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#### VEHICLE CHECKS

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN B. WOODRUFF:

On April 23, 1968, Mrs. BERTHA COLLINS Secretary, Communications Division, West Virginia State Police, State Capitol Building, Charleston, W. Va., made available all outgoing license checks made through the West Virginia communications center from April 1, 1968, to date, and they were personally checked by the writer for checks made with Georgia and the following Georgia license checks were found:

April 9, 1968, by Police Dept., Beckley, W. Va., on 1967, Georgia Registration Nos. 66J954 and 4-06033 or 40-6033.

April 19, 1968, by State Police, Beckley, W. Va., on 1967 Georgia Registration No. 4D6033.

April 22, 1968, by Sheriff's Office, Marion County, Fairmont, W. Va., on 1968 Georgia Registration 510-653.

April 23, 1968, by Police Dept., Wheeling, W. Va., on 1968 Georgia Registration 6-J3484.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA ROBERT D. WARDEN:

On April 19, 1968, Desk Sergeant WILFRED MATHENA, Police Department, Bluefield, W. Va., and Sgt. R. C. STOVER, West Virginia State Police, Princeton, W. Va., advised the writer that none of their men have reported seeing the 1955 or 1956 Dodge in this area.

On April 23, 1968, Desk Sergeant WILFRED MATHENA, Police Department, Bluefield, W. Va., and Sgt. R. C. STOVER West Virginia State Police, Princeton, W. Va., advised the writer on this date that their departments have not recovered any cars with Georgia license plates since April 4, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA RAY V. SHOEMAKER:

On April 23, 1968, Detective PAUL PRICE, Auto Squad,

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Huntington, W. Va., Police Dept., advised SA RAY V. SHOEMAKER that there have been no cars stolen in Georgia recovered in Huntington, W. Va., since April 5, 1968. Detective PRICE stated he would remain alert and would immediately notify the FBI if any such situation occurs.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA CYRIL J. LAFFEY:

On April 24, 1968, the following sources were contacted and advised they had no record of any abandoned or suspect stolen automobiles or any inquiries relative to any automobiles with the State of Georgia license plates subsequent to April 4, 1968:

Cpl. HAROLD MOORHEAD, Administrative Office,  
Pennsylvania State Police, Troop A,  
Greensburg, Pa.

Chief of Police PETER A. PIGNETTI,  
Greensburg, Pa., Police Department.

Capt. EDWARD GORDON, Westmoreland County  
Detective Bureau, DAO, Greensburg, Pa.

It is noted that all police department agencies in Westmoreland County utilize the Pennsylvania State Police teletype system relative to any suspect abandoned, suspect stolen or suspicious automobiles. Pennsylvania State Police, Greensburg, Pa., also covers Indiana County, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WILLIAM T. HENDON, JR.:

The following police agencies were contacted on the dates indicated, and all advised that they had not found any abandoned cars with Georgia registration since April 4, 1968. They will be on the lookout for same and will notify the FBI if any are found:

April 24, 1968 Sgt. TOM CUFF, Troop C,  
Pennsylvania State Police, Punxsutawney, Pa.

April 23, 1968, Cpl. JOE SASALA, Pennsylvania

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State Police, Kittanning, Pa.

April 24, 1968, Chief of Police HARRY OWENS,  
Indiana, Pa., Police Department

April 23, 1968, Chief of Police MELVIN BOWERS,  
Kittanning, Pa., Police Department

April 24, 1968, Patrolman JOHN POSTELWEIGHT,  
Punxsutawney, Pa., Police Department

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JAMES V. KINNANE:

On April 24, 1968, Patrolman WILLIAM MC LAUGHLIN,  
Erie, Pa., Police Department, advised that there have been no  
cars recovered in Erie during the past month bearing Georgia  
license plates.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN S. HUGHES on April 24, 1968:

Sergeant ROBERT MILLIRON, Pennsylvania State Police  
Troop Headquarters, Hollidaysburg, Pa.; Trooper DAN JERSEVITCH,  
Pennsylvania State Police, DuBois, Pa.; Sergeant ROBERT HARRISON,  
Pennsylvania State Police, Clearfield, Pa.; Sergeant LEO DE POLO,  
Pennsylvania State Police, Somerset, Pa.; and Sergeant  
HOWARD REPPERT Pennsylvania State Police, Turnpike Detail,  
Everett, Pa., all advised that no stolen cars from the  
State of Georgia had been recovered in their territory in  
the past month.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EUGENE F. CABLE:

The Pennsylvania State Police on April 23, 1968,  
reviewed all teletypes, and no record of recovered cars  
stolen in Georgia in the month of April was located. There  
are 59 police departments in Beaver County, all of which  
report out of state recoveries to the writer and use  
Pennsylvania teletype facilities.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs R. STEPHEN THOMPSON and EUGENE C. JONES:

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On April 24, 1968, SA EUGENE C. JONES contacted the Fairmont W. Va., Police Dept., and the Clarksburg, W. Va., Police Dept., regarding any vehicles recovered by them since April 4, 1968, with Georgia license plates with negative results.

