

SGT. BALDRIDGE ADVISED THIS DATE AS FOLLOWS: WIFE, SHELBY JEAN, WAS IN EL PASO FROM MAY THREE TO MAY SIX LAST AND THEN DEPARTED FOR HOME OF PARENTS OF DANIEL C. COLLEY, AIRMAN THIRD CLASS, USAF, IN BRISTOL, TENN, WHERE SHE PLANNED TO RESIDE. COLLEY IS MAN SHELBY JEAN LIVED WITH WHILE BALDRIDGE WAS IN VIETNAM AND SHELBY JEAN NOW FOUR MONTHS PREGNANT BY COLLEY. SHELBY JEAN PLANS TO SEND BALDRIDGE EXACT ADDRESS IN BRISTOL SO HE CAN SEND DIVORCE PAPERS TO HER. COLLEY CURRENTLY STATIONED POPE AFB, FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, TELEPHONE THREE NINE FOUR DASH TWO SIX ONE SIX. BALDRIDGE HAD FEW WORDS WITH SHELBY JEAN AND DIDN'T QUESTION HER RE ERIC RAY.

KNOXVILLE, AT BRISTOL, LOCATE SHELBY JEAN AT COLLEY RESIDENCE AND INTERVIEW HER IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ERIC RAY, AKA EARL, WHO SHELBY JEAN AND PATSY OWEN ALLEGEDLY HAD CONTACT WITH IN FLORIDA IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN. IF POSSIBLY IDENTICAL, DEVELOP ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION RE SHELBY JEAN'S ASSOCIATION WITH HIM.

IF SHELBY JEAN NOT LOCATED, ASCERTAIN EXACT WHEREABOUTS THROUGH COLLEY AND SET OUT LEAD TO HAVE HER INTERVIEWED. SHELBY JEAN, BORN NINETEEN FORTY, TRAVELLING WITH TWO CHILDREN, KIMBERLY JEAN, AGE FOUR, AND THOMAS ELBERT, AGE THREE. SHELBY JEAN TRAVELLING IN SIXTYSIX FORD, TWO DOOR, BROWNISH RED WITH WHITE TOP, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT VIRGINIA LICENSE PLATES ONE FIVE TWO

ONE ONE NINE. AIRMAIL COPIES RICHMOND AND CHARLOTTE.

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

King's Record Shows He Was No Saint

Editor, The News Leader:

Now that the dust has settled on Martin Luther King, and it is fairly certain that he will not rise from the dead, let us evaluate his record, as he made it, through his many trials and triumphs. The communications media and the daily press have glorified this man with the same sob story that was poured out for President Kennedy (we're all guilty, we ain't got no sin).

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and premeditated hate is a national curse).

Well don't you believe it, folks. J. Edgar Hoover, who doesn't make casual statements, said that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. That means the truth was not in him, and I believe Mr. Hoover. The record and a picture show that King attended a Communist training school in Tennessee and he wasn't feeding back information to Mr. Hoover, who wouldn't have believed him if he had.

King's brand of non-violence was directly responsible for the useless killings of quite a few people. Karl Prussion, an ex-counterspy for the FBI, swore under oath that Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or wittingly has accepted support from, over 60 Communist fronts, individuals and organizations, which give aid to or espouse Communist causes. Congressman John M. Ashbrook of Ohio stated in the Congressional Record that King has done more for the Communist party than any other person in this decade. If King was not a Communist, he surely had every right to demand a party card.

As references, I cite the Congressional Record, April 30, 1965, No. 57, pages 6113 and 6114; American Opinion Biographical Dictionary, Vol. 1, page 90. Also, the Highlander Folk School charter was revoked by the State of Tennessee for Communist activity by M. L. King and his fellow commies.

As an ordained minister, did King really preach the soft-sell gospel of Christ the Saviour? The answer is obviously no. All of the ministers, priests, rabbis and bishops who acclaim Martin Luther King as the patron saint of the downtrodden are either misinformed, which is inexcusable, or they are deliberately brainwashing their parishioners from the pulpit.

Martin Luther King lived by the sword and he died by the sword. He will not be canonized.

I. H. WALLMEYER

Hanover.

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612PM URGENT 5/14/68, DWS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM RICHMOND (44-657) 2P

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RE ERIC RAY, AKA, EARL RAY, FRIEND OF SHELBY GEAN BALDRIDGE.

RE EL PASO TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST;
CHARLOTTE TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS, MAY ONE THREE LAST.

SHELBY GEAN BALDRIDGE, NEE FAUCETTE, AKA. MRS. ALBERT
BALDRIDGE, SEVEN ZERO SEVEN FAIRVIEW ST., BRISTOL, VA.,
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PLANNED A TRIP WITH HER HUSBAND TO GO TO FLORIDA IN SIXTYFOUR
AND HAS NEVER BEEN TO FLORIDA.

