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4-14 PM URGENT 4-29-68 JTT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI , JACKSONVILLE, AND NORFOLK
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365)(P) 3P

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NORFOLK, APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST,
BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS APRIL TWENTYSIX, LAST, AND NORFOLK
TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND CHARLOTTE APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

RE: JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD

PERUTEL TO NORFOLK ADVISED REVIEW OF BUFILE ON KING
REVEALED IT WAS REPORTED THAT JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD, SUFFOLK,
VA., HAD REPORTED THREE WHITE MEN FROM TYNER, NC, OFFERED HIM
SHOTGUN AND RIFLE TO SHOOT KING WHEN HE SPOKE AT SUFFOLK, VA.,
ON JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. AT TIME THIS
INFORMATION RECEIVED, IT WAS INDICATED SMALLWOOD WAS CONSIDERED
INTELLIGENT AND VERY DEPENDABLE. BUREAU ADVISED ALTHOUGH RAY
HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ASSAILANT INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE
CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF SMALLWOOD OR ANY OF THE THREE PERSONS
WHO CONTACTED HIM SHOULD BE IMPLICATED AS CONSPIRATORS.

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BR MP
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ON APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, IT WAS DETERMINED AT SUFFOLK, VA., THAT SMALLWOOD AND FAMILY LEFT AREA IN SIXTYFOUR AND RETURNED TO WIFE'S RELATIVES IN CARE OF HERBERT MODLIN, ROUTE ONE, TYNER, N.C.

CE FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH THREE NINE SIX REFLECTS HORACE WILLARD MODLIN, SELDON BASS, AND IONAS HENDRICKS, AKA. MAC, AS CHOWAN COUNTY, NC, RESIDENTS, CONFIDENTIALLY IDENTIFIED BY SMALLWOOD IN SIXTYTHREE AS PERSONS WHO OFFERED HIM SHOTGUN AND RIFLE TO SHOOT KING AT SUFFOLK, VA., IN SIXTYTHREE.

ON APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, SHERIFF H. EARL GOODWIN, CHOWAN COUNTY, EDENTON, NC, ADVISED THREE WHITE MALES MENTIONED ABOVE STILL RESIDENTS OF CHOWAN COUNTY AND BELIEVED TO BE IN AREA DURING MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST THROUGH APRIL FOUR LAST. GOODWIN ADVISED HE WOULD CONTACT CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES RE BASS AND HENDRICKS AND VERIFY ABOVE.

ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, HERBERT MODLIN, ROUTE ONE, TYNER, NC, ADVISED SMALLWOOD MARRIED TO HIS SISTER AND BOTH RESIDE ONE ZERO SEVEN ONE ZERO WAKE FOREST ROAD (HIGHLAND SECTION), JACKSONVILLE, FLA., AND EMPLOYED AT THE SOUTHSIDE SHIPYARD, JACKSONVILLE. MODLIN ADVISED SMALLWOOD HAS RESIDED IN JACKSONVILLE ABOUT FIVE YEARS.

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ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, HORACE MODLIN, BROTHER OF HERBERT MODLIN AND WIFE OF SMALLWOOD, CONTACTED AT RESIDENCE OF HERBERT. MODLIN ADVISED EMPLOYED LIPTON TEA CO., SUFFOLK, VA.,

ON APRIL TWENTYNINE, SHERIFF EARL GOODWIN ADVISED IONAS HENDRICKS IS FARMER IN TYNER, NC, AND SELDON BASS IS SELFEMPLOYED CARPENTER FROM ROCKY HOOK SECTION OF CHOWAN COUNTY, NC. GOODWIN SAID HIS SOURCE DETERMINED THAT BOTH HENDRICKS AND BASS WERE IN CHOWAN COUNTY DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. HE SAID HENDRICKS, PARTICULARLY, HAD PLANTING RESPONSIBILITIES AND UNABLE TO LEAVE FARM DURING THIS TIME.

JACKSONVILLE AT JACKSONVILLE, VERIFY EMPLOYMENT OF SMALLWOOD AT SOUTHSIDE SHIPYARD DURING PERTINENT PERIOD OR OTHERWISE ELIMINATE HIM AS CO-CONSPIRATOR.

NORFOLK, AT SUFFOLK, VA., VERIFY EMPLOYMENT OF HORACE MODLIN AT LIPTON TEA COMPANY, SUFFOLK, VA., DURING PERTINENT PERIOD TO ELIMINATE HIM AS CO-CONSPIRATOR.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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CXP 437 PM URGENT 4/29/68 CAB

TO ALL SACS - DELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE TO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE SIXTY-SEVEN.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAPIDLY ESTABLISHING RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGALS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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JMW

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SF PD - McHabb

Ches PD - Ray

VB & NF - Flanders

NN RA - ~~Lawrence~~ ^{Buppel} ^{advocates}

all may be possible search records at all

Lead to

4/30/68 SPB

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Flanders

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Norfolk

DATE: April 29, 1968

JEM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 30.

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.



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*sent by
Mrs. Lambert*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA WALTER R. KOBALL

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SPC JAMES C. ^APOCKER, dated 4/20/68.

On 4/20/68, ANDY NESKIS, owner, White House Grill, 443 Granby Street, Norfolk, Virginia, advised that on 4/16/68, he cashed a check for an individual who identified himself as D. WHIRTH, who was accompanied by another individual known to NESKIS as DANNY E. LEBER, 1115 West Poplar Street, York, Pennsylvania.

NESKIS was hesitant about cashing this check, so WHIRTH gave him the title to a 1955 Buick automobile as security.

WHIRTH and LEBER told NESKIS that they were working in the Norfolk area, as "roofers", and were living at 244 Freemason Street, Norfolk.

On 4/20/68, NESKIS was looking at a newspaper, and saw the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and felt that WHIRTH somewhat resembled RAY.

On 4/22/68, NESKIS was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and WALTER TERRY RIFE. After viewing these photographs, NESKIS advised that neither WHIRTH nor LEBER resembled RAY or RIFE.