On April 26, 1968, SA R. STEPHEN THOMPSON contacted the Morgantown Police Department in connection with the same matter with negative results.

On April 24, 1968, SA R. STEPHEN THOMPSON contacted the Marion County Sheriff's Office at Fairmont, W. Va., and discovered that they had sent an inquiry via West Virginia State Police teletype to Georgia authorities regarding a 1966 blue Ford, bearing Georgia License Plates 510-653. They received a reply from Georgia authorities that they had no stolen or missing report on this car. The Marion County Sheriff's Office inquired about the call after receiving a call from JOE SESTITO, owner, Parkette Drive-In Restaurant, that two white males driving this vehicle were in his restaurant and acted suspiciously.

On April 24, 1968, SA R. STEPHEN THOMPSON interviewed SESTITO, and he advised that these two men acted funny in his place and indicated to him that they were staying in the Belmont Motor Inn which is approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  block down the road from his cafe. SESTITO viewed photos of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, and stated that the two men did not resemble any of the photos.

On the same date, AUNILL DEIRIGGI, Manager, Belmont Motor Inn, supplied the registration card dated April 22, 1968, for two men. Only one name appeared on the card, ROBERT E. LOONWY, 859 Washington Ave., Macon, Ga. The card also contained a description of their car, which was described as a 1966 Ford Galaxie, Georgia License 510-653. DEIRIGGI viewed photos of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, and advised that neither of the two men resembled the photos.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA LINNEY L. CONNOLLY, JR.:

Contact with police agencies in the Elkins Resident Agency territory has not revealed any automobiles reported stolen in the State of Georgia.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EDWARD R. FLEMING, JR.:

On April 24, 1968, records at the Martinsburg and Charles Town, W. Va., Police Departments were checked and no information concerning any car with a Georgia license was found on the various logs and records maintained by these departments.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA GEORGE A. PATTERSON:

The following police agencies were contacted regarding Georgia car recovery:

April 25, 1968

West Virginia State Police and Sheriff's Office,  
Lewisburg, W. Va.

The police departments of Lewisburg,  
Ronceverte and White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police and Sheriff's Office,  
Union, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police and Sheriff's Office,  
Hinton, W. Va.

April 26, 1968

West Virginia State Police, Sheriff's Office,  
and Police Department, Summersville, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police, Sheriff's Office,  
and Police Department, Richwood, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police, Sheriff's Office,  
and Police Department, Marlinton, W. Va.

All contacts negative.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA RICHARD A. JONES:

On April 29, 1968, Sgt. CHARLES JEROME, Wheeling, W. Va., Police Department, requested a check on a 1968 Georgia License 6J3484, which he observed on a 1967 or 1968, royal blue, Chevrolet sedan parked for two or three days behind the Madison School on Maryland St.

A check with the West Virginia State Police revealed this vehicle registered to MALORA PARKS, 1021 Azela Ave., Augusta, Georgia. No stolen report.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA DEAN M. HOWEN at Beckley, W. Va.:

On April 24, 1968, VIVIAN RIFFE, radio operator, West Virginia State Police, stated that on April 9, 1968, a teletype message was sent at 6:21 PM by Radio Operator GARNET MURPHY for the Beckley Police Department, to State Police, Atlanta, Georgia, to check 1967 Georgia registrations 66J954 and 4-06033 or 40-6033. The same evening Georgia State Police, Atlanta, replied that 1967 Georgia License 66J954 was registered to J. J. THOMPSON, Midland Ave., Winder, Ga., for a 1959 Chevrolet convertible, Vehicle Identification No. E59B226920, no stolen report; that there were no registrations under the numbers 4-06033 or 40-6033. This message came in at 10:22 PM and was given to Beckley Police Department, no name recorded.

Miss RIFFE also stated that on April 19, 1968, a teletype message was sent at 12:51 PM by Radio Operator GARNET MURPHY to State Police, Atlanta, Ga., to check 1967 Georgia License 4D6033. At 10:35 PM, April 19, 1968, Georgia State Police, Atlanta, Ga., replied that 1967 Georgia License 4-D-6033 is registered to EDWARD H. CUMMINGS, 152 Kessler Dr., Ft. Benning, Ga., on a 1964 Volkswagen, Vehicle Identification No. 0570249, no stolen report.