THE ONLY PERSON SHE KNOWS BY NAME OF EARL IS EARL
WILKERSON, CLARKSVILLE, VA., A FORMER CLASSMATE OF HERS AT
THE BLUESTONE HIGH SCHOOL, SKIPWITH, VA.

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RICHMOND CONDUCTING NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION RE THIS:
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FBI

Date: 5/14/68

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TO DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861) NAD MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM RICHMOND (44-657)

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Special Agent in Charge



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 14, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-562066 JK

Examination requested by: Richmond

Reference: Airtel 4/29/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Richmond (44-657) Enclosure (Lab report)
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)
Re: MURKIN
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Date: May 14, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-562066 JK

Specimens received 5/1/68

K239 Slip of ruled paper containing four laundry tapes,
Code 20R-3, obtained from Smith's One Hour Cleaners,
Lynchburg, Virginia

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the machine used to prepare specimen K239 was not used to prepare the laundry tags appearing on Q69 and Q70.

Some differences were noted between the tags represented by K239 when compared with the laundry tags appearing on Q97 and Q99, but the lack of identifying features precluded a definite determination from being reached.

Specimen K239 has been retained.

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URGENT 5-14-68

TO ALL SAC-S
FROM DIRECTOR

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IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SUBJECT SPENT A CONSIDERABLE SUM OF MONEY FROM APRIL TWO THREE, SIX SEVEN TO APRIL FOUR; ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, AND THE SOURCE OF HIS MONEY HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, HIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED TO APPROPRIATE WITNESS IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES AND BANK BURGLARIES IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE WITNESS ARE AVAILABLE. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE REQUESTING OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TO WITNESSES IN THEIR UNSOLVED ROBBERIES.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

May 14, 1968

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MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re WILLIAM WALTON.

Re Milwaukee letter to Albuquerque dated 4/23/68.

Regarding referenced letter, no copy to Memphis, the Milwaukee Office advised that JOHN STOSNY, Wisconsin State Patrol, advised on going through his old wanted cards, checking aliases of JAMES EARL RAY, he observed the name WILLIAM WALTON, wanted by the Richmond, Virginia Police Department, item dated May 15, 1959, number 7720, file 5KQB9, for Forgery. He was of the opinion the description of WALTON was very familiar to that of RAY. A check of the files of the Richmond Police Department on May 7, 1968, by SA CLAUDE A. BASS, revealed the following:

WILLIAM "WILLIE" WALTON, Richmond Police Department, Identification Number 12941, is a Negro male. WILLIAM WALTON, also known as WALTERS, Identification Number 16447, is a Negro male. WILLY WALTON, Richmond Police Department arrest number 227933, is a Negro male.

The records contained a stop wanted flash for WILLIAM C. WALTON, Document Number 3562, of 5714 "S" Road or Stuart Road, Galveston, Texas, a white male, which the department held a felony warrant for worthless check forgery, for a check issued by WALTON on May 13, 1959, at Richmond, Virginia; however, the stop flash was not placed in their files for WALTON until June 1964.

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Sergeant JAMES KEA, Detective, Richmond, Virginia Police Department, advised he was the officer placing the wanted stop flash for WALTON, and that the individual's full name was WILLIAM CLINTON WALTON, of Galveston, Texas, also known as HERBERT E. TOMLIN. He stated that as of May 1959, WALTON was described as a white male, 22 years, 5' 11", 160 pounds, brown hair, with a tattoo on the back of both hands -- "BILL" on one and "ANN" on the other. KEA stated that WALTON was never in custody of the Richmond Police Department, and they had no prints for him, nor arrest numbers. He said the check which WALTON had issued had been dated May 12, 1959, in the amount of \$75, drawn on the First and Merchants Bank, Richmond, Virginia, payable to WILLIAM C. WALTON, by HERBERT E. TOMLIN, and presented to Mr. WILLIAM R. SCHAU, Proprietor of the Old Dominion T. V. Shop, 5013 Forrest Hill Avenue. KEA advised that on June 2, 1959, the department had received information from the Virginia State Police, their teletype number 7720-K, referencing Richmond Police Department teletype number 851, dated May 13, 1959, to the effect subject had been arrested by the Police Department, Austin, Texas, and was then in custody of the Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas. Richmond Police Department had subsequently advised that the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Richmond, Virginia, would not extradite subject from Texas, and would only send for him if he was still located within the state of Virginia, or in adjoining state. Sergeant KEA stated their warrant for WALTON was still outstanding, however, his present whereabouts was still unknown. He further advised that their records set forth that WILLIAM C. WALTON's FBI Number is 735344, however, the source of this information was unknown to him.