On the same date, Mr. and Mrs. FREDERICK C. HAND, 244 Freemason Street, Norfolk, advised that there had been two young men living at their rooming house at that address, until about two days ago when they were evicted. The HANDS advised that these men were about 25 years of age, and were working in the Norfolk area as "roofers". When registering at the rooming house, one individual identified himself as (FNU) RUBY, and the other as (FNU) DALLAS.

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One individual was about 5'7" tall, and the other about 6'1" tall.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and WALTER TERRY RIFE were shown to the HANDS and they were absolutely sure that neither of the above described individuals resembled either RAY or RIFE.

The following investigation concerning captioned case, was also conducted on 4/22/68 at Norfolk, Virginia:

D.N. RUDISILL, Investigator, INS, Norfolk, Virginia was provided with 75 copies of the identification order for JAMES EARL RAY. RUDISILL advised that appropriate stops would be placed with INS concerning RAY and all of his known aliases, and that they identification orders would be distributed to all steam shipmlines as well as investigative personnel of INS in Norfolk, Virginia.

HARRY GARBIS, Customs, Agent In Charge, Customs House, Norfolk, Virginia, was provided with several copies of an identification order for JAMES EARL RAY. GARBIS advised that he is in charge of the enforcement aspect of customs, and would alert all of his agents regarding RAY. Appropriate stops were put on RAY and all of his known aliases.

H. SINGLETON GARRETT, District Director, Customs Bureau, Customs ~~House~~, Norfolk, Virginia, was given several copies of the identification order for JAMES EARL RAY. GARRETT advised that he would distribute these identification orders among his inspectors, and would place appropriate stops on RAY and all of his known aliases.

MILTON M. MIDGETT, Shipping Commissioner, U.S. Coast Guard, Customs House, Norfolk, Virginia, was provided with copies of the identification order for JAMES EARL RAY. MIDGETT advised that appropriate stops would be placed upon RAY, and all of his known aliases.

MIDGETT advised that all individuals seeking seaman's papers would have to apply at his office. He is also in charge of seamen on foreign articles, and sees those that sign on or are paid off in Norfolk for overseas journeys.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268) (P)
MURKIN - COST DATA
NORFOLK DIVISION
(APRIL, 1968)
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Memphis airtel to Albany, 4/19/68.

The following is a breakdown of the Norfolk cost data for instant matter for April, 1968:

- 1) Number of man hours spent on case:

	A. <u>Special Agents</u>	B. <u>Clerical Employees</u>
Regular	252	31
Overtime	<u>29</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	281	32

- 2) Total mileage traveled on case:

1,587

- 3) Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs:

None.

- 4) Peak number of SA's working on case during month:

18 - on 4/10/68.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re San Antonio airtel 4/23/68 and Norfolk airtel
4/26/68.

RE: JIMMY RAY BUNDY

On 4/25/68, BUNDY was located and interviewed at
Greenville, N.C., and was determined not to be identical
with JAMES EARL RAY.

Insert being furnished Memphis by separate communication.

3 - Bureau
1 - San Diego (44-387)
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Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM: *[Signature]* SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of all Agents, JAMES EARL RAY, aka, was last known to be in Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/23/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 3/23/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

All offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/22/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 3/23/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA FREDERICK A. JOHNS

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re New York teletype to Baltimore, Dallas, El Paso, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Richmond, and WFO.

SA FREDERICK A. JOHNS, El Paso Division, today advised as follows:

For the information of offices not receiving previous information, Mrs. DONOVAN, Woodside, (protect identity) 309 Elmwood Drive, Edmond, Oklahoma, was reinterviewed and IO 4182 displayed to her. Mrs. DONOVAN said individual she saw on American Airlines Flight 338 from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia, Pa., on 4/6/68 very strongly resembled RAY and she believed him to be identical with RAY. She stated she first noticed this individual in Love Field Terminal, American Airlines waiting area, a few moments prior to boarding this flight. Mrs. DONOVAN could not locate her ticket stub, but believed she occupied Seat 14-C, an aisle seat on the left side of the plane in the tourist section, and that the above individual occupied the aisle seat one row up on the right. Mrs. DONOVAN said this individual did not get off the plane when it landed at Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Md., and did not converse with anyone on the plane, and carried no luggage. She informed that he deplaned at Philadelphia, Pa., and she lost sight of him when her husband met her at the airport.

According to American Airlines, one Mrs. WEBB, area code 915, telephone number 565-5530, was on the plane in the tourist class. This telephone number listed to Sergeant WILLIE WEBB, JR., 3910 Taft, El Paso, Texas, according to the telephone directory.

SAM STEWART, 112th M. I. Group, advised on 5/1/68 that Sergeant WILLIE WEBB, JR. was separated from the U.S. Army on 4/6/68 and gave as forwarding address #1 Tillerson, Newport News, Virginia.

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NORFOLK DIVISION

At Newport News, Virginia Will interview
Mrs. WEBB, #1 Tillerson, Newport News, to determine if she
can identify any individual on American Airlines Flight,
described above, 4/6/68, as identical with subject JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FBI KNOXVLE

916 PM 5/2/68 DEFERRED RNP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CLEVELAND, MEMPHIS AND RICHMOND.
AND NORFOLK.

FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696) PAGES 6

MULKIN. CR. OO:MEMPHIS.

RE BOSTON TEL TO BUREAU, KNOXVILLE AND MEMPHIS,
MAY ONE LAST, WHICH REFERENCED RICHMOND TEL TO BOSTON
APRIL THIRTY LAST, RE SUSPECT FRANK G. NILES.