On April 24, 1968, Mrs. GARNET MURPHY, Radio Operator, West Virginia State Police, advised that Georgia license check information was requested by Beckley Police Dept., on April 9, 1968, and she did not know the purpose of this data.

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Mrs. MURPHY stated that the Georgia license check on April 9, 1968, was sent upon the request of the bookkeeper at the West Virginia Turnpike Service Station, an Esso Station, Beckley Exit, as incomplete data had been received for a gasoline credit purchase some time earlier and the data was needed for proper billing.

Sgt. THOMAS DURRETT, Detective Bureau, Beckley Police Dept., advised he had no knowledge of any request for Georgia license data on or about April 9, 1968.

Sgt. G. T. STARR, Beckley Police Dept., advised he was on duty and in charge the evening of April 9, 1968, and he had no knowledge of any Georgia license data requested that date. He said he was at the Police Department at and around 6 PM on April 9, 1968, and the only other persons there were a new patrolman, in his constant company, and NELSON COOK, clerk, who was answering the telephone calls. Sgt. STARR stated that as a result of numerous unsolved house burglaries, the citizens had been requested to be alert for strange vehicles in their neighborhoods and to notify the police department of license numbers observed, and it is possible that some citizen had called in the two Georgia license numbers on April 9, 1968. He added that NELSON COOK is lax in keeping a complete log of telephone and radio calls and may have failed to record the data received. He said that COOK was on vacation and unavailable.

On May 2, 1968, NELSON COOK, communications clerk, Beckley Police Department, advised that he was working the evening of April 9, 1968, but had no knowledge of any Georgia license checks. He said it was possible that some off-duty patrolman had requested the license checks from his home.

On May 3, 1968, Chief of Police WILLIAM A. TEUBERT, Sgt. G. T. STARR, and Sgt. THOMAS DURRETT, Beckley Police Department, advised they could develop no information to identify anyone from that department who had requested Georgia license checks on April 9, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA J. EDWARD MADVAY:

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On April 24, 1968, DARLA KESTNER teletype room, Pennsylvania State Police, and Sergeant LEE CHICINNA, Sergeant in Charge of Traffic Detail, Pennsylvania State Police, advised after a review of their records that there had been no automobiles recovered from the State of Georgia since the first of April, 1968.

On April 24, 1968, Chief of Police TOM BELLHY, Washington, Pa., Police Department, advised from records that no out-of-state Georgia license tag had been on any vehicle recovered nor had any automobile originating from the State of Georgia been recovered in Washington, Pa.



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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WILLIAM T. DOUGHERTY:

On April 30, 1968, the below listed individuals advised that a review of the records of their respective agencies failed to disclose the recovery of any stolen cars from the State of Georgia subsequent to March 23, 1968:

Chief of Police JAMES MAHONEY, Uniontown  
Police Department, Uniontown, Pa.

Trooper HARRY EWING, Pennsylvania State  
Police, Uniontown, Pa.

Detective NICK STASIA, Connellsville Police  
Department, Connellsville, Pa.

Corporal JOSEPH SOUDERS, Pennsylvania State  
Police, Waynesburg, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA GEORGE KETCHEL ADAMS:

On April 11, 1968, Mrs. LUCILLE MC CORMICK, Title and Registration Division, and Mrs. PATRICIA BURNEY, Drivers License Division, West Virginia State Department of Motor Vehicles, Charleston, W. Va., advised the files of their offices contain no information concerning a 1966 Ford Mustang, Vehicle Identification No. 6T07C190647, or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 19, 1968, Officer J. C. ROBINSON, Communications Operator, Police Department, Charleston, W. Va., and Mrs. PAULINE DICKSON, Communications Operator, Company B, West Virginia State Police, South Charleston, W. Va., were furnished with descriptive information concerning a three-tone off-white and green 1955-1956 Dodge, four-door sedan bearing 1968 Florida license with a prefix of 10W and followed by four or five digits, numbers unknown. Officer ROBINSON and Mrs. DICKSON stated a review of their respective files was negative for any information concerning such a vehicle. They advised the description of the Dodge would be made available to units in the Charleston, W. Va., area.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS:

On April 23, 1968, RAY WOLOSIK, Allegheny County Detective Bureau, advised that there have been no vehicles bearing Georgia license plates recovered in Allegheny County since March 23, 1968. He advised that should any be recovered, he would immediately notify the FBI.

