

FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

File No. 44-657-1A-17

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By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
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Description:

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JAMES EARL RAY
FBI No. 405,942 G

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CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY

F.P.C.: 16 M 9 U 000 12

M 4 W 101

Photographs on left taken 1960, other taken 1968

DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois

HEIGHT: 5' 10"

EYES: blue

WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds

COMPLEXION: medium

BUILD: medium

RACE: white

HAIR: brown, possibly cut short

NATIONALITY: American

OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer

SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on
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REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf;
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Description:

Photographs of Lunney marks
on Ray's clothing

Routing Slip
0-7 (Rev. 9-25-67)

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TO: SAC,

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☐ Albuquerque
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Date May 13, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

☒ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

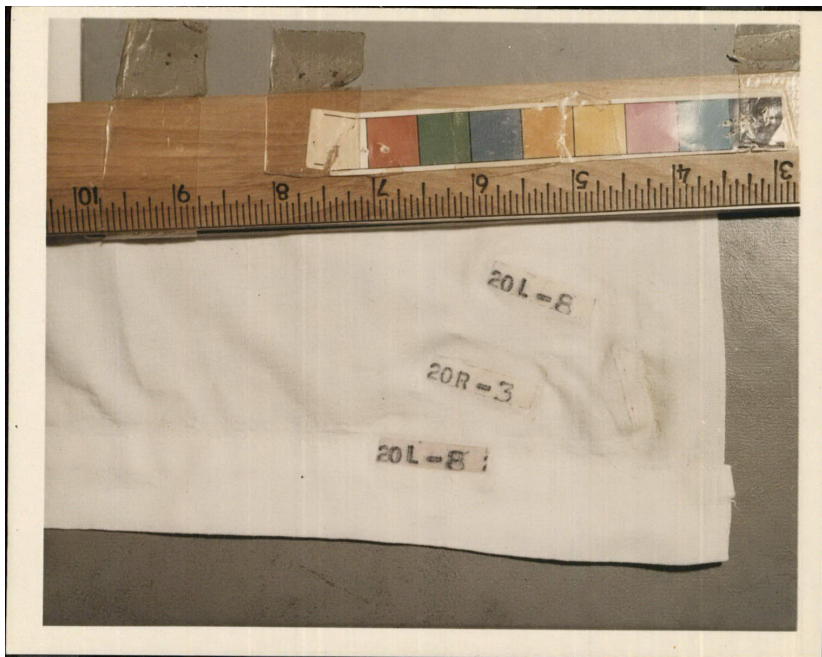
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

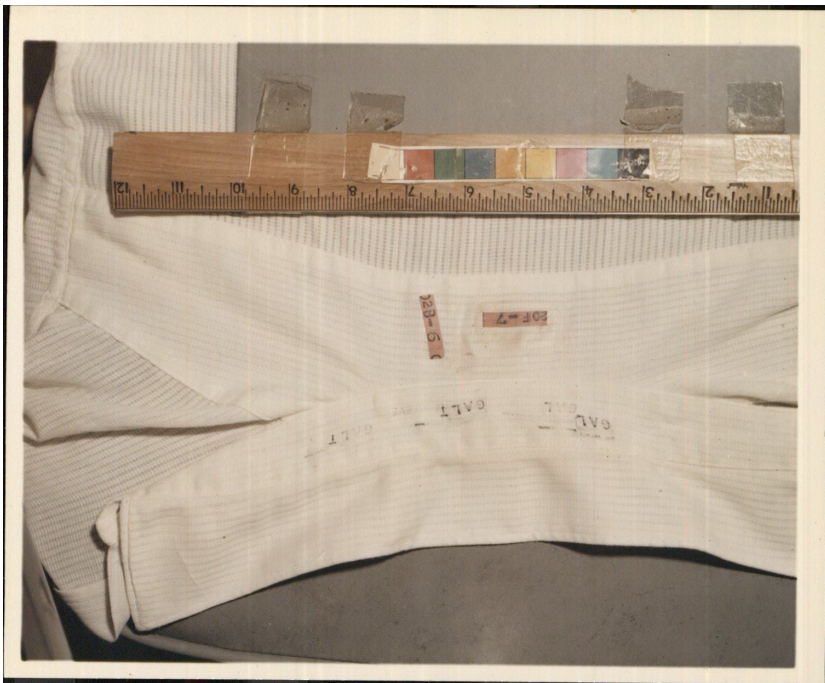
Remarks:

Enclosed for assistance of each office in connection with any laundry checks being made are photographs of laundry marks placed on shirt and bed linen for James Earl Ray while using the name of Eric Starvo Galt in the Los Angeles area.