INVESTIGATION AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN. DETERMINED
FRANCIS HENRY NILES, AKA. FRANK H. NILES, WM, BORN

IS FATHER

MRS FRANKLIN EDWARDS (CECILIA NILES) LEWIS, FIVE
FIVE ZERO NINE PINE LAWN AVE., CHATTANOOGA. LEWIS HIGHLY
RESPECTED FACULTY MEMBER AT PROMINENT PRIVATE PREP SCHOOL,
THE MC CALLIE SCHOOL, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

LEWIS STATED NILES IS CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC, PSYCHOPATHIC
SCHIZOPHRENIA WHO

PAST TWENTY YEARS OR MORE. NILES DIVORCED HIS
WIFE TWENTY YEARS AGO AND NOT REPORTED TO HAVE HAD ANY
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*Flander advised
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CONTACT WITH DIVORCED WIFE, MRS MILDRED (R.J.) AUSTIN,
ROUTE SEVEN, PENSACOLA, FLA.; DAUGHTER, MRS. FLOEIS
(LNU), PHOENIXVILLE, PA., OR SON, ROBERT HARVELLE, ADDRESS
UNKNOWN. HE HAS MADE VERY LIMITED IRREGULAR VISITS
WITH DAUGHTER, MRS. CECILIA LEVIE, OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS.
THESE VISITS LAST FROM A FEW HOURS TO NO MORE THAN TWO
OR THREE DAYS.

NILES BECAME MEMBER OF AMERICAN NAZI PARTY (ANP)
ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY TWO AND ASSOCIATED CLOSELY WITH GEORGE
LINCOLN ROCKWELL FROM THAT DATE UNTIL ABOUT TIME OF
ROCKWELL'S DEATH. NILES WAS GENERAL FLUNKY OF ANP AND
SERVED AS ROCKWELL'S VALET AND COOK. NILES LEFT ANP,
ARLINGTON, VA., WHERE HE HAD BEEN LIVING IN SPRING OF
NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. NILES WAS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], OREGON AVENUE, LORAIN, OHIO, FOR [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ENTIRE SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN. [REDACTED]
DURING THIS PERIOD WAS DR. (FNU) FIECKS OF LORAIN, OHIO.
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ON [REDACTED] FEB [REDACTED] LAST AUGUST, SIXTY SEVEN, NILES VISITED LEWIS IN CHATTANOOGA FOR TWO OR THREE DAY PERIOD. LEWIS DID NOT HEAR FROM NILES FROM AUG. SIXTY SEVEN, UNTIL HE APPEARED UNANNOUNCED CHATTANOOGA ON JAN. TEN LAST. NILES REPORTED HE HAD BEEN LIVING AT AMP HEADQUARTERS, DALLAS, TEXAS. NILES REMAINED IN DRUNKEN STUPOR AT HOTEL PLAZA, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., JAN. TEN TO NIGHT OF JAN. THIRTEEN LAST, WHEN MR. LEWIS PAID HIS HOTEL BILL, PURCHASED BUS TICKET AND PLACED NILES ON BUS ENROUTE ARLINGTON, VA. WITHIN FEW DAYS FOLLOWING HIS DEPARTURE, LEWIS RECEIVED INFORMATION NILES [REDACTED], EASTERN STATE [REDACTED], [REDACTED], WILLIAMSBURG, VA., WHERE HE REPORTEDLY WAS STILL [REDACTED] AS OF MAY TWO INSTANT. ✓

LEWIS ADVISED HE AND WIFE RESIDED GRAND BAY, ALA., MAY, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE UNTIL SEPT. SIXTY-SIX, WHERE LEWIS EMPLOYED AS TEACHER. ON FEW OCCASIONS DURING THIS

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PERIOD, ROCKWELL, NILES AND CURRENT LEADER OF ANP, KAYLE (PHONETIC), WOULD STOP BY LEWIS' RESIDENCE FOR NILE TO HAVE BRIEF VISIT WITH HIS DAUGHTER. LEWIS STATES DOES NOT BELIEVE NILES CAPABLE OF RESORTING TO TO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE BUT HAS INDICATED REPEATEDLY HE WANTS TO BE MARTYR. LEWIS FIRMLY BELIEVES NILES WANTS TO BE KILLED AS MARTYR FOR SOME CAUSE. NILES WAS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

LEWIS AND WIFE HAVE CONTINUALLY BEEN EMBARRASSED BY NILES FOR NUMBER OF YEARS AND ON LAST VISIT, JAN., SIXTY-EIGHT, WOULD NOT PERMIT HIM IN THEIR RESIDENCE. LEWIS COULD ONLY FURNISH GENERAL INFORMATION RE NILES ACTIVITIES. ALTHOUGH LEWIS MARRIED CECILIA NILES IN NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT, HE DID NOT MEET NILES UNTIL ABOUT SIXTY-TWO OR SIXTY-THREE. LEWIS STATES ANY DISCUSSION WITH HIS WIFE, NILES' DAUGHTER, PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISTRESSES HER. LEWIS REQUESTED THAT HIS WIFE NOT BE

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INTERVIEWED RE NILES. LEWIS VERY COOPERATIVE BUT DOES NOT WANT TO CAUSE HIS WIFE ANY MORE GRIEF OVER ACTIVITIES OF HER FATHER AND DEFINITELY DOES NOT WANT INQUIRY AT CHATTANOOGA THAT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THEIR GOOD REPUTATION AND HIS EMPLOYMENT.

LEWIS STATED NILES HAD PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOP IN UNKNOWN CITY DURING WORLD WAR 11, THEN SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN ALASKA FOLLOWING WORLD WAR 11, ALSO REPORTED TO BE LEADING SALESMAN IN U.S. FOR AMERICAN CORPORATION, SELLING ENCYCLOPEDIAS IN VICINITY OF CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI, OHIO, NINETEEN SIXTY-ONE OR SIXTY-TWO. HE THEN [REDACTED] FOLLOWING WHICH HE JOINED ANP ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO OR SIXTY-THREE.

REGISTRATION CAR, HOTEL PLAZA, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., REFLECTS NILES REGISTERED AS FRANK H. NILES, THREE FIVE ZERO SIX LINDERWOOD AVE., DALLAS, TEXAS, ARRIVING NINE TWENTY-EIGHT P.M. JAN. TEN LAST AND DEPARTING TEN THIRTY TWO P.M. JAN. THIRTEEN LAST.