It would appear from the above information that WILLIAM C. WALTON is not identical with subject of this case, however, should further check be required, it is suggested that possible fingerprints and the verified FBI Number might be obtained through the Austin, Texas Police Department, or the Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas.

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To: All SACS
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI

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For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968, and prior to his departing Los Angeles, in March of 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

This should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

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From: Director. FBI (44-38861)

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In order to cover the possibility that subject may have died since commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted and they advised that no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested that each state may maintain such a record in their Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency.

There is no known Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information; and it is possible that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would only be maintained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities, or the like.

Each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if such records are maintained, and if so, should check records for the period from 4-5-68, to date, for any information which might possibly identify subject Ray with unidentified deceased person over that period.

If there is no central record repository maintained in the various states or nationally in the case of Mexico and Canada, you should, in connection with your contacts with law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, make appropriate inquiries relative to

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unidentified dead for the period beginning 4-5-68; and if fingerprints on such dead are maintained, they should be compared with those on the Identification Order on Ray in order to effect identification or nonidentification. This should be handled in the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines.

The Identification Division has placed an appropriate stop on unidentified deceased inquiries it may receive. If feasible, appropriate offices and Legats, Mexico City and Ottawa should place similar stops with appropriate state, local or national agencies in your territories.

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The following investigation was conducted at Petersburg and Hopewell, Virginia, by SA RAYMOND CONNOLLY, JR., on May 10, 1968:

A review of the 1967 edition of the Hills City Directory for Hopewell, Virginia, reflects that CHARLES W. CLARK, who was employed as a foreman for the Perrin and Esposito Construction Company, and his wife, DOROTHY G., who is employed as an operator for the Allied Chemical-Fibers Division, resided at 305 Brown Avenue, Hopewell, Virginia.

A review of the 1968 edition of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company Directory for Petersburg, Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Virginia, indicated that one CHARLES W. CLARK resided at Esposito Place and subscribed to number 458-4615.

BRENDA PRITCHETT, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Petersburg, Virginia, advised that the following information was contained in her agency's records identifiable with CHARLES W. CLARK:

CHARLES WASHINGTON CLARK has been known to the files of the Credit Bureau since 1937.

CLARK is married to DOROTHY CLARK.

In a credit bureau report prepared for the Richmond Credit Bureau dated March 3, 1951, CLARK resided at Route 1, Woodlawn, Petersburg, Virginia.

In February 23, 1951, CLARK was employed as a carpenter for the Bogese Construction Company and his wife was employed as an operator for the Celanese Corporation.

In July, 1946, according to the Credit Bureau, a notation was made indicating that CLARK worked for R. J. GORDON as a carpenter. CLARK at that time resided at Route 1, Hopewell, Virginia.

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The Credit Bureau indicated further that on November 8, 1958, CLARK resided at Route 2, Box 406, Chester, and was employed for the Bogese Construction Company. Only one collection account was noted in CLARK's record, and he was declared to have a satisfactory credit standing.

BETTY HEYDT, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Hopewell, Hopewell, Virginia, furnished the following information with regard to CLARK from her agency's records:

CLARK has been known to the files of the Credit Bureau of Hopewell since April of 1939. His file was brought up to date last on October, 1967. CHARLES WASHINGTON CLARK is married to DOROTHY GILLIAM.

Former addresses noted were:

Route 2, Box 4, Chester, Virginia
Route 2, Box 29, Chester, Virginia

The latest address as of an October, 1966, report indicated CLARK resided at 305 Brown Avenue, Hopewell,

The latest report as of 1966 indicated the following:

CLARK was age 52; he was married with two children. He was employed as a construction foreman for the Perrin and Esposito Construction Company and had been so for two and one-half years. His wife was employed at the National Aniline Company (Allied Chemical-Fibers Division), Hopewell, and had been so since June 24, 1957, as a lab assistant. Her date of birth is February 25, 1926. The Credit Bureau record indicated further that C. W. CLARK, prior to his taking employment at the Perrin and Esposito Company, was employed as a carpenter for the P. J. Kain Construction Company and had been so for five years.

Further Credit Bureau reports indicated that on October 25, 1962, he resided at 605 North Fourth Avenue, Hopewell, and was self-employed as a building-contractor. On October 6, 1960, CLARK resided at Box 429, Route 2, Chester, and was self-employed. In 1958, he resided at

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Route 2, Box 402, Chester, and in 1957 resided at Route 2, Box 331, Chester. He was employed in 1957 and 1958 by the Bogese Construction Company.

BETTY HEYDT further added that although her records prior to 1957 were "sketchy", information indicated that CHARLES W. CLARK worked for the Nitrogen Division of Allied Chemical from December 9, 1946, through May 7, 1957.

A. C. Fones, Clerk, Personnel Department, Allied Chemical-Agricultural (Nitrogen Division), advised that his records failed to reflect one CHARLES W. CLARK as having been employed at that firm.

BENNIE LANE, Records Division, Chesterfield County Police Department; DONALD EVANS, Records Bureau, Petersburg, Virginia, Police Department; JOAN GLASS, Clerk, Prince George County, Virginia, Court, all advised that after checking their respective records that they could locate no arrests made identifiable with CHARLES WASHINGTON CLARK.

ALTA MAE ELROD, Secretary, Hopewell, Virginia, Police Department, furnished the following information with regard to CLARK from her department's records:

CHARLES WASHINGTON CLARK, who in 1952 according to police records, resided at Route 2, Chester, was a white male; American, age thirty-eight, and worked for the Bogese Construction Company. The following arrests were filed:

October 11, 1952, stop sign and light, \$5.

August 1, 1954, speeding, \$10-appealed.

October 8, 1954, speeding, \$25.

December 11, 1958, speeding, \$15.

Mrs. ELROD advised that no further arrests were noted. She further advised that her records indicated that in 1958 CLARK was a white male, American, age forty-five. His place of birth was listed as Essey, Virginia, at King and Queen County, Virginia.

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BEULAH MOWREY, Esposito Place, Hopewell, Prince George County, Virginia, furnished the following information:

She and her family reside nextdoor to the family of CHARLES W. and DOROTHY CLARK.

The CLARKs have resided at the Esposito address since October of 1967, after moving to that home from a Hopewell City address.

MOWREY further advised that CHARLES W. CLARK is employed as a carpenter for the Perrin and Esposito Construction Company who built the subdivision that both the CLARKs and the MOWREYs live in.

The CLARK couple has living with them two teenage daughters together with Mr. CLARK's stepson and his wife.

This stepson is also employed with the Perrin and Esposito Construction Company as a carpenter.

His wife is unemployed at present and formerly was employed at the Drug Fair Pharmacy at the Cavalier Shopping Center in Hopewell. She recently quit according to Mrs. MOWREY. According to Mrs. MOWREY, as best as she could recollect, the stepson of the CLARKs is named SONNY (LNU). His wife originally came from some unknown Alabama city or town. SONNY resided at that same location prior to his coming to Hopewell about two to three months ago.

SONNY (LNU) is approximately twenty-five years of age.

Mrs. MOWREY stated that no strangers or any other than family members of the CLARK household have been in the neighborhood. Mrs. MOWREY stated that she stays pretty much to herself and although she is the most friendly with the CLARK family, she knows very little of their background or their activities.

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J. E. JENKINS, Manager, Drug Fair, Cavalier Shopping Center, Hopewell, advised that the only person he could recollect that recently quit from Alabama was one D. E. CATLETT. JENKINS stated that he did not know where CATLETT lived and she only worked about a week for the firm. He thought that CATLETT resided in Prince George County, Virginia. CATLETT's employment was from April 20, 1968, through approximately May 3, 1968.

JENKINS stated that CATLETT was from Alabama but his records are kept just seventy-two hours after an employee quits or resigns.

BETTY HEYDT, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Hopewell, advised after checking her records she could locate no credit record identifiable with one D. E. CATLETT or anyone named CATLETT.

BRENDA PRITCHETT, Clerk, Credit Bureau, Petersburg, also advised that no information could be located identifiable with one D. E. CATLETT or similar name.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-
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Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau and other offices, 5/9/68, and Richmond teletype, 5/10/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are twelve copies of an investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted by the Richmond Division relative to information contained in re Birmingham teletype.

Enclosed for Birmingham are two copies of investigative insert, in view of investigation in that Division.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

On 5/9/68, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, Hopewell, Va., records were obtained wherein information indicated that telephone number 458-4615 was subscribed to by one CHARLES W. CLARK, a resident at Esposito Place, Hopewell, Va.

Also, on 5/9/68, the following information was obtained:

RH 338-R, a member of Hopewell Unit 36, UKA, KKKK, advised that CHARLES W. CLARK is unknown to him and there has been no information re his affiliation in the UKA at Hopewell since at least 4/67.

- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 12) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Enc. 2) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- ② - Richmond

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RH 366-R (PROB) advised on 5/10/68, CLARK unknown to him.

RH 340-R advised on 5/9/68, that the name of one DOT CLARK has been heard in conversation at meetings of Unit 12L, Hopewell, Va. CLARK, according to this conversation, was a member; however, this was at least a year ago and she supposedly has resigned from UKA unit.