On April 23, 1968, JOHN TUNNEY, Auto Pound, Pittsburgh Police Department, advised that there have been no vehicles with Georgia license plates towed to their Pound since March 23, 1968.

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The following members of the West Virginia State Police advised SA MAX L. GEIMAN that no automobiles from the State of Georgia have been recovered in their respective counties since April 4, 1968:

May 10, 1968	Corporal J. M. DENNIS Pleasants County
May 16, 1968	Trooper C. R. DUNCAN Wood and Wirt County
May 16, 1968	Corporal CARL LAGURSKI Calhoun County
May 16, 1968	Corporal WILLIAM ROBINSON Ritchie County
May 17, 1968	Corporal W. V. BISHOP Jackson County

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The following police departments were contacted on May 3, 1968, by SA OLIVER H. HUNTER, III, and car recovery records reviewed regarding possible stolen cars from the State of Georgia, subsequent to March 23, 1968; that each representative stated that that department has not recovered any vehicles with Georgia plates recently:

Chief DANIEL F. GROSS  
Sharon, Pa., Police Department

Chief WILLIAM L. CAPUTO  
Farrell, Pa., Police Department

Chief DONALD F. REINHART  
Greenville, Pa., Police Department

Chief JOHN C. WHITMORE  
Hickory, Pa., Police Department

Chief THOMAS WELTON  
Sharpsville, Pa., Police Department

Corporal GEORGE BABICS  
Pennsylvania State Police,  
Mercer, Pa.

Chief RICHARD E. HANNA  
New Castle, Pa., Police Department

Trooper THOMAS J. PETROVICH  
Pennsylvania State Police,  
New Castle, Pa.

In addition, the above advised that they do not maintain unidentified latent fingerprints files and any unidentified prints on file there in connection with local cases were obtained prior to April 23, 1967; therefore, they were unable to assist in this individual project.

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JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND  
DANGEROUS.

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 Radio Teletype

U R G E N T 6/6/68  
 TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS  
 FROM: DIRECTOR

MURKIN.

FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO ANY-  
 ONE OUTSIDE OF OFFICE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH INVESTIGATION  
 THAT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA FROM APRIL EIGHT  
 SIXTY - EIGHT UNTIL MAY SIX SIXTY - EIGHT UNDER NAMES PAUL BRIDGMAN  
 AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. SUBJECT DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON,  
 ENGLAND, ON MAY 6 LAST AS SNEYD AND IS BELIEVED USING CANADIAN  
 PASSPORT IN THAT NAME. SUBJECT BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS REVIEW OF DRIVER'S LICENSE  
 BUREAU RECORDS AS REQUESTED IN BUREAU RADIOGRAM MAY 21 LAST MAY  
 BE DISCONTINUED.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRANCE INTO U. S. SHOULD PLACE  
 APPROPRIATE STOPS WITH BORDER AND CUSTOM AUTHORITIES UNDER NAME  
 OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE GIVEN  
 THAT THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN SNEYD AND KING ASSASSINATION.  
 YOU MAY ADVISE AUTHORITIES THAT INDIVIDUAL USING NAME SNEYD IS  
 BEING SOUGHT BY FBI FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID

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**Radio**

**Teletype**

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FOR CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

FOR INFORMATION OF BORDER OFFICES THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON RESIDING IN TORONTO, CANADA, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPARTMENT NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH USED BY SUBJECT IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN EVENT BORDER STOPS DISCLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL NAMED SNEYD IS ENTERING YOUR TERRITORY. COPIES MAILED WFO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>MURKIN</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS</b>	TYPED BY <b>AOB</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	

REFERENCES:

Bureau teletype to All Continental Offices dated 4/7/68.  
 Bureau airtel to All SAC's and Legats dated 5/7/68.  
 Memphis telephone call to Pittsburgh, 5/24/68.

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ATLANTA - INFORMATION

Information copy being furnished to Atlanta in view of vast amount of investigation being conducted by that office.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED <b>None</b>						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:	
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							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND COLUMBIA  
FROM PITTSBURGH (44-578)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS JUNE EIGHT LAST.