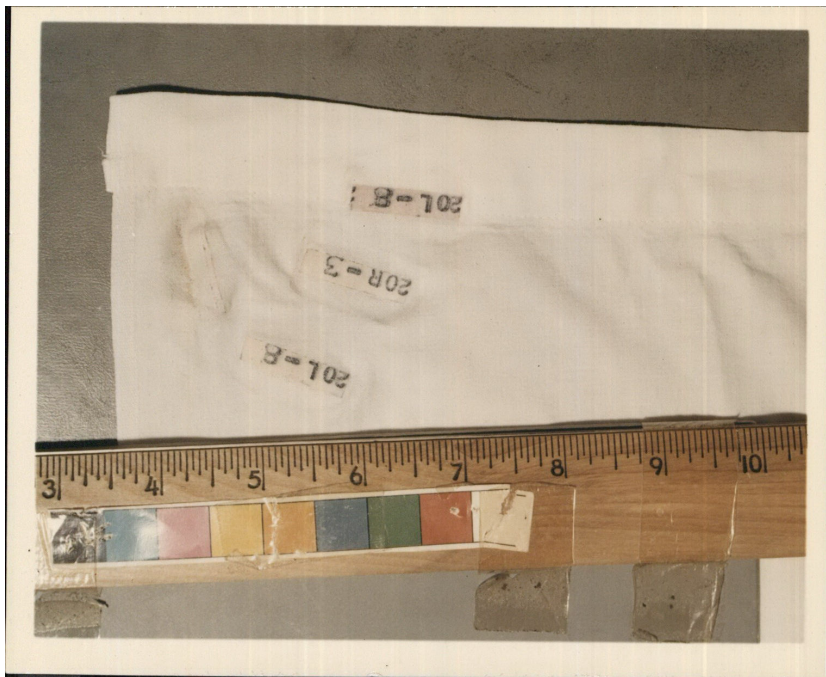
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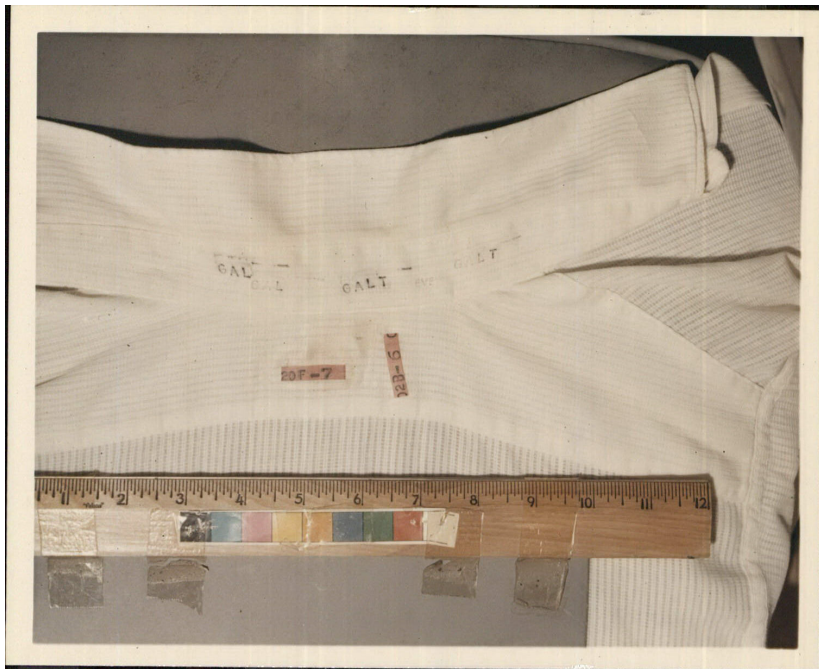
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Date Received 4/11/68

From James Henry Shurt
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

521 Winfield N.E.
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Roanoke, Va
(CITY AND STATE)

By J. H. Hall
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

Interrogation & advice
of rights

INTERROGATION; ADVICE OF RIGHTS

YOUR RIGHTS*James Henry Short*

Place Roanoke, Va.
 Date 4/11/68
 Time 1:40 PM

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Signed

James H. Short

Witness:

Quentin A. Hall, SA, FBI, 4/11/68

Witness: _____

Time:

1:41 P.M.

FBI

Date: 4/6/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AM
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Note CHANGED title. Previously carried under
"Assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

100-10256*
Rum. Refs.

All offices receiving copies of this Airtel note that Bureau has designated above caption as approved code word for investigation dealing with murder of Dr. KING.

Information under above caption should pertain only to investigation that may have bearing on identifying subject instant case. All other information pertaining to racial incidents, and racial activity arising out of assassination Dr. KING should not be submitted under above caption, but should be submitted by interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to Racial Matters.

In addition, all offices in receipt of this information should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants, and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassination, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups.

ARMED & DANGEROUS.

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Approved: TC Jensen Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI WASH DC

249PM URGENT 4-7-68 SAA

TO ALL CONTINENTAL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

100-10256*

THIS IS THE CAPTION FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION
TO IDENTIFY PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINA-
TION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON
APRIL FOUR LAST.

ALL INVESTIGATION MUST BE HANDLE UNDER THE PER-
SONAL DIRECTION OF THE SAC. LEADS ARE TO BE AFFORDED
IMMEDIATE, THOROUGH IMAGINATIVE ATTENTION. YOU MUST
EXHAUST ALL POSSIBILITIES FROM SUCH LEADS AS ANY ONE LEAD
COULD RESULT IN THE SOLUTION OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT INVE-
STIGATION. SAC WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY
FAILURE TO PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY HANDLE INVESTIGATIONS
IN THIS MATTER.

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FBI CHARLT

ECS

FBI RICHMOND

RH..ECS

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NF..JCP

FBI NORFOLK

TU CLR

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note - in box*

APR 1968

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② TROW

FBI RICHMOND

FBI WASH DC

525AM URGENT 4-8-68 MXS

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS RICHMOND

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703 2P

MURKIN, CR.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

ONE NEAL HUSTON, THREE TEN EAST NELSON STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, EMPLOYED AT JOE HEISMAN, VOLKSWAGEN DEALER, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFO.

ROOMMATE OF HIS GIRL FRIEND, ONE JANET WHEATLEY, TWO THREE ZERO ONE NORTH ELEVENTH STREET, ALEXANDRIA, APARTMENT THREE ZERO TWO, TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE TWO TWO DASH SIX SIX ZERO FIVE, EMPLOYED AS TELEPHONE OPERATOR, WAS VISITED BY A QUOTE CHUCK END QUOTE LNU WHO CAME TO WDC AREA ON APRIL FIVE LAST, FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. CHUCK DESCRIBED AS SIX FEET TALL, SANDY HAIR, SIDEBURNS, DARK GLASSES, DRIVING LIGHT COLORED BUICK OR PONTIAC, TENNESSEE LICENSE WITH SKELETON HEAD IN REAR WINDOW, MARRIED, WIFE AND CHILDREN IN TENNESSEE EITHER JOHNSON CITY OR MEMPHIS. DURING TIME CHUCK WITH JANET ON
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RICHMOND HANDLE.

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TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS RICHMOND DETROIT
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703 3P

MURKIN, CR

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PERTINENT PERIOD.

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FBI ALBANY

532PM IMMEDIATE 4-8-68 DER

TO DIRECTOR BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS ATLANTA BALTIMORE BOSTON
CINCINNATI LAS VEGAS LOS ANGELES NEWARK RICHMOND SAN DIEGO
AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: ALBANY /157-273/

MURKIN; CR; OO MEMPHIS

RE ALBANY TEL TO BUREAU APRIL SEVEN LAST AND
TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BOSTON, BALTIMORE,
AND SANFRANCISCO, APRIL EIGHT INSTANT.

SEARCH OF PREMISES BELIEVED OCCUPIED BY UNSUB
WHO ASSASSINATED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ON FOUR FOUR
SIXTYEIGHT DISCLOSED SUITCASE IN WHICH WAS LOCATED
TEE SHIRT AND UNDERSHORTS BEARING LAUNDRY MARK ON
RED TAPE WITH BLACK LETTERING BELIEVED TO BE THERMO-
SEAL TYPE, MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE
CO. INC., SYRACUSE, N.Y. THE TAPE IS ONE QUARTER
INCH WIDE AND ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG AND
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BEARS LETTERS AND NUMBERS ZERO TWO B DASH SIX.

EXPERTS AT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE COMPANY ADVISE TYPE ON THIS MACHINE IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE FIRST TWO CHARACTERS ARE FIFTEEN POINT TYPE AND THE LAST THREE CHARACTERS ARE EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE, WITH THE MIDDLE CHARACTER, THE LETTER B, PROBABLY BEING NARROW RATHER THAN REGULAR TYPE. THE USUAL MACHINE CARRIES FIFTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE FIRST THREE CHARACTERS AND EIGHTEEN POINT TYPE FOR THE LAST TWO CHARACTERS.

TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE EXPERTS ALSO STATED THIS MACHINE IS DEFECTIVE IN THAT IT IS PRODUCING A TAPE ONE AND ONE SIXTEENTH INCH LONG INSTEAD OF ONE AND ONE EIGHTH INCH LONG AND IS NOT PROJECTING THE TAPE FAR ENOUGH RESULTING IN CUTTING OFF A PORTION

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PAGE THREE

OF THE FIRST LETTER. THE CODE USED IN THE NORTH EASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE FIRST OETTER O STANDS FOR LOT NUMBER; THE FIRST NUMBER TWO INDICATES THE DAY OF THE WEEK, TWO BEING TUESDAY; THE SECOND LETTER INDICATES THE FIRST LETTER OF THE STORE NAME, THIS IS THE LETTER B; THE LAST NUMBER IS THE BUNDLE NUMBER, THIS IS SIX. COLOR CODING OF THE TAG MAY DESIGNATE VARIOUS THINGS SUCH AS A DIFFERENT MONTH OR THE IDENTITY OF A STORE IN A CHAIN. EXPERTS ALSO STATE THE USE OF THIS SYSTEM ON LAUNDRY ITEMS IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE SYSTEM IS NORMALLY USED ON GARMENTS BEING DRY CLEANED..

THE BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL TEXTILE MACHINES USING THIS TYPE TAPE BE LOCATED AND MACHINES USING THIS CODE BE IDENTIFIED.

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PAGE FOUR

THE CODE USED HAS BEEN TRACED TO THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER A SIMILAR CODING IS USED IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES ALSO AND A SIMILAR CODE IS ALSO USED BY COMPANIES WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMPANY'S REPRESENTATIVES, THEREFORE ALL THESE MACHINES MUST BE CHECKED.

FOLLOWING ARE MACHINES HAVING FIVE CHARACTERS OR SIX CHARACTERS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING THE INSTANT LAUNDRY TAPE:

ATLANTA:

BLUM'S, MACON, GEORGIA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE NINE SEVEN THREE.

BALTIMORE:

STAR LAUNDRY, NINE ZERO EIGHT NORTH SALISBURY BOULEVARD, SALISBURY, MARYLAND, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO.

END PAGE FOUR

PAGE FIVE

BOSTON:

LEWIS NATIONAL CORP., ONE MT. VERNON
AVE, DORCHESTER, MASS., MODEL NUMBER H
FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO TWO NINE ZERO
(A DISTRIBUTOR FOR TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO.,
THIS MACHINE SHIPPED APRIL SIXTYTWO); SUPERIOR LAUNDRY
SIX TWENTYFIVE CONCORD AVE, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE ONE
SEVEN SIX TWO.

CINCINNATI:

SWAN CLEANERS, EIGHT ZERO FOUR MOUNT VERNON
AVENUE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE
SERIAL NUMBER R THREE ONE FIVE FOUR SEVEN.

FLAS VEGAS:

MONARCH CLEANERS, ONE FOUR THREE ZERO SOUTH MAIN
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL
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NUMBER THREE TWO FOUR NINE EIGHT.

LOS ANGELES:

BEACH CITIES LAUNDRY, SIX TWO ZERO MAIN STREET,
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, MODEL NUMBER R H FIVE
K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE NINE FOUR;
CALIFORNIA OVERALL COMPANY, ONE SIX TWO ZERO COMPTON
AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER H FIVE
K ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE FIVE TWO;
DELITE LAUNDRY, ONE SIX ZERO SEVEN, BROOKLYN AVENUE,
LOS ANGELES, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER R H FIVE K ONE,
SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FOUR FOUR NINE, THREE ONE
FOUR FIVE FOUR, THREE ONE THREE NINE TWO, THREE ONE
FOUR FOUR SEVEN; GOLD COAST LAUNDRY, ONE EIGHT THREE
EIGHT EAST FORTY FIRST PLACE, LOS ANGELES: MODEL
NUMBER H FIVE K FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER R THREE TWO THREE
TWO ONE; NICOLAY KETZBECK INC., GAMMATU LAUNDRY,
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EIGHT SIX ONE ONE WEST THIRD STREET, LOS ANGELES,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, CONVERTED FROM H FIVE J
ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ZERO NINE ZERO TWO.

NEWARK:

CUSTOM SHIRT LAUNDRY, TWO ZERO SEVEN HADDON
AVENUE, WESTMONT, N.J., MODEL NUMBER H FIVE
M FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO SIX FOUR FOUR.

RICHMOND:

FARLINGTON OR FANLINGTON LAUNDRY, THREE EIGHT
ZERO ZERO SOUTH FOUR MILE RUN DRIVE, ARLINGTON,
VIRGINIA, MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER
THREE TWO FIVE ZERO FOUR.

SAN DIEGO

KELLY ORIGINAL FRENCH LAUNDRY, ONE ZERO FOUR
TWO UNIVERSITY AVE., SAN DIEGO, CALIF., MODEL
NUMBER R H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS, THREE ONE
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THREE NINE ONE, THREE ONE THREE NINE FIVE, MODEL
NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL NUMBERS THREE ONE FOUR
SIX ONE AND THREE ONE FOUR NINE ONE.

SAN FRANCISCO:

GOLDEN STATE DRIVE IN CLEANERS, TWO ONE SEVEN
FIVE WINCHESTER BLVD., CAMPBELL, CALIF.,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO
FIVE ZERO THREE; HIGHLAND DRIVE IN CLEANERS, ONE TWO ZERO
ONE LA SALLE AVENUE, SEASIDE, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER
H FIVE L ONE, SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE SIX THREE TWO
MARSHALL STEEL COMPANY, FIVE FOUR TWO SEVEN TELEGRAPH,
OAKLAND, CALIF., MODEL NUMBER H FIVE K ONE, SERIAL
NUMBER THREE ONE TWO TWO SIX; SANFORD CLEANERS, TWO
EIGHT SEVEN FIVE EL CAMINO, PAO ALTO, CALIF.,
MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO
FIVE ZERO SIX; STERLING CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, ONE
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ONE FOUR ZERO HOWARD AVE., BURLINGAME, CALIF.,

MODEL NUMBER H FIVE L FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER THREE

ONE SIX FOUR SEVEN; SUPERIOR FRENCH LAUNDRY, ONE TWO

EIGHT FOUR WEST MAIN AVENUE, OAKLAND, CALIF.,

WHICH HAS NUMEROUS MACHINES OF THIS TYPE SOME OF

WHICH HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO REPRESENTATIVE. MACHINE

H FIVE K ONE SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE THREE FIVE EIGHT

RETURNED TO TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE HAS BEEN

CHECKED BY ALBANY.

REGARDING THE ABOVE MACHINES ALL OF THOSE
HAVING FIVE CHARACTERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND
THE NUMBERS FURNISHED BY TELEPHONE TO BALTIMORE,
BOSTON AND SAN FRANCISCO. OTHER MACHINES SET FORTH
ABOVE FOR THE DESIGNATION IN THE MODEL NUMBER
INDICATING THAT THEY ARE FIVE CHARACTER MACHINES.
HOWEVER THE RECORDS OF TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE
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COMPANY SHOW SIX DIGITS. ALL OF THESE MACHINES SHOULD BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY USE THE CODE ON INSTANT TAPE.

THE BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH ALL OFFICES SET FORTH ABOVE WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE GARMENTS BEARING THE TAPE IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO COVER THESE LEADS.

ALL OFFICES ARE DIRECTED BY THE BUREAU TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE ABOVE CONCERNS AS DESIGNATED, DETERMINE IF THEY USE THE CODE SYSTEM AS SHOWN ON INSTANT TAPE AND IF THEY DO USE THAT SYSTEM, OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY UNSUB. THE BUREAU HAS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT EVEN IF THEY DO NOT USE THIS SYSTEM, TAPES SHOULD BE OBTAINED USING THE CHARACTERS IN INSTANT TAPE WHICH SHOULD BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY TO THE FBI LAB FOR

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COMPARISON WITH INSTANT TAPE.

COPY OF THIS TELETYPE IS FURNISHED TO BIRMINGHAM
IN VIEW OF CHECKS BEING MADE WITH AIRLINE COMPANIES. P.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CRP

Pursuant to Bureau instructions on 4/8/68, the color photograph of the clothing showing the laundry marks were displayed to Mr. JOSEPH A. YOUNG, Manager, Bonnie Bright Laundry, 3800 South Four Mile Run, Arlington, Va., by SA JOHN W. PPAFF, JR. Mr. YOUNG advised that Bonnie Bright Laundry uses the thermo seal marking tape similar to that shown on the clothing, however, his company has never used a marking code similar to the one on the clothing. His company has always used a marking code consisting of 4 alphabetic letters, a dash and then a number. Mr. YOUNG advised the R. E. Frank, Company, 725 11th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., telephone number 628-2851 is the area distributor from whom they buy their seal marking tape. Mr. YOUNG advised he knew of no laundry in the Northern Virginia area using a marking code similar to or identical with the code used on the clothing in the photograph.

Bureau telephonically advised of results of interview on 4-8-68.

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TO MEMPHIS RICHMOND

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 1P

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - CIVIL RIGHTS.

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RICHMOND HANDLE.

CORR LINE 5 SHOULD READ ALEXANDRIA AND LINE 12 SHOULD READ RICHMOND.
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TO MEMPHIS ATLANTA RICHMOND
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 2P

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CIVIL RIGHTS.

AT ONE TWENTYFIVE PM APRIL EIGHT JOHN C. THOMAS,
AGRICULTURE, DU EIGHT SEVEN ZERO FOUR EIGHT, RESIDENCE FIVE
ZERO SIX FOUR SILVER HILL COURT, SUITLAND, MARYLAND, TELEPHONE
SEVEN THREE FIVE NINE TWO FOUR ZERO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED
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ON PLANE SAW MAN WITH BOX WHICH APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH
ONE PICTURED IN ATLANTA JOURNAL THURSDAY AS BEING ONE THAT
HAD CONTAINED THE RIFLE USED TO SHOOT DR. KING. SAID BOX WAS
LAELED MAUSER. AT TIME, STEWARDESS TOOK FROM HIM AND
STORED IT IN PLANE COCKPIT UNTIL THE END OF THE FLIGHT WHEN
IT WAS RETURNED TO OWNER.

THE PLANE INVOLVED WAS DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT SEVEN TWO
FIVE LEAVING WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT EIGHT ZERO NINE AM
AND ARRIVING ATLANTA AT NINE FORTYTHREE AM.

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RICHMOND DETERMINE STEWARDESS OF ABOVE FLIGHT AND ALL DETAILS FOR HANDLING.

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11:58AM URGENT 4/9/68 GSS

TO BUREAU; MEMPHIS; CHARLOTTE; AND NEWARK

FROM RICHMOND (44-657) 1P

MURKIN. CR.

MR. ROBERT JONES, DIRECTOR OF WOODROW WILSON REHABILITATION CENTER, STAUNTON, VA., ADVISED THIS DATE HE WAS IN SAVANNAH, GA. NIGHT OF APRIL FIVE-SIX LAST, AT LOCAL BAR. HE MET ONE LESTER FORSYTHE FROM THE STATE OFFICE OF THE "KU KLUX KLAN", P. O. BOX TWELVE, CALDWELL, N. J. JONES BELIEVES FORSYTHE IS AN EXACT LOOK-ALIKE TO THE ARTIST CONCEPTION OF THE UNSUB IN THIS CASE. JONES WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SAMUEL TARLTON, SUPERINTENDENT, HISTORICAL SITES, NORTH CAROLINA DEPT. OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, RALEIGH, N. C.

ADMINISTRATIVE; LEADS. NEWARK WILL IDENTIFY LESTER FORSYTHE AND OBTAIN NECESSARY DATA AND SPECIFICALLY ANY FBI NO. OR FINGER-PRINT RECORD TO IDENTIFY OR ELIMINATE HIM AS SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER.

CHARLOTTE - AT RALEIGH. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MR. SAMUEL TARLTON FOR ANY INFO HE MAY HAVE RE THE IDENTITY OF LESTER FORSYTHE AND HIS POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH INSTANT CASE.

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