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CLEVELAND AT LORAIN, OHIO, REVIEW RECORDS AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND INTERVIEW DR. (FNU) FIECKE RE NILES.

RICHMOND AT WILLIAMSBURG, VA., WILL VERIFY FACT
FRANK R. NILES HAS BEEN [REDACTED] AT EASTERN STATE [REDACTED],
WILLIAMSBURG, FROM JAN. LAST TO PRESENT. DETERMINE FROM
[REDACTED] AND REVIEW OF RECORDS ALL AVAILABLE
INFORMATION RE BACKGROUND AND [REDACTED]. NOTE:
REFERENCED BOSTON TELETYPE ADVISED BUREAU INSTRUCTS CURRENT
WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES OF NILES FOR PAST FEW MONTHS
BE DETERMINED AND CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN RE POSSIBILITY
NILES COULD BE CO-CONSPIRATOR THIS CASE.

NO INVESTIGATION REQUESTED OF DALLAS.

BASED ON FACT NILES HAS BEEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JAN. LAST TO PRESENT, NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION
BEING CONDUCTED KNOXVILLE DIVISION RE THIS MATTER.

DACS, MRS. CECILIA NILES WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED RE HER
FATHER AS REQUESTED BY MR. LEWIS.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO DALLAS.

NILES HAS SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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FOR INFORMATION NORFOLK AND DALLAS, IN MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR, CHARLES BOSE, SHERIFF, KENTON, OHIO, STATED FRANK G. NILES MADE INQUIRY CONCERNING PURCHASE OF SNIPER'S RIFLE AND ALSO COMMENTED HE WOULD KILL KING IF IT WOULD PREVENT INTEGRATION. FRANK G. NILES BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH FRANK. NILES, FORMER AND MEMBER, WHO WAS EXPELLED BECAUSE OF EXCESSIVE DRINKING.

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SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)

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SA FREDERICK A. JOHNS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NORFOLK (44-268) P

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA JOHN B. MCNABB

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Charlotte teletype to Bureau dated 4/29/68

On 4/30/68, Mrs. MYRA DODD, Personnel Manager, Lipton Tea Company, Holland Road, Suffolk, Va., advised that HORACE WILLARD MODLIN has been employed at this plant since 6/2/64 in the Production Department.

DODD further advised that MODLIN, according to company records, has been present for work on every work day during March and April, 1968.

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TO : SAC, NORFOLK
FROM : SAC, NEWARK (44-854)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Newark teletype to Norfolk, 4/17/68, concerning
MARJORIE FETTERS

Referenced teletype set forth information that FETTERS was interviewed by an agent of the Norfolk Office some time ago under the name of MARJORIE JONES.

In recontacting her, among other things, she advised that approximately six (6) years ago she was employed as a car-hop near one of the military bases at Norfolk, Virginia. She had traveled to Norfolk from Baltimore with a JERRY SATERFIELD (phonetic). Upon trying to leave SATERFIELD, he would not give her her possessions and as a result she contacted the police department.

The police contacted her and she thought perhaps an FBI agent was with the police, however, she stated she could not be certain. During contact with the police, she was questioned as to whether or not she was a prostitute, which she denied. She eventually got her clothes from SATERFIELD and left him.

The above is furnished to Norfolk in the event the indices are negative as she was not certain that the FBI did contact her in Norfolk.

2-Norfolk
2-Newark
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Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, EL PASO
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)(P)
MURKIN

Re El Paso telephone call of SA FREDERICK A. JOHNS to Norfolk, 5/1/68

On 5/1/68, WILLIE WEBB, JR., and his wife ERNESTINE WEBB were contacted by SA LARRY J. DAVIS at their residence, #1 Tillerson, Newport News, Virginia.

They advised that they boarded American Airlines Flight 338 at Dallas, Texas, on 4/6/68, en route to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They occupied the two tourist seats at the back edge of the right wing next to the window. A Negro male occupied the third seat next to them in the tourist section.

They were shown photos of JAMES EARL RAY and they stated he was totally unfamiliar to them. They advised that in reality they could not describe any of the other passengers as they paid little attention to them.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)(P)
MURKIN
RE: SUSPECT JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD

Re Charlotte teletype to Bureau, 4/29/68

On 4/30/68, Mrs. MYRA DODD, Personnel Manager, Lipton Tea Company, Holland Road, Suffolk, Virginia, was contacted by SA JOHN B. MCNABB regarding HORACE WILLARD MODLIN. She stated that MODLIN has been employed at their plant since 6/2/64, in the Production Department. She further advised that MODLIN, according to company records, has been present for work on every work day during March and April, 1968.

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1- Charlotte (44-1365)(info)
1- Jacksonville (info)
1- Memphis (44-1987)(info)
1- Norfolk
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Dear Sirs;

I would appreciate if you would
send me copies of files number 442
and 442-A. I know nothing of the
case. I would like to have them for
personal reasons.

Thank you,
James J. Gregory
P.O. Box 623
Newport News, Va 22669

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James J. Gregory
P.O. Box 623
Newport News, Va 23607



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Washington, D.C.

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Date: 5-2-68

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✓ To: SAC, Norfolk

✓ From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re James F. Gregory.

Enclosed for Norfolk are two copies of a post card from Gregory (no date and not postmarked) requesting that copies of wanted fliers #442 and #442A be furnished to him. One copy of the post card is enclosed for Memphis.

Norfolk should locate and interview Gregory to determine his reason for wanting the wanted fliers and to establish if he has any knowledge concerning this case.

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1 - Memphis (Enc.)

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FBI CLEVELAND

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND NORFOLK
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 3P

MURKIN

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE MAY TWO, LAST, TO DIRECTOR,
CLEVELAND, MEMPHIS, RICHMOND AND NORFOLK.

INVESTIGATION, SHIELDS NURSING HOME, THREE NINE ZERO FIVE
OBERLIN AVENUE, LORAIN, OHIO, REVEALS FRANK NILES, BORN
[REDACTED] ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, FROM AUGUST

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SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN - OCTOBER SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AT WHICH
TIME HE WAS [REDACTED] TO THE [REDACTED].
MR. AND MRS. SHIELDS, OWNERS; MRS. SARAH SCHNITZER, BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATOR, AND MRS. CATHLEEN KLEER, NURSING ADMINISTRATOR,
ALL VIEWED PICTURES OF TAY AND ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT CONTACT
NILES WHILE A PATIENT AT THE HOME. ALL RECOGNIZED NILES WELL
AND STATED HE WAS AN ALCOHOLIC SUFFERING FROM SEVERAL PHYSICAL
AILMENTS INCLUDING EMPHYSEMA, HEART TROUBLE AND ASTHMA. HE
WAS ALSO [REDACTED] AND WAS PRIMARILY [REDACTED]
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Samuel

Bumell advised

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FOR THIS [REDACTED] HE WAS [REDACTED]
FROM [REDACTED] WHERE HE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ALL DESCRIBE NILES AS [REDACTED]
ALWAYS TALKED OF THE AMERICAN NAZI PARTY AND PRIOR TO
CHRISTMAS SIXTYSEVEN, SENT THE HOME A CHRISTMAS CARD FROM
DALLAS, TEXAS, BEARING A LARGE SWASTIKA. HE OFTEN STATED HE DID
NOT LIKE NEGROES AND JEWS AND THE OPERATORS OF THE HOME FELT
HE SHOULD BE [REDACTED]. HIS ONLY VISITORS
ON TWO OCCASIONS WERE PERSONS FROM ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WHO
TRIED TO HELP HIM. HIS RESIDENCE WAS LISTED AS STOP ONE THREE
TWO, WESTLAKE ROAD, VERMILLION, OHIO, AND HIS LAST EMPLOYMENT
WAS WITH THE AMERICANA ENCYCLOPEDIA COMPANY PRIOR TO JANUARY,
SIXTYSEVEN.

DR. WILLIAM J. FRICKS, [REDACTED] NILES,
ADVISED HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM HIM SINCE OCTOBER SIX, SIXTYSEVEN.
HE RECALLED NILES [REDACTED] AND ALTHOUGH
HE TALKED AS THOUGH HE MIGHT HAVE SOMEONE THE DOCTOR DOUBTED
THAT HE HAD ANY POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE. THE DOCTOR DID NOT
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RECOGNIZE PHOTOS OF SUBJECT RAY AND NEVER HEARD NILES MENTION
KING. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING
NILES IN CLEVELAND.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO KNOXVILLE AND RICHMOND.

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5/2/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)
MURKIN
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OO Memphis

Re Oklahoma City tel to Director, 4/26/68 and New York tel to Baltimore, 4/30/68.

Re: Interview of Passengers Aboard American Airlines Flight 338 from Dallas, Texas, To Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 4/6/68.

For the information of Norfolk, Mrs. DONOVAN WOODSIDE (PROTECT IDENTITY), 309 Elmwood Drive, Edmond, Oklahoma, has advised the Oklahoma City Office that while making a trip on American Airlines Flight 338, 4/6/68, from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she observed an individual on the same flight who resembled Subject RAY. Referenced New York tel furnished names and telephone numbers of various people traveling tourist class on above mentioned flight. These individuals are being contacted and interviewed for the purpose of eliminating them as being identical with Subject RAY and/or to ascertain if they saw an individual resembling RAY on this flight.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN L. SPURGERS, JR., on 5/1/68.

At Fort Sill, Oklahoma

TED PIERCE, Ticket Agent, Frontier Airlines, Airlines Traffic Office, advised that telephone number 405 EL 1-5464 is

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1 - New York (Info)
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the telephone number for his office. He checked his records for information concerning (FNU) "MOFIEL" and (FNU) KELLY. He could locate no information concerning "MOFIEL", however, he determined that a R. F. KELLY had purchased a ticket at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on 4/5/68, for Frontier Airlines Flight on 4/6/68 connecting with American Airlines Flight 338 at Dallas, Texas, departing at 9:05 a.m., for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with one stop at Friendship Airport near Baltimore, Maryland.

OLETA WOODS, ATC Locator, advised that ROBERT F. KELLY, ASN US [REDACTED] was a member of C Battery, 1st Training Brigade, USATC - SA. She stated that she could not locate any information concerning (FNU) "MOFIEL" but assumed that because he furnished the telephone number for the Airlines Traffic Office, he undoubtedly was a soldier.

PFC ALBERT PICKS, C Battery, 1st Training Brigade, advised that ROBERT F. KELLY, US [REDACTED] was formerly a member of that unit and departed on leave and transfer 4/5/68 to USARV TRAN DET, APO, San Francisco 96307, for further assignment to APO, San Francisco, 96375, to report 4/28/68, at Oakland, California, for this assignment.

Also contacted in an attempt to identify (FNU) "MOFIEL" were the Post Locator, A Battery, 7th Training Brigade, E Battery, 3rd Training Brigade, and E Battery, 6th Training Brigade.

The above Brigades were contacted pursuant to recommendation by TED PIERCE, above, who indicated he had sold numerous airline tickets to personnel of these units on 4/5/68, and felt that (FNU) "MOFIEL" possibly could be identified through contact with these units.

The following investigation was conducted on 5/1/68, by SA J. A. GRIMES.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: TIM TAYLOR, area code 405, phone number 732-7492. Mrs. LILLY SODOWSKY, 637 Moraine Street, Midwest City, Oklahoma, advised she is the subscriber to telephone number 732-7492. She further advised that TIM TAYLOR is her nephew TIMOTHY JOHN TAYLOR and is a private in the U. S. Army with serial number RA [REDACTED]. She stated TIM TAYLOR visited her in Oklahoma City,

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along with his parents, on 4/5/68, and left on 4/6/68, from Oklahoma City, proceeding to Dallas and then flying to Fort Eustis, Virginia, where he is presently undergoing training in the U. S. Army.

The following investigation was conducted by SA LEWIS H. JOHNSON, on 5/2/68:

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Mrs. CAROL TINSLE, 528 N. W. 21st Street, subscriber to telephone number JA 4-6339, an employee of the U. S. Agriculture Department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised she made flight from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 4/6/68, aboard American Airlines Flight 338. She was shown photograph of Subject JAMES EARL RAY and advised she has no recollection of seeing anyone on this flight resembling RAY.

No additional investigation is being set forth to locate ROBERT F. KELLY since he is presently serving in the U. S. Army and is en route overseas. No additional investigation being made to identify (FNU) "MOFIEL" since investigation conducted indicates he was a serviceman assigned to Fort Sill, prior to taking American Airlines Flight 338.

LEADS

NORFOLK DIVISION

At Fort Eustis, Virginia

Will interview Private TIMOTHY JOHN TAYLOR to determine if he observed anyone on American Flight 338 who resembled Subject RAY.

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Date: 5/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReButel 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

Set forth by field division are telephone calls made from the Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. Recipient offices will determine from the subscriber, or person receiving call, the identity of caller. If caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Denver
- 2 - Louisville
- 2 - Miami
- 2 - New York City
- 2 - Norfolk
- 2 - Omaha
- 2 - Philadelphia
- 2 - Sacramento
- 2 - Seattle
- 2 - Springfield
- 2 - St. Louis
- 2 - Tampa
- 2 - Houston

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>DENVER:</u>			
12/16/67	835-9495 (Beaumont, Texas)	303-636-1773	Colorado Springs, Colo.
<u>LOUISVILLE:</u>			
12/17/67	835-9074 (Beaumont, Texas)	502-798-9309	Ft. Campbell, Ky.
<u>MEMPHIS:</u>			
12/16/67	468-9078 (Houston, Texas)	615-293-4542	Cornersville, Tenn.
12/16/67	468-9078 (Houston, Texas)	615-293-4542	Cornersville, Tenn.
12/15/67	468-9081 (Houston, Texas)	615-293-4542	Cornersville, Tenn.
12/15/67	468-9081 (Houston, Texas)	615-293-4542	Cornersville, Tenn.
<u>MIAMI:</u>			
12/15/67	769-9108 (Vidor, Texas)	813-657-3181	Immokalee, Fla.
<u>NEW YORK CITY:</u>			
12/15/67	673-9289 (Houston, Texas)	212-748-7417	Brooklyn
12/15/67	673-9236 (Houston, Texas)	212-254-2288	New York City
<u>NORFOLK:</u>			
12/16/67	452-9260 (Houston, Texas)	703-722-7921	Hampton, Va.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
<u>OMAHA:</u>			
12/15/67	835-9546 (Beaumont, Texas)	712-375-4191	Pierson, Iowa
<u>PHILADELPHIA:</u>			
12/17/67	835-9318 (Beaumont, Texas)	717-637-8759	Hanover, Pa.
12/12/67	835-8273 (Beaumont, Texas)	215-433-9403	Allentown, Pa.
<u>SACRAMENTO:</u>			
12/15/67	468-9850 (Houston, Texas)	209-464-8050	Stockton, Calif.
<u>SEATTLE:</u>			
12/15/67	468-9868 (Houston, Texas)	206-622-4911	Seattle, Wash.
<u>SPRINGFIELD:</u>			
12/16/67	835-9435 (Beaumont, Texas)	309-452-4852	Normal, Ill.
12/15/67	835-9419 (Beaumont, Texas)	217-528-2815	Springfield, Ill.
12/17/67	835-8273 (Beaumont, Texas)	618-932-2403	West Frankfort, Ill.
<u>ST. LOUIS:</u>			
12/16/67	682-9361 (Houston, Texas)	314-664-3747	St. Louis, Mo.
<u>TAMPA:</u>			
12/17/67	769-9103 (Vidor, Texas)	813-229-1414	Tampa, Fla.

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Date: 5/2/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN

PERSON RESEMBLING RAY ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. 338

Reference is made to FIS tel call from EP to NF, 5/1/68. This call transmitted the following:

New York teletype to Baltimore, Dallas, El Paso, Oklahoma City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Richmond and WFO, dated 4/30/68, contained the following:

Re OC tel to the Director, dated 4/26/68.

Mrs. DONOVAN WOODSIDE (protect identity), 309 Elmwood Drive, Edmond, Oklahoma, was re-interviewed and IO #4182 displayed to her. Mrs. WOODSIDE said the individual she saw on American Airlines Flight 338 from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 4/6/68, very strongly resembled RAY and she believed him to be identical with RAY. She stated she first noticed this individual in Love Field Terminal, American Airlines waiting area a few moments prior to boarding this flight. Mrs. WOODSIDE could not locate her ticket stub but believed she occupied Seat 14-C, an aisle seat on left side of plane in tourist section and that the above individual occupied the aisle seat one row up on the right. Mrs. WOODSIDE said this individual did not get off the plane when it landed at Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, and did not converse with anyone on plane and carried no luggage. She informed he deplaned at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and she lost sight of him when her husband met her at the airport.

- 3 - Bureau (REG. AM)
- ② - Norfolk (REG. AM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (REG. AM)
- 1 - El Paso

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Special Agent in Charge

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A representative of American Airlines, furnished the names of persons traveling tourist class on American Airlines, Flight 338, which departed Dallas, Texas, 4/6/68, at 9:05 a.m. and made one stop at Friendship Airport, Baltimore, before arriving at Philadelphia 1:31 same date.

These names included the following:

"Mrs. WEBB, area code 915, telephone number 565-5530", El Paso, Texas.

The El Paso Telephone Directory listed number 565-5530 to Sgt. WILLIE WEBB, JR., residing 3910 Taft, El Paso, Texas. Upon dialing this number, it was learned that this was not a working number.

SAM STEWART, 112th MI Group, Ft. Bliss, Texas, advised on 5/1/68, that Sgt. WILLIE WEBB, JR. was separated from the U. S. Army on 4/6/68, and left as a forwarding address, #1 Tillerson, Newport News, Virginia.

The following information obtained on 5/1/68, from GUS HILL (protect identity), Unit Manager, Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co., was not included in the FTS telephone call but is being set forth here as confirming information of possible value:

E-5 WILLIE WEBB, JR., ASN US 523 725 79, residing Apt. #6, 3910 Taft, El Paso, Texas, had service from January, 1968, to 3/29/68. He was attached to the 581st Transportation Support Group. Upon discontinuing his telephone service, he left as a forwarding address in care of Mr. WILLIE WEBB, SR., father, #1 Tillerson Drive, Newport News, Virginia.

LEAD

NORFOLK DIVISION

AT NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA:

Will attempt to locate and interview "Mrs. WEBB", in care of WILLIE WEBB, JR. and/or SR., #1 Tillerson Drive,

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Newport News, Virginia, to determine if the individual mentioned above on American Airlines Flight 338 is identical with subject JAMES EARL RAY.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA DAVID G. FLANDERS

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Butel to Norfolk dated 4/6/68.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer on the dates indicated at Suffolk, Virginia :

On 4/27/68, Lieutenant L.L. CRUTCHFIELD, (NA), Suffolk Police Department, furnished the record for JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD, DOB [redacted] which revealed that he was arrested on 9/28/61 for worthless checks, 10/12/61 for worthless checks, and on a subsequent capias warrant in regard to the aforementioned worthless check charges. His address was listed as 309 Kilby Avenue, Suffolk, Virginia.

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Lieutenant CRUTCHFIELD reviewed the most current directory for Suffolk, Virginia, which revealed that one DAVID E. KLAGAS, resided at 406 York Street, Suffolk, Virginia .

On 4/27/68, BESSIE TURNER, Suffolk Retail Merchant's Association, furnished their file on one JOHN B. SMALLWOOD, (wife LINA), which revealed the following addresses:

309 Kilby Avenue
Suffolk, Virginia

406 York Street
Suffolk, Virginia

The last entry in the file was made in July, 1965 showing a delinquent account at Obici Hospital, Suffolk, Virginia.

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An entry on 6/30/64 revealed that Mrs. JOHN SMALLWOOD had been contacted at Route #1, Tyner, North Carolina, c/o/Herbert MODLIN.

Other notations in the files reveal that JOHN SMALLWOOD "moved to North Carolina, - left no address."

On 4/27/68, C.L. POWELL, (Protect), Suffolk Post Office, advised that he could locate no change of address for SMALLWOOD at 406 York Street.

On 4/27/68, J.S. JOLLY, 404 York Street, Suffolk, advised that SMALLWOOD moved from 406 York Street, approximately five years ago. Just prior to his leaving, SMALLWOOD told JOLLY that he might go to the State of Florida.

On 4/27/68, MILDRED ZAWADA, (wife of JOE ZAWADA - Suffolk Police Department), 411 York Street, Suffolk, Virginia, advised that SMALLWOOD left the area approximately four years ago, during the night. She noted that he had numerous debtors locally, and that she has heard nothing about him since he left. She noted that there were numerous visitors at 406 York Street, visiting the SMALLWOODS from some where in North Carolina.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (44-268) (P)
MURKIN
RE: SUSPECT FRANK G. NILES

Re Knoxville teletype to Bureau 5/2/68 and Cleveland teletype to Bureau 5/3/68.

The following investigation was conducted at Williamsburg, Va., by SA H. CURTISS BURRELL:

On 5/3/68 Mrs. WYOLENE POINTER, Superintendent's Office, Eastern State [REDACTED], Williamsburg, Va., furnished their file on FRANK HENRY NILES, [REDACTED]. A review of this file revealed the following information:

NILES was [REDACTED] at Eastern State [REDACTED] on 1/17/68 under [REDACTED] by Special Justice DANIEL GRINNAN, City of Richmond, Richmond, Va.

He was [REDACTED]

He was allowed one pass, which was issued for the period of 4/24-26/68, when he listed his destination as being 6150 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Va. He has missed no scheduled roll calls at Eastern State [REDACTED].

Very little background information has been acquired by Eastern State [REDACTED]. On several occasions they have sent personal background questionnaires to Mrs. CECILIA HOPE LEWIS at 5099 Tinelawn Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee. They have received no replies from Mrs. LEWIS.

3-Bureau
1-Cleveland (44-565) (info)
1-Knoxville (44-696) (info)
1-Memphis (44-1987) (info)
1-Norfolk DGF:sdh (7)

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Their files revealed that NILES was [redacted] at the [redacted], Lorain, Ohio, from 6/28/67 to 8/11/67.

NILES is described as a white male, born [redacted] 131 pounds, 5'9" tall, blue eyes, gray hair, with mustache. PII

The [redacted] was W. H. BATTE.

His [redacted] is Dr. MARTIN PALMAZ.

Interview of Dr. PALMAZ revealed that NILES is an alcoholic currently assigned to the Alcoholic Vocational Rehabilitation Section of the Eastern State [redacted]. It is noted that this area is not secured at all times. Dr. PALMAZ advised that NILES is a definite racist but has had no violence exhibited toward any of his fellow Negro inmates. Dr. PALMAZ described his feelings as being merely a general prejudice. He is described as being very polite but in definite need of a great deal of activity to keep his mind occupied. Dr. PALMAZ advised that he has a very deep-seated hostility toward life in general and that things need to go his way at all times. Dr. PALMAZ considers him to [redacted]. Dr. PALMAZ advised he has never heard NILES make any comments regarding any of the racial or Nazi leaders in the United States.

Dr. PALMAZ noted that NILES wrote a letter to the Social Security Administration recently in regard to his Social Security account, number [redacted] which he felt was delinquent. PII

It was noted that since March 30, 1968, NILES has been allowed to work at the Howard Johnson's Restaurant, off the Eastern State [redacted] grounds, in Williamsburg, Va. Since that time and to date, he has worked five and six days a week, 40 hours per week, and is paid \$58.

On 5/3/68 JAMES HAMILTON, Manager, Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Williamsburg, Va., was interviewed and advised that NILES was employed at his restaurant from 3/30/68 to the present time. He noted that he was at all times on duty during the period 4/3-6/68. His days off during the instant period were April 2 and 9, 1968. HAMILTON advised that NILES is very well liked and gets along well with all the Negro help.

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It was noted that NILES returned to the Eastern State [REDACTED] after his work days during the instant period and at all times during his period of employment at the Howard Johnson's Restaurant. He has missed no roll calls at Eastern State [REDACTED].

No further investigation being conducted concerning NILES at Norfolk.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Dr. King Slaying Case**Brother of Suspect Vanishes**

CHICAGO (AP) — Jerry Ray, brother of the man sought on a charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has quit his job at a north suburban golf club and disappeared, the Chicago Tribune said today.

Ray's disappearance was reported a few hours after he appeared through an interview with another Chicago morning newspaper, the Sun-Times, for his brother, James Earl Ray, to surrender.

The Tribune quoted an official at the Sportsman Country Club near Northbrook as saying that Jerry Ray quit his job at the club a day after his photograph appeared in a national magazine. Ray had used a Wheeling post office address but lived in a room at the club, the paper said.

"We don't know where he went," the club official was quoted. "He didn't leave a forwarding address. I guess he got tired of being interviewed."

In the Sun-Times interview, Ray, 32, expressed fears that his brother was dead and said other members of the family also doubted that he was alive.

"If he is still alive," Ray said, "I urge him to surrender himself to the FBI or to contact someone in the family and ask them to make surrender arrangements."

Ray told the interviewer he found it difficult to believe his brother shot King because "he never was a man of violence."

Ray, who worked as a maintenance man at the golf club, was reported as saying his brother

could have been used in a conspiracy to kill the civil rights leader. His brother's criminal record shows he never fired a gun or hit anyone, Ray said.

The Sun-Times reported Ray said that if his brother tries to contact the people who "used him," he would be killed.

In the interview Ray related that his brother obviously received a large payoff at some time. "Look at all the money he came into all of a sudden," he was quoted. "Buying Mustangs, taking dancing lessons, taking trips to Mexico."

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Give Up, Ray's Brother Urges

CHICAGO (AP) — The brother of James Earl Ray, the man sought on a charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., appealed to his brother to surrender, the Chicago Sun-Times reported Thursday. The Sun-Times interviewed Jerry Ray, 32, in the room he occupies at a north suburban country club where he works as a maintenance man.

Ray expressed fear that his brother was dead and said other members of the family also doubted that he was alive.

The Sun-Times quoted Ray as saying: "If he is still alive, I urge him to surrender himself to the FBI or to contact someone in the family and ask them to make surrender arrangements."

He described his brother as "the hottest man in the country... the most wanted man there ever was," the Sun-Times said.

Ray told the interviewer he found it difficult to believe his brother shot King because "he never was a man of violence." His brother's criminal record shows that he never fired a gun or hit anyone, Ray said. But he was reported as saying that his brother could have been used in a conspiracy to kill the civil rights leader.

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money from sticking up grocery stores, and my brother wasn't the kind to stick up currency exchanges," Ray was quoted as telling the paper.

Ray said that if his brother tries to contact the people who "used him," he would be killed.

The story quoted him further: "If he's still alive, the FBI's going to get him, you can be sure of that."

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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May 6, 1968

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a mat (with proof copy), which contains information regarding James Earl Ray, who is being sought by this Bureau and is included in the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives".

Your affording this matter appropriate publicity will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS J. JORDAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Map of King's Home, Church Linked to Ray

WASHINGTON — A map of Atlanta with the areas of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s home and church circled has been linked to accused assassin James Earl Ray by the FBI, it was learned Tuesday. The Los Angeles Times learned from an unimpeachable source that the map is part of the FBI's evidence in its civil rights conspiracy case against Ray.

The map tends to support a theory by some investigators that Ray stalked Dr. King for some time before fatally shooting him on April 4 as the civil rights leader stood on a balcony outside his Memphis Motel room. The areas circled included the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Auburn Avenue in a Negro business area on the eastern edge of downtown Atlanta and the area of Dr. King's residence several miles southwest of downtown Atlanta. Dr. King and his father, the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. were copastors of the church.

Ray has been the object of a nationwide manhunt since April 17 when the FBI charged him — in a complaint listing him under the alias of Eric Starvo Galt — with conspiring to violate Dr. King's civil rights. Memphis police quickly followed up with a murder charge.

Two days after filing the complaint, the FBI announced that fingerprints uncovered in its investigation revealed that Galt actually was Ray, a 40-year-old escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

How the FBI obtained the Atlanta map with its markings is not known. It apparently was either left by Ray as he fled the murder scene or was found in a car he abandoned in Atlanta.

The FBI alleges Ray bought a rifle with telescopic sight in Jefferson County (Birmingham) Birmingham March 29. And Jefferson Sheriff Mel Bailey has said the killing probably was planned in Birmingham.

Bailey said there was evidence that Ray was in Birmingham the same time as Dr. King last October and November. "He could have laid in wait on many occasions, waiting for a shot at King," Bailey said.

Federal investigators, however, apparently favor the theory that Ray, who was known to be strangely impulsive, did not plan the killing over that long a period of time.

Although the FBI complaint accused the suspect of conspiring in the assassination with "an individual whom he alleged to be his brother," it was learned that the FBI's investigation has turned up little or no evidence that the crime involved more than one person.

The FBI's allegation of a conspiracy apparently rests solely on the statement by a clerk at a Birmingham sporting goods store that Ray, in purchasing a rifle on March 29, mentioned that he and his brother planned to use it.

The weapon, a .30-06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight, was traced to the store by the FBI after having been dropped by the assassin as he fled a Memphis boarding house from which he had fired the fatal shot.

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