ON JUNE TEN INSTANT, MRS. JO ANN RAZIMINAS, PROTECT  
IDENTITY, FOUR ZERO TWO TWO CAPE COD ROAD, PGH., TELEPHONICALLY  
ADVISED THAT WHILE AT A PARTY IN AIKEN, S.C., DURING EARLY APRIL,  
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, EXACT DATE UNKNOWN, SHE AND HER HUSBAND  
ROBERT OVERHEARD A CONVERSATION IN WHICH BILL CARSWELL, SEVEN  
SIX NINE BOARDMAN ROAD, AIKEN S.C., WAS A PARTICIPANT. CARSWELL,  
WHO HAD BEEN DRINKING, STATED THAT PRIOR TO THE MURDER OF  
DR. KING, HIS FATHER, BILL CARSWELL, SR., HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY  
AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALWHO STATED HE WAS COLLECTING MONEY TO  
HAVE DR. KING MURDERED. CARSWELL, SR., ALLEGEDLY REFUSED TO  
CONTRIBUTE.

COLUMBIA AT AIKEN, S.C., WILL INTERVIEW BILL CARSWELL, JR.,  
AND SR., RE ABOVE STATEMENTS AND CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION  
TO IDENTIFY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)

DATE: 6/3/68

FROM : SA EUGENE F. CABLE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re SAC memo dated 5/21/68.

On 5/24/68, Deputy Coroner MEARL BOZETT, Beaver County, advised that they have no unidentified dead in the county, and should a body be recovered that cannot be identified, he would immediately contact SA EUGENE F. CABLE.

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1259PM URGENT 6/8/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

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SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED AT LONDON,  
ENGLAND, JUNE EIGHT INSTANT. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE  
AND REMOVE ALL STOPS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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*SAC Curtis advised*

*Notified 6-10-68  
MTR*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

DATE: 6/7/68

FROM : SA ROBERT D. WARDEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SA DEAN M. FOWER, dated 5/31/68.

An observation of all rides and concession employees in the area of the JAMES L. DREW Shows, Bluefield, W. Va., on 6/4/68, failed to reveal anyone who resembled the subject.

An attempt to contact JAMES L. DREW was made with negative results, as he was unavailable at that time.

In view of the subject being apprehended in London, England over the week-end of 6/8,9/68, no further attempts will be made.

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TO: ALL SPECIAL AGENTS  
*RAM*  
SAC IAN D. MAC LENNAN

DATE: 6/10/68

RE: MURKIN  
TOP TEN FUGITIVE

Subject JAMES EARL RAY apprehended at London, England,  
6/8/68.

Discontinue efforts to locate and remove all stops.

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cc: SAC  
ASAC  
SUPV. ALLISON  
SUPV. RUDOLPH  
EACH SPECIAL AGENT

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June 11, 1968

Honorable Robert C. Byrd  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Senator:

It was indeed thoughtful of you to place "The Washington Daily News" editorial, "Superb Police Work," in the June 10th issue of the "Congressional Record." I want you to know of my sincere appreciation for doing so and for your most kind comments regarding our efforts in the capture of James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin of Martin Luther King.

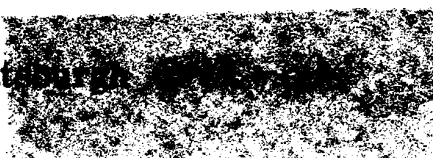
We are grateful for the outstanding cooperation the FBI has received from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the New Scotland Yard. As you pointed out, a tremendous amount of tedious work has gone into this investigation, and because of this it has been difficult to refrain from publicly setting straight those detractors who have sought to ridicule our efforts and motives.

Your generous remarks and expressions of support are certainly reassuring, and all of us in the FBI extend our thanks.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)

DATE: 6/12/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM T. DOUGHERTY

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: ME

Re All Agents memo dated 5/27/68.

On 6/4/68, Mrs. Eleanor HELMAN, Secretary, the Salvation Army, 32 West Fayette Street, Uniontown, Pa., was contacted at which time she was furnished with a copy of an IO of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 6/7/68, LINDA MC MULLEN, Secretary, the Salvation Army, 129 East Crawford Avenue, Connellsville, Pa., was contacted at which time she advised that a few weeks ago, her organization received through the mails from the FBI an IO and Wanted Flyer of JAMES EARL RAY. She added that RAY's photograph was presently posted in her office.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

FROM : SA EDWARD R. FLEMING, JR,

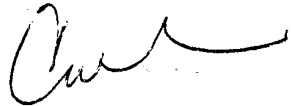
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

DATE: 6/13/68

Re memo all Agents, SAC, Pittsburgh, 5/27/68.

On 6/6/68, SA HENRY B. BRITTON, III, contacted THEODORE LAMPA, House Manager, Union Rescue Mission, Martinsburg, W.Va., and furnished LAMPA copies of RAY's IO. LAMPA said that he had seen no one resembling this IO at the Mission, but would promptly notify the FBI if he obtains any information of value.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 10, 1968

SAC, Pittsburgh

RE: FUGITIVE PUBLICITY--CANCELLATION

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*Antis* *llh*

As you know, JAMES EARL RAY, Identification Order No. 4182, is no longer being sought by this Bureau. Make certain that your publicity outlets are promptly notified of the cancellation.

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

*Handwritten signature/initials*

6/11/68

ROUTING SLIP TO ALL FIELD OFFICES

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

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka -  
FUGITIVE  
CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY

OO: MEMPHIS

Re report of SA JOE C. HESTER 6/5/68 at Memphis.

Page 17, paragraph 4, line 6 - 12/17/67, should  
be 12/7/67.

Please correct your copies.

SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

TOR:tjm

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# King Case Work By FBI Excellent

Tremendous credit, it seems to us, must be given the Federal Bureau of Investigation for tracking down James Earl Ray.

True, the Canadian Mounted Police deserve praise for the painstaking identification job of searching through some 250,000 passport photographs, but it was the FBI that tipped Canadian officials off about Ray having applied for a passport from the country.

Although New Scotland Yard made the actual arrest at the London airport, again it was an FBI liaison representative who provided the essential information.

News of the capture was welcome for several reasons, not the least of which was scotching the canard circulated by a few understandably embittered followers of Dr. Martin Luther King. Some of these former associates and close friends had been asserting that the FBI wasn't pursuing this investigation as determinedly as it might. Apparently, the rift between Dr. King and J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, had provoked this caustic criticism — now proved unfair and untrue.

Ray's detention is also heartening to millions of Americans outraged at Dr. King's assassination. Justice would be cruelly mocked, if the coward responsible for the crime didn't have to answer for it. At present, at least a man whose fingerprints were on the murder rifle is in custody and will have to explain this highly suspicious circumstance.

Even so, much more information needs elucidation before the file on the King case is likely to be closed. Where, for example, did Ray — an escaped felon — receive the money to do what he was known to do not only prior to the brutality in Memphis but subsequently?

It is probable the FBI knows a great deal more than it has reported to the public and is keeping secret until the appropriate time for fuller disclosure. The details to date suggest strongly a conspiracy. And if justice is to be satisfied, all the guilty must be found and arrested.

Assuming a conspiracy, the foremost link to it is behind bars. The FBI has made an excellent start, and what has so far been accomplished indicates the agency is doing everything humanly possible to discover all the unpleasant facts surrounding Dr. King's slaying without fear or favor.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The Charleston  
GazetteCharleston,  
West Va.

Date: 6-12-68  
Edition: Valley  
Author:  
Editor: HARRY HOFFMANN  
Title:

Character:

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Submitting Office Pittsburgh

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Date: 6-12-68

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Via AIRTEL AM  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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

In view of subject's apprehension, any office having outstanding leads or requests for circularization in any publication of any kind should cancel outstanding request now.

A & D.

2 Albany  
1 All Continental Offices  
1 Memphis

RGJ:BN  
(56)

44-1987-297

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*Curtin* *W*

Approved: *R.C. Jensen* Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

**AIR-TEL**

7/1/68

**AIRTEL**

To : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
From : SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)  
Subject: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Pittsburgh airtel to Memphis dated 6/4/68.

**COST DATA FOR PITTSBURGH DIVISION FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1968**

**1. Number of Man Hours Spent on Case**

**a. Special Agents**

Regular Hours	39 hours 22 minutes
Overtime Hours	12 hours 18 minutes

**2. Total mileage traveled by Bureau Cars Used on Case (Estimated)**

212 miles

**3. Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs**

None

**4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case during Month of June, 1968**

Eight

2 - Memphis  
2 - Pittsburgh

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(4)

*WLC*  
*WLC*  
**AIR-TEL**

44-578-298



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Date: 7/16/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: ALL SACs  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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.

44-578-277

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2 - ALL OFFICES  
2 - Memphis  
REB:jap  
(4)

Approved: *R. Jensen* Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

**AIR-TEL**

8/3/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)**  
**FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA**

Re Pittsburgh airtel to Memphis, dated 7/1/68.

**COST DATA FOR PITTSBURGH DIVISION FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1968**

**1. Number of Man Hours Spent on Case**

**a. Special Agents**

Regular Hours 2 hours

Overtime Hours 0

**2. Total mileage traveled by Bureau Cars Used on Case**

0

**3. Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs**

None

**4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case during Month of July, 1968**

1

2 - Memphis  
② - Pittsburgh  
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(4) *am*

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 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Date 8-2-68

Name and F.P.C.	FBI No.	A.O.	I.O.	W.F.	CC	Cancellation
George William Tyree, Jr. 20 L 1 U OIO 16 S 1 U OOO	4,714,268	3337	3780			Federal process dismissed. (8-2-68)
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)
James Earl Ray 16 M 9 U OOO 12 M 4 W IOI	405,942 G	3339	4182	442 442A		Extradited London, England to Memphis, Tenn., 7-19-68.
John Michael Walton 17 I 30 W OMI I 32 W IOI	356,640 E	3340	4200			Located Lowndes Co., Alabama, 8-2-68. (8-2-68)
Robert Vance Walton 14 M 13 U OOM 12 Ref: 13 I 25 U OOO 26	361,075 E	3341	4201			Located Lowndes Co., Alabama, 8-2-68. (8-2-68)
James Joseph Scully 2 M 21 W 19 Ref: 21 I 17 Ra 19	1,170,115	3342	4202			Located Arcadia, Calif., 7-23-68. (8-2-68)
Jimmie Johnson 20 L 1 Ut 6 Ref: U M 1 U T	11,215 F	3343	4203			Located St. Louis, Missouri, 7-15-68. (8-2-68)

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
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 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) P\*  
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Pittsburgh airtel to Memphis dated 8/3/68.

COST DATA FOR PITTSBURGH DIVISION FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1968

1. Number of Man Hours Spent on Case

a. Special Agents

Regular Hours 1 hour  
Overtime Hours 0

2. Total mileage travelled by Bureau Cars Used on Case

0

3. Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs

None.

4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case During Month of August, 1968

1

2 - Memphis  
2 - Pittsburgh

WLC:mtl  
(4) *mtl*

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44-578-302

**AIRTEL**

9/30/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)**  
**FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P\*)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA**

Re Pittsburgh airtel to Memphis dated 9/6/68.

**COST DATA FOR PITTSBURGH DIVISION FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1968**

**1. Number of Man Hours Spent on Case**

**a. Special Agents**

Regular hours	1 hour
Overtime hours	0

**2. Total Mileage travelled by Bureau Cars Used on Case**

0

**3. Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs**

None.

**4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case During Month of September, 1968**

1

2-Memphis  
2-Pittsburgh

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(4)

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**AIRTEL**

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11/1/68

AIRTEL

AIR-TEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P\*)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Pittsburgh airtel to Memphis dated 9/30/68.

COST DATA FOR PITTSBURGH DIVISION FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1968

1. Number of Man Hours Spent on Case

a. Special Agents

Regular hours	1 hour
Overtime hours	0

2. Total Mileage travelled by Bureau Cars Used on Case

0

3. Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs

None.

4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case During Month of October, 1968

1

2 - Memphis  
2 - Pittsburgh  
WLC:lgh  
(4) *lgh*

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**AIR - TEL**

12/5/68

A I R T E L

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P\*)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Pittsburgh airtel to Memphis dated 11/1/68.

COST DATA FOR PITTSBURGH DIVISION FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1968

1. Number of Man Hours Spent on Case

a. Special Agents

Regular hours                      1 hour  
Overtime hours                      0

2. Total Mileage Travelled by Bureau Cars Used on Case

0

3. Unusual or Out-of-Ordinary Costs

None.

4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case  
During Month of November, 1968

1

2 - Memphis  
2 - Pittsburgh

WLC:rmr  
(4)

**AIR - TEL**

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WLC



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Date: 12/24/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: ALL SAC's  
FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA  
(OO: MEMPHIS)  
BUFILE 44-38861

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68, and  
Memphis airtel to All SAC's, dated 7/16/68.

Discontinue the monthly submission to the Memphis  
Division of the cost data requested in referenced airtels,  
since the Bureau has agreed this submission can be discon-  
tinued.

2-All SAC's  
2-Memphis  
HEG:mas  
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*Handwritten:*  
1/2/69  
11/2/69

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*Curto* *mas*

Approved: *R Jensen* Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

8/19/70

SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (C)

MURKIN

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

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

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

2 - Bureau  
② - Pittsburgh  
1 - 88-5467

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

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

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

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

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

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

NR0002 WA CODE SENT 4:40AM 7/30/76 MJW

PM NITEL 07/29/76 MDP

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BUDED AUGUST 9, 1976

FOR INFORMATION OF RECIPIENTS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG)  
 HAS ORDERED A REVIEW OF THE FBI'S INVESTIGATION OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING. ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT THIS REVIEW IS A TASK FORCE  
 WORKING UNDER DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL  
 RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE  
 ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS INDICATED THE REVIEW IS TO RESOLVE THE  
 FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS: (1) WAS THE FBI INVESTIGATION OF  
KING'S ASSASSINATION THOROUGH AND HONEST? (2) IS THERE ANY  
EVIDENCE THE FBI WAS INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION? (3) IS  
THERE ANY NEW EVIDENCE WHICH HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE  
DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION? (4) DOES THE  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BUREAU AND KING CALL FOR CRIMINAL  
PROSECUTIONS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE  
ACTION?

THIS REVIEW IS A CONTINUATION OF A "PARTIAL REVIEW" RECENTLY

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Ace Bridge  
re this.*

*Re OJ  
7/30/76  
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*A. Pierce: JS / 260*

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CONDUCTED BY THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER DIRECTION OF ASSISTANT AG J. STANLEY POTTINGER. ALL PERSONNEL ON THE TASK FORCE ARE AUTHORIZED TOTAL ACCESS TO OUR FILES PERTAINING TO KING'S ASSASSINATION, OUR INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF KING AND ANY FILES RELATING TO BASIS FOR THESE INVESTIGATIONS. THIS WILL INCLUDE COVER PAGES OF COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINING IDENTITIES OF SOME FBI SOURCES AND INFORMANTS WHO WERE NOT AFFORDED SYMBOL NUMBERS AT THAT TIME AND INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED CONFIDENTIALITY.

TO DATE THE TASK FORCE HAS REVIEWED FBIHQ AND WFO FILES CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF KING CAPTIONED "MURKIN, BUREAU FILE 44-33861. TASK FORCE MEMBERS HAVE TRAVELED TO MEMPHIS, MILWAUKEE, KANSAS CITY, OMAHA, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES AND REVIEWED MURKIN AND INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION FILES OF THOSE OFFICES. FUTURE TRAVEL BY THE TASK FORCE IS PLANNED FOR ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHARLOTTE, CHICAGO, NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS.

AFTER ABOVE TRAVEL IS COMPLETED AND KING RELATED SECURITY FILES AT FBIHQ ARE REVIEWED, THE TASK FORCE WILL HAVE SEEN THE MAJORITY OF SERIALS IN OUR FILES RELATING TO THE KING INVESTIGATIONS. HOWEVER, SINCE IT IS THE GOAL OF THE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW KING RELATED FILES IN EVERY FIELD OFFICE, IT WILL BE

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NECESSARY TO FORWARD XEROX COPIES OF FILES FROM THE REMAINING OFFICES TO FBIHQ FOR REVIEW.

THEREFORE, ALL RECIPIENTS WITH EXCEPTION OF THOSE OFFICES NAMED ABOVE, FURNISH FBIHQ ONE XEROX COPY OF EACH SERIAL CON-578 <sup>✓ 44-578</sup> TAINED IN YOUR KING ASSASSINATION FILE CAPTIONED "MURKIN." IT IS REQUESTED THIS MATERIAL BE PROCESSED AND MAILED TO REACH FBIHQ PRIOR TO AUGUST 9, 1976. THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL, ATTENTION DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR INGRAM, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION.

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INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) RUC

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
BUDED: 8/9/76

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Enclosed for the Bureau are Xerox copies of requested serials from the Pittsburgh file captioned "MURKIN."

In addition to the enclosed serials, Pittsburgh file 44-578 contains the following described items in the Exhibit Section:

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Photograph of bus drivers of Cabell County Board of Education, Huntington, W. Va., which included photograph of DANNY CARLTON MARKINS	44-578-1A(1)
Photograph of T-shirt and shorts bearing laundry mark 02B-6	44-578-1A(2)
Artist's conception of UNSUB as described by witnesses in Memphis	44-578-1A(3)
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Sample of thermo-seal marking, Machine Serial No. 33011, Model No. H5M4B1	44-578-1A(5)

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Sample of thermo-seal marking, Machine Serial No. 33860, Model No. H5S4B1	44-578-1A(6)
Photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, aka Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard	44-578-1A(7)
1960 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY	44-578-1A(8)
3 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY - one dated 3/28/55, one dated 3/17/60 and one dated 9/8/66	44-578-1A(9)
Photograph of MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS	44-578-1A(10)
Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY dated 1/4/66	44-578-1A(11)
Photograph of UNSUB thought to be look-alike for RAY	44-578-1A(12)
Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken by one companion while he was in Mexico in Fall of 1967	44-578-1A(13)
Additional photograph of RAY taken the Fall of 1967	44-578-1A(14)
Photographs and description of RAY as published by the Bureau	44-578-1A(15)
Photograph of laundry marks on shirt and bed linen of JAMES EARL RAY	44-578-1A(16)