Information re indices search at Richmond previously reported in re Richmond teletype.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC RICHMOND (44-657)

DATE: 5/13/68

FROM : SA KENNETH W. NIMMICH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference WFO telephone call to Alexandria RA 5/10/68.

O 5/10/68, SA ROBERT DAWSON of the Washington Field Office telephonically advised this agent that a WFO symbol informant had overheard a conversation in a bar that one "Bubble Eye" MASON, an inmate of the Lorton Reformatory, had spent some time in jail with JAMES EARL RAY. Informant advised that MASON was aware of a secret hideout used by RAY in Mexico. MASON reportedly stated that RAY was aware that there was a "contract" out for MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and that MASON had overheard RAY say that he was going to collect that "contract".

The following description was provided of MASON:

~~WARDELL HICKS MASON~~
~~11-12 60 th Street~~
Fairmont Heights, Md.

DCDC # 99311
MPD # 137-889
FBI # 448 038 B
Born 8/25/33 at Washington D.C.

On 5/10/68, Correctional Officer HERMAN E. CAVE, D.C. Workhouse, Lorton, Virginia advised that WARDELL HICKS MASON was released on 5/8/68.

On 5/10/68, the above information was telephonically reported to SA ROBERT DAWSON of the WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, RICHMOND (44-657)

FROM : SA ROGER J. KEANE, JR.

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY LOOK-ALIKE

DATE: 5/16/68

On 5/10/68, at 12:50 p.m., a telephone call was received at the Alexandria, Va., RA from Miss LONG, Fairfax Co., Va. PD, advising that they had received a call from JOHN DUCKWORTH, telephone #481-9627, advising that he might have seen captioned subject at a gas station within the last half hour.

On 5/10/68, JOHN DUCKWORTH, 3521 Leesburg Court, Apt., #201, Alexandria, Va., telephone #671-4763, was interviewed at his place of employment, Hess Gas Station, 4801 Leesburg Pike, Alexandria, Va. He advised as follows:

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At approximately 12:30 p.m., on 5/10/68, a white male, about 5'11"; 170 lbs.; about 25 years old; having short brown hair with a widow's peak; and wearing light Bermuda shorts and a short-sleeved shirt, drove into the gas station in a 1968 green Mustang convertible.

He purchased \$3.00 worth of gas and then asked to have his 1968 Maryland license plate taken off his vehicle and have 1968 Florida license 5-36497 put on his vehicle. DUCKWORTH advised that he thought the individual resembled pictures he had seen of RAY in the various newspapers in the Washington metropolitan area.

DUCKWORTH viewed numerous photographs and was unable to identify any of the individuals as JAMES EARL RAY. He viewed a photograph of RAY and advised that this individual was definitely not the same individual that he saw in the 1968 Mustang.

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He stated that he discussed this matter with his manager, ALLEN WILLIS, and was advised that the individual in the 1968 Mustang was a regular customer of the Hess Gas Station and has been in the gas station three or four times since the end of April, 1968.

ALLEN WILLIS, 9495 Arlington Blvd., Apt. #302, Fairfax, Va., was interviewed at his place of employment, 4801 Leesburg Pike, Fairfax (Alexandria), Va., telephone #481-9627. He advised as follows:

About 12:30 p.m., on 5/10/68, a white male; 6' or taller; having a good build; with dishwater blond hair; about 28 years old; came into the service station in a 1968 Mustang convertible, either light brown or gold in color, with a black top and purchased some gas.

He stated that the individual in the Mustang has been seen as a regular customer at the Hess Service Station for the past two weeks.

WILLIS viewed photographs and stated that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was definitely not the individual seen in the gas station on 5/10/68.

On 5/10/68, an NCIC check was made on Florida license 5-36497, and they advised that there was no record of that license plate being stolen.

Inasmuch as DUCKWORTH and WILLIS stated that the photograph of RAY was definitely not the individual seen at their service station on 5/10/68, and further stating that after seeing the photograph of RAY, that the individual did not bear any resemblance to RAY, no further investigation is being conducted in this matter.

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5/15/68

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO: SAC, WFO (44-703)
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re WFO airtel to Baltimore, 5/10/68.

On 5/10/68, SA FRANCIS X. O'NEILL, JR. attempted to contact WARDELL HICKS at 1112 60th Avenue, Fairmount Heights, Maryland, with negative results. Mrs. LEE DURHAM, 1113 60th Avenue and Mr. FLOYD AZBELL, 1116 60th Avenue, Fairmount Heights, did not know this individual.

On 5/14/68, JEFFERSON JOHNSON, Chief of Police, Fairmount Heights Police Department, advised he did not know WARDELL HICKS, aka Bubble-Eye Mason.

On 5/14/68, a review of the records of the Credit Bureau, Inc., Washington, D.C., determined that WARDELL HICKS previously resided at 1602 6th Street, N.W., and at 1911 8th Street, N.W., with his wife, ROBERTA. His occupation is shown as a cement finisher and also as a clerk for Joe Koplin Liquor Store, Washington, D.C.

Prince Georges County Identification Bureau records negative re WARDELL HICKS aka Bubble-Eye Mason.

Baltimore conducting no further investigation in this matter since all leads appear to be in Washington, D.C.

2 - WFO (REGIS. MAIL)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (REGIS. MAIL)
② - Richmond (44-651) (REGIS. MAIL)
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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Attempt to locate and interview WARDELL
HICKS at Washington, D.C.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: *[Signature]* ALL AGENTS (44-657) - P -
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) - P -
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/16/68

Re Buairtels to all Offices 5/9 and 10/68.

Bureau has advised for information and investigative assistance that subject, JAMES EARL RAY, took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968 and prior to his departing Los Angeles in March of 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

The Bureau advised that this should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

REFERENCED AIRTEL 5/9/68 advised that in order to cover the possibility that RAY may have died since commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted, and they advised that no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested that each state may maintain such a record in their Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agencies.

There is no law requiring the maintenance of such information, and it is possible that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would be only maintained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities or the like.

- 1 - EACH AGENT
 - 1 - SAC
 - 1 - ASAC
 - 1 - SUPERVISOR WAGNER
 - 1 - SUPERVISOR HUMPHRIES
 - 1 - SUPERVISOR TROW
 - 2 - Richmond 44-657
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Bureau advised that each office covering state capitols should check to ascertain if such records are maintained, and if so, records should be checked for the period from 4/5/68 to date for any information which might possibly identify subject RAY with unidentified deceased persons. Bureau instructed that if there is no central record repository maintained in the various states, that Agents should in connection with their contacts with law enforcement agencies in this or other Bureau matters make appropriate inquiries relative to unidentified dead for the period beginning 4/5/68. If fingerprints on such dead are maintained, they should be compared with those on the IO of RAY in order to effect identification or nonidentification.

Bureau instructed that this should be handled in the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines.

Richmond has determined that the Medical Examiner's Office for the State of Virginia maintains records of unidentified deceased and efforts are being made to handle this matter through that office.

Agents should be alert to possibility of an unidentified deceased coming to their attention in their respective working areas that could possibly be identical with subject RAY.

RE: BANK ROBBERIES

The Bureau has further advised that in view of the fact that subject RAY spent a considerable sum of money from 4/23/67 to 4/4/68, and the source of his money has not been determined, that his photograph should be displayed to appropriate witnesses in unsolved BRs and BEs.

The Bureau further instructed that consideration be given to the requesting of PDs to display photo of RAY to witnesses in their unsolved robberies.

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Agents having unsolved BRs wherein RAY would possibly be considered a suspect should exhibit his photograph to appropriate witnesses and all Agents in their contacts with PDs, should request departments to consider RAY in appropriate robberies.

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5/21/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (87-NEW) -P-

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
David Cooperman,
Lalah Cooperman
ITSP

(OO: ME)

Re WFO airtel to Richmond and Baltimore, 5/9/68
under caption "MURKIN."

Enclosed for the Bureau is one check in the amount of \$175.00, drawn on the Suburban Trust Company, Hyattsville, Md. Enclosed for the Baltimore Division is one Xerox copy of same check. Enclosed for each office is a copy of re airtel.

For the information of the Bureau, re airtel advised DAWN MILLER, apartment 504, Landmark Towers, 101 Lincoln Rd., furnished information that an individual resembling JAMES EARL RAY identified himself as DAVID COOPERMAN and purchased a used sofa from her on approximately April 14, 1968. COOPERMAN paid for the purchase with a check which is enclosed, and the check was subsequently returned to Miss MILLER marked, "Insufficient funds."

On 5/16/68, Miss MILLER was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, by SA RICHARD D. BATISTE, JR. and she indicated that she could not positively state that the unsub is identical with RAY. She furnished the check received from

3 - Director (Enc. 1) (RM) (64-38861)
1 - Baltimore (info) (Enc. 2)
1 - Memphis (info) (Enc. 1)
1 - WFO (info) (Enc. 1)
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COOPERMAN to SA BATISTE for latent fingerprint and handwriting examination by the FBI Laboratory.

Inasmuch as Miss MILLER was not positive in her identification of COOPERMAN as RAY, and the apparent ITSP violation, the laboratory is requested to make a latent fingerprint and handwriting for comparison with the known prints and handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY and search the enclosed check through the National Fraudulent Check file.

Results of the above examination should be furnished all offices receiving this communication and the check returned to the Richmond Division.

Pending determination of an ITSP violation, by the Baltimore Division, no further leads are being set forth at this time. Information copies are being forwarded to those offices having an investigative interest in this matter.

FBI

Date: 5/21/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)
 RE: MURKIN *44-657**
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Re Butel 4/25/68, to El Paso, et al, advising that each office should determine from the telephone company the long distance calls placed at each public telephone on U. S. Highway 90 and Interstate Highway 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67. Subject reportedly made eight long distance telephone calls while in Texas.

Set forth by Field Division are some of the telephone calls made from the San Antonio Division, 12/15-17/67, which were obtained from available Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records. The various Field Divisions will determine from the subscriber or person receiving the call the identity of the caller. If the caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information. Further, determine if the subscriber or the person receiving the call has any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY.

Unless information is developed during the course of the investigation requested above which pertains to the San Antonio Division, it is not necessary to advise the San Antonio Division of the results.

3 - Bureau
 3 - Birmingham
 7 - Dallas
 3 - El Paso
 2 - Kansas City
 2 - Knoxville
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<u>BIRMINGHAM</u>			
12/15/67	223-0232	205-324-8051	Birmingham, Alabama
12/17/67	661-9063	205-734-7304	Cullman, Alabama
12/16/67	674-9761	205-881-2057	Huntsville, Ala.
<u>DALLAS</u>			
12/15/67	432-9020	817-283-1546	Euleless-Hurst, Texas
12/15/67	875-9029	817-294-5422	Burleson, Texas
12/15/67	432-9224	817-626-5763	Fort Worth, Texas
12/17/67	223-7735	817-834-4482	Fort Worth, Texas
12/17/67	278-9013	915-396-4655	Menard, Texas
12/15/67	223-7892	915-399-0113	Luther, Texas
12/15/67	223-8000	915-653-9748	San Angelo, Texas
12/16/67	875-9030	915-692-0695	Abilene, Texas
<u>EL PASO</u>			
12/16/67	278-9093	915-598-2010	El Paso, Texas
12/17/67	674-9761	915-828-1819	Guadalupe Peak, Tex.
12/17/67	278-9041	915-837-4486	Alpine, Texas
<u>KANSAS CITY</u>			
12/17/67	674-9104	816-231-2992	Kansas City, Missouri From SAM DANIEL

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<u>KNOXVILLE</u>			
12/17/67	674-9914	615-588-2564	Knoxville, Tenn.
<u>MEMPHIS</u>			
12/16/67	379-9953	615-896-2776	Murfreesboro, Tenn. to BETTY STANLEY
<u>MOBILE</u>			
12/16/67	674-9693	205-368-2394	Atmore, Alabama
12/17/67	674-9603	205-471-3762	Mobile, Alabama
12/16/67	661-9063	205-943-5784	Foley, Alabama
<u>RICHMOND</u>			
12/17/67	674-9724	703-356-4286	<u>McLean, Virginia</u>
12/17/67	674-9724	703-356-4286	<u>McLean, Virginia</u>
<u>SACRAMENTO</u>			
12/17/67	538-9598	209-251-1137	Fresno, California
12/17/67	563-9747	209-834-3541	Fowler, California
<u>TAMPA</u>			
12/17/67	674-9761	813-294-5795	Winter Haven, Fla.
<u>SAN ANTONIO</u>			
12/16/67	278-9086	817-546-3241	Chilton, Texas
12/15/67	674-9915	817-753-3090	Waco, Texas

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u>
<u>SAN ANTONIO</u>			
12/15/67	278-9088	817-754-8205	Waco, Texas
12/17/67	432-9277	817-634-5911	Killeen, Texas
12/16/67	432-9665	915-452-5885	Richland Springs, Texas
12/17/67	432-9665	915-452-5885	Richland Springs, Texas,

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☒ Radio

5/22/68

URGENT

☐ Teletype

TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS
FROM: WASHINGTON

MURKIN.

INASMUCH AS RAY IS KNOWN TO STAY AT QUOTE FLOPHOUSES UNQUOTE AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS. —

ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVER LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTYEIGHT, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTYFIVE YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) - P -
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reburad 5/22/68, directing check of all driver's license applications for April and May, 1968, concerning all white males between ages 30 and 55 years of age, to determine if obtained by subject.

Inquiry, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Richmond, Va., determined that driver's license applications are filed alphabetically and not by date.

Mr. R.C. MOSCHLER, JR., Director, Data Processing, DMV, advised that every application or license on file, which totals in excess of two million, would have to be processed. A check of this type would require their equipment to be programmed in such a manner that the entire system would be tied up for an excessive period of time, specifically a minimum of three days, to accomplish a primary breakdown. Such a check would of necessity be made by DMV IBM employees.

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economically
According to Mr. MOSCHLER, such a voluminous check is not feasible in light of the equipment being constantly used as well as the fact that current DMV business is being received daily and requires immediate storage in the system.

In view of DMV's system of maintaining such records and due to the limited facilities and personnel and cost to the State involved, this review is not possible.

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Date: May 21, 1968

Transmit the following in _____
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Via Airtel _____
(Priority)

To: All SACs
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN ✓

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For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and dangerous.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS, CLEVELAND (44-565)
AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

✓ 44-657*
MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS;

THREATS AGAINST SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, MIAMI, FLA. FOLLOWING
ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BY ROLAND
CHESLEY TALBOTT, JR., INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPES (TWO) TO BUREAU, MAY TWENTYTHREE,
SIXTYEIGHT.

INDIVIDUAL NAMED ROLAND REFERRED TO IN REFERENCED
TELETYPES IDENTIFIED AS ROLAND CHESLEY TALBOTT, JR., FORMER
KLANSMAN, KLAVERN SIX, UKA, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., AND
RICHMOND, VA., AREA. MIAMI FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH ONE NINE
NINE THREE, BUREAU FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH SEVEN TWO EIGHT
SIX. JN 001

TALBOTT INTERVIEWED, MIAMI, THIS DATE AND ADVISED HE
HAS BEEN "SHOOTING HIS MOUTH OFF" SYMPATHIZING WITH INDIVIDUALS
RESPONSIBLE FOR KING'S DEATH EVER SINCE APRIL FOUR. STATES

1 - Miami (44-1854)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AMRM)
① - Richmond (AMRM)
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HE IS OF OPINION ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, H. RAP BROWN AND STOKELY CARMICHAEL SHOULD ALSO BE SHOT. STATES THAT HE BELIEVES BOBBY KENNEDY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE RACIAL UNREST IN THIS COUNTRY AND THAT HE SHOULD ALSO BE STOPPED, BUT NOT THROUGH VIOLENT MEANS. STATES HE IS A FORMER KLANSMAN AND BELIEVES IN THE SUPREMACY OF WHITE RACE. STATES EVEN THOUGH HE MAKES THESE STATEMENTS, HE HAS NO INTENTION OF PERPETRATING ANY SUCH ACTION AND IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH ANYONE WHO WOULD DO SO.

RECORDS, MC GAHEY CHRYSLER, PLYMOUTH, INC., MIAMI, FLA., INDICATE TALBOTT AT WORK ON PERTINENT DATE.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE NOTIFY OFFICE OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. OF ABOVE THREAT.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES ADVISED.

LHM FOLLOWS.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND RICHMOND.

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Date: 5/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

THREATS AGAINST SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY
 MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION
 OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BY
 ROLAND CHESLEY TALBOTT, JR. — 157-151-7280
 INFORMATION CONCERNING 157-1996, 157-1900-3.

Re Cleveland teletypes (2) to Miami dated 5/23/68,
 and Miami teletype to Bureau dated 5/24/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM
 suitable for dissemination. Four copies of this LHM are
 being furnished to Washington Field and Atlanta. Two
 copies of this LHM are being furnished to Cleveland,
 Memphis and Richmond.

Miami will furnish Memphis investigative inserts
 concerning captioned matter under separate cover.

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 2 - Cleveland (Enc. 2) (RM)
 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 2) (RM)
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Source referred to in LHM is CV 346-C, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

SINCE TALBOTT OFTEN CARRIES FIREARMS IN HIS
AUTOMOBILE, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
May 24, 1968

Re: THREATS AGAINST SEN. ROBERT F.
KENNEDY, MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOLLOWING
ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. BY ROLAND CHESLEY TALBOTT, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On May 23, 1968, a confidential source advised the Cleveland Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that his wife had recently returned from Miami, Florida, where she had worked in a bar. During her stay in Miami she met a man named Roland (last name unknown), who stated he was a Ku Klux Klan Grand Dragon and who drove a white Mustang. Roland stated to her after King's death that he had knowledge of it, and that Adam Clayton Powell, Stokely Carmichael, and H. Rap Brown were also scheduled for assassination and that "we will take care of Bobby Kennedy so he will never become president."

Roland reportedly carries weapons in his car and is accompanied by a large, vicious Doberman pinscher dog.

Roland was identified by the Miami Office of the FBI as Roland Chesley Talbott, Jr. Talbott operates a white Mustang and breeds Doberman pinