly to Miss., since he works in Miss. His activities are being followed in order to determine whether or not he moves and to determine any contacts which may have a bearing on this case.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Date 8-2-68

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Don Ferris McCall, Jr. 21 M 1 U 15 L 3 Wr	327, 089 B	3338	4092			Located Northridge, Calif., 7-17-68. (8-2-68)
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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

In view of the alleged mental condition of Mrs. Margaret Capomacchia, mother of Kathleen Ainsworth, and in view of the past performance of the informant, Miami should have no further contact with the former informant in regard to the information that Kathleen Ainsworth and five other individuals were involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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If any further information comes to your attention regarding this, you should notify the Bureau of same, submit your recommendations and take no further action.

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TO DIRECTOR, CHARLOTTE, JACKSON, AND MEMPHIS
FROM MIAMI (157-1164) 5P

ACQUISITION OF WEAPONS BY RACIAL EXTREMIST GROUPS. RACIAL
MATTERS.

RE MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR AND CHARLOTTE AUGUST SIX LAST,
AND JACKSON TEL TO DIRECTOR, AUGUST ONE LAST, CAPTIONED
"KATHLEEN MADYLN AINSWORTH, AKA (DECEASED); THOMAS ALBERT
TARRANTS, III, AKA; ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF MEYER
DAVIDSON, TWO NINE ZERO FOUR THIRTY SIXTH STREET, MERIDIAN,
MISSISSIPPI, JUNE THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT, BM".

FORMER MM SIX ZERO SEVEN DASH R ADVISED TODAY INFORMATION
OBTAINED FROM MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA, BASED ON HER CONTACT WITH
LAURA SULLINGER, WHO HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED TO SOURCE, SULLINGER
HAS WRITTEN LETTERS TO BYRON GARR, AKA, HORACE BYRON GAAR, NOW
IN TEXAS, AND (FNU) HENDERSON, FORMER MIAMI RESIDENT, NOW IN NORTH
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CAROLINA, REQUESTING THEY IMMEDIATELY REMOVE ARMS FROM HER PROPERTY IN NORTH CAROLINA. PROPERTY IS A FARM, POSSIBLY ONE HUNDRED ACRES, LOCATED BETWEEN TOPTON AND ANDREWS, N. C. PROPERTY HAS TWO OR MORE HOUSES, ONE UNFINISHED REPORTEDLY BUILT BY (FNU) HENDERSON. IN CHIMNEY OF THIS HOUSE AS WELL AS OTHER AREAS OF THE HOUSE ARE GUNS AND EXPLOSIVES. A SECOND HOUSE WITH APPLE TREE NEARBY ALSO CONTAINS WEAPONS, SOME REPORTEDLY BURIED NEAR TREE.

HENDERSON BELIEVED IDENTICAL TO JOHN A. HENDRIXSON.

MIAMI INDICES SHOW HENDRIXSON FORMERLY RESIDED FIVE EIGHT FIVE ONE S. W. FIFTY SECOND TERRACE, MIAMI, AND ON SEPTEMBER FOURTEEN SIXTY TWO, HENDRIXSON AND H. B. GAAR ATTENDED A PUBLIC RALLY OF THE NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY MEETING IN MIAMI.

HORACE BYRON GAAR, JR., DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, FIVE FEET, TEN AND ONE HALF INCHES, ONE FORTY FIVE, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, SELF-EMPLOYED PILOT, FORMER WIFE, ALMA GAAR. ASSOCIATES ARE BILLY GENE BETTS, A PILOT, AND NOAH JEFFERSON CARDEN. GAAR AND CARDEN ARRESTED MARCH TWENTY THREE, SIXTY FOUR BY ALCOHOL TAX UNIT, GEORGE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, FOR OPERATING ILLEGAL STILL.

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AT TIME OF ARREST HAD SEVERAL WEAPONS IN THEIR POSSESSION AND
LARGE SUPPLY OF HATE LITERATURE.

CHARLOTTE WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE FARM
REFERRED TO ABOVE WHICH MAY BE IN THE NAME OF FERRIS WOOD
AND LAURA SULLINGER, AND IF LOCATED, AFFORD APPROPRIATE COVERAGE
TO DETERMINE IF HENDRIXSON AND GAAR ATTEMPT TO REMOVE ARMS AND
EXPLOSIVES.

JACKSON FURNISH CHARLOTTE CURRENT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO
GAAR, INCLUDING TYPE OF AUTOMOBILE AND WHETHER HE HAS ACCESS TO
OR USING AN AIRPLANE.

FOR INFORMATION OF MEMPHIS, REFERENCED JACKSON TEL STATES
THAT A WORK ORDER FROM WHEEL ALIGNMENT CO., ASHVILLE, N. C.,
DATED JUNE TWENTY ONE WAS FOUND IN SIXTY SIX BUICK AT MERIDIAN
JUNE THIRTY.. MECHANIC AT ASHVILLE RECALLS ON JUNE TWENTY ONE,
A CUSTOMER, JOHN A. HENDRIXSON, FRANKLIN, N. C., BROUGHT A
CUSTOMER WITH A SIXTYSIX BUICK, DARK GREEN BODY, BLACK VINYL
TOP, MISS. LICENSE FROM JN, MISS. TO HIS SHOP. MECHANIC
POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF TARRANTS AS OPERATOR OF THIS
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VEHICLE. HENDRIXSON AND TARRANTS ACCOMPANIED BY THIRD MAN DESCRIBED WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY ONE, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, DARK HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION, MEDIUM BUILD, WEARING SPORT CLOTHES, AND A BOY ABOUT ELEVEN OR TWELVE YEARS OF AGE WHO SAID WAS A BROTHER TO THE THIRD MAN.

MEMPHIS SHOULD FURTHER EVALUATE THIS INFORMATION AS IT RELATES TO THE MURKIN CASE AND THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III, NOTING THAT ACCORDING TO SOURCE, TARRANTS ARRIVED IN NORTH CAROLINA TWO OR THREE DAYS FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF KING. HE REMAINED SEVEN OR EIGHT DAYS, THEN PROCEEDED TO MOBILE, ALABAMA. JACKSON LHM DATED JULY THIRTY LAST RE AINSWORTH REPORTED A BILL OF SALE DATED APRIL EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT WAS FOUND IN THE SIXTY SIX BUICK AT SCENE OF SHOOTING IN MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI ON JUNE THIRTY LAST, WHICH SHOWS TARRANTS WAS WITH SIDNEY BARNES AT THIS TIME.

MIAMI HAS NO INFORMATION RE TARRANTS' FUGITIVE STATUS DURING THE FIRST PART OF APRIL WHICH MAY HAVE SOME BEARING ON HIS
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ACTIVITIES.

JACKSON FURNISH MIAMI PHOTOGRAPH OF TARRANTS FOR EXHIBIT TO
MRS. SULLINGER, NOTING THAT TARRANTS MAY HAVE USED HER FARM
AS A HIDE-OUT.

HORACE BYRON GAAR SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS
BASED ON HIS PAST RECORD.

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CORR: PGE 2 - LN 9 - WD 4.....HENDRIXSON

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MARGARET CAPOMACCHIA, 2000 Jefferson Street, Hollywood, Florida, was interviewed at her residence. Prior to being interviewed, CAPOMACCHIA was appraised of the identities of LEONARD C. PETERSON and DAVID N. JELLISON as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). She was advised of her rights and furnished with an Advice of Rights and Waiver form, which she read, but declined to execute.

At the outset of the interview, CAPOMACCHIA was very pleasant, cooperative and friendly; however, when asked to discuss the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, she refused to do so. She said she wanted to hear nothing concerning KING or what happened to him. CAPOMACCHIA declined to furnish her whereabouts on the night of April 4, 1968.

CAPOMACCHIA denied knowing anyone by the name of THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, and said she had no knowledge of anyone named HAWKINS, DUNN, HARPER or WILSON.

CAPOMACCHIA stated further that she has been under severe stress and strain since the death of her daughter KATHY. She stated further that since her daughter died, she has had a constant headache.

While discussing the activities of her daughter, CAPOMACCHIA advised she was unaware of the extent of KATHY's involvement with individuals connected with bombing matters. She went on to describe her daughter as the best fifth grade school teacher in the United States.

CAPOMACCHIA declined to furnish any background information with regard to herself or her family.

On 8/7/68 at Hollywood, Florida

File # Miami 174-363

by SAs DAVID N. JELLISON and LEONARD C. PETERSON

Date dictated 8/12/68

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TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-922)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-494)(P)

SUBJECT: ACQUISITION OF WEAPONS BY
RACIAL EXTREMIST GROUPS
RM

Re Jackson airtel to Charlotte, 8/12/68.

The Mobile Office currently has four neighborhood sources who reside in the close proximity to the residence of SIDNEY CROCKETT BARNES at 1379 E. Riviera Dr., Mobile, Ala., and who are in a position to furnish information concerning his whereabouts. The residence of this subject is in a secluded area and close visual observation of visitors is extremely difficult due to the heavy shrubbery on the property. These sources have reported continuously BARNES' presence at his residence, and on 8/20/68, Mrs. MARY LONGCRIER, 1382 E. Riviera Dr., reported BARNES' presence at his residence and also reported that a second individual was conversing with BARNES and was evidently intending to stay the night at the BARNES' residence. It is to be noted that the Miami Office had previously advised Mobile that WILLIAM SOMERSETT, former MM 607-R, contemplated a visit to BARNES in Mobile on this date. It is further to be noted that SOMERSETT advised that he had received a letter from BARNES in which BARNES stated that he

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(1-157-51)(1-157-9586)
- 1 - Charlotte (Info)
- 4 - Miami (1-44-1854)(1-157-918) *det*
(1-157-1164)(1-170-1) *det*
- 5 - Mobile (2-157-494)
(1-157-517)(1-157-528)
(1-174-71)

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was contemplating moving in the near future to 5605 Plemon Dr., Jackson, Miss. The neighborhood sources have reported during the past weeks that BARNES has been loading boxes and clothing in the rear of his personally owned station wagon and has been taking them with him each morning as he drives to work, returning to his home in the evening with an empty car.

A review of the files of the Mobile Office fails to reflect current information concerning NOAH JEFFERSON CARDEN, but reflects that on 12/15/67 he operated a night club in Mobile called Jeff's Smokehouse, and resided at the time at 2359 W. Hollwood Rd., Mobile. CARDEN was observed in the Mobile area on 8/19/68 by members of the Mobile PD Intelligence Unit.

The current residence and employment of NOAH JEFFERSON CARDEN will be ascertained.

A review of the files of the Mobile Office fails to reflect any information concerning HORACE BYRON GAAR, JR., and there is no record of his having been in the Mobile area. As of late 1965 the whereabouts of GAAR were unknown at the Mobile Office, and no information has come to their attention indicating his present whereabouts.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel 4/19/68, and Bureau airtel
to All SACs, 7/16/68.

COST DATA - MIAMI DIVISION

I. Man Hours - Regular and Overtime

A. Special Agents

Regular	8 hrs.
Overtime	None
Total Agent Man Hours	8

B. Clerical Employees

Regular	2
Overtime	None
Total Clerical Man Hours	2

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II. Total Mileage Traveled

20 miles

III. Unusual or Out of Ordinary Cost

None

IV. Peak Number of Special Agents Working

Three

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (C)  DATE: 9/3/68

FROM : SA DAVID N. JELLISON

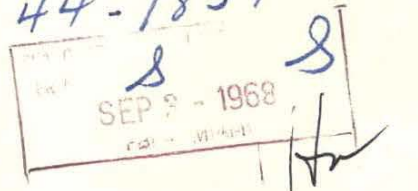
SUBJECT: MURKIN

In view of the fact that all leads set forth by the Bureau, the office or origin, and other field offices in this matter have been covered, it is suggested that this case be placed in a closed status.



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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN *Kref 157-2434**

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Miami is one xerox copy of a letter addressed to the Shelby County Sheriff, Memphis, Tenn., from DONALD LEE MITCHELL, who is an inmate of the Collier County jail, Naples, Fla.

According to the contents of this letter, MITCHELL states he has some information of value re JAMES EARL RAY that would be of interest to the Sheriff. Also in this letter, MITCHELL indicates that he wants "something out of the deal as well."

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MIAMI DIVISION

AT NAPLES, FLA.

Will UACB interview inmate DONALD LEE MITCHELL, Collier County jail, to determine if he does have any pertinent information re the MURKIN investigation. No promises should be made to MITCHELL nor should any deals be entered into.

Memphis indices negative as to whether MITCHELL was interviewed by any division re MURKIN matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 44-1854

Miami, Florida
October 2, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

On September 30, 1968, DONALD LEE MITCHELL was interviewed at his request at the Collier County Jail, Naples, Florida.

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Date October 2, 1968

DONALD LEE MITCHELL was interviewed at the Collier County Jail at his request. Prior to the interview, he was advised of his rights as reflected on an executed waiver of rights form.

MITCHELL furnished the following statement in his own handwriting:

"September 30, 1968

"I, DONALD LEE MITCHELL, make the following statement to Special Agent ERNEST HARRISON, JR., whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"In 1961, I had the opportunity to meet one JAMES EARL RAY. I was introduced by a friend of mine by the name of HAWKS, who was doing twenty four (24) years. He was from New Madrid, Missouri, not far from my home town of Kennett.

"He informed RAY that I was about the last of the good convicts. RAY said he was pleased to meet me, because the big city boys from St. Louis, and K.C., Mo. were turning out to be a bunch of 'punks'. This was the Mo. State Pen, Jefferson City, Mo.

"RAY was the quiet type of guy. He had very little to say to convicts or guards for that matter. I seen him every now and then, but didn't ask many question. We had used a little dope together, but that was all.

"RAY showed great contempt for the colored convicts, as he very seldom talked to them except on business deals for dope or money. He was always telling me how the boys from St. Louis

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On 9/30/68 at Naples, Florida File # Miami 44-1854
by SA ERNEST HARRISON, JR./mgc Date dictated 10/2/68

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"and K.C. always kissed their (Obscene #1) _____.
He said he never would, because if it hadn't
been for LINCOLN they would still be shining
his shoes.

"I was released from prison on August 21,
1962. And never heard from RAY until, 1966.

"In June 4, 1965, I received two (2)
years from Butler County, Mo. After thirty
(30) days in quarantine I was sent to Church
Farm, (one of the prison farm (which is honor)).

"Later in January, 1966, I was trans-
ferred back to the walls to complete the rest
of my time.

"I was placed in Food Service and there
I remained until by release of June 1, 1966,
from the Missouri State Penitentiary, at
Jefferson City, Mo.

"On, or around the middle of February,
1966, I came in contact with JAMES EARL RAY
again. He explained that it was nice to see
me and that he had a good deal for me.

"He wanted to know if I would do him
and myself a big favor; so I said yes; any-
thing to help a friend.

"When he first mentioned escape I thought
he wanted me to leave with him, but I quickly
explained that I got out on June 1, 1966, that
year. He said no, I want you to help me.

"Than after I make it I'll wait on you in
St. Louis. He asked me how I would like to
make a lot of money so I said doesn't everyone.
But I explained I had this girl friend in
Tennessee, who was waiting on me, but he let
me know that it really didn't make any
difference at all.

"So I wanted to know what his plans were. This is how RAY, explained it to me. Some people (friends in St. Louis) fixed it with some one in Philadelphia, for him to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

"I told RAY I didn't want to get mixed up in it. So he let me know real politely that I was already in it only didn't realise it yet. An I couldn't get out unless I wanted it. Than I agreed to go along, after I heard this. Also he told me I was coming up there to the pen, for chicken feed, was I afraid to get ahead? I told him no, but killing KING, we couldn't get away with.

"RAY told me not to worry about a thing. Also how did a grand some of Fifty Thousand (50,000) dollars sound to me? I said great, but what if we get caught? He explained we wouldn't and if we did we would get out of it with a fixer lawyer, besides who in the South like "Niggers"??

"RAY also said after we get KING, we'll beable to get more for one of the KENNEDY's. I said that the Kennedy Family had done more for the United States, than anyone ever had. He said they were like KING, a bunch of Cominists all of them and that in the way they wanted people to believe, an I did.

"RAY said: Take that punk J.F.K. (meaning JOHN F. KENNEDY, Late President) for instants, he made you eat with a nigger on the streets didn't he? He made you live by them, go to school with them. So how is he so great? I said, that a change had to come and we had better be ready for one. RAY got mad at me and said not as long as I can kill one of the (Obscene #2) . I seen he was angry, so I told him, I guess he was right about it. He said, he knew he was and would get KING to prove it.

"At this time I wanted to know how, JAMES EARL RAY, planned to escape from the walls, of the Mo. State Pen.

"This is how it was to be done. RAY would leave his cell in the month of April, or approx. for the show. He would than have his bed fixed so as a gaurd would not discover him missing. Than I came into the picture:

"RAY was to place himself on top of the main kitchen, where I worked. Than at 2:30 AM I was to send him food and cigarettes, with a jar of water. He was to remain there for about three days, after that I was to get some kind of pills he gave me into the coffee that was to be sent to the Gauard Towers.

"After that he would wait until they were asleep and he would go over the wall. He had someone, by the name of VINCE or VINCESON waiting on him from St. Louis, Mo.

"RAY continued to pass me notes, on the matter up until the night he plan to leave.

"The first note read: DON L. don't let me down if you do you know the score. But you won't!

"The second was. Tear these notes up and flush them! Say can't you just see all that money for one lousey Nigger? We will live in style and travle the world. You can bring your girl along. Your Pal JIM.

"#No. Three: 'Pal, the time has grown near, so all is left is the wait. I think April 12, is a good day, or do you believe Lucky 13. Smile friend, JIM.'

"The last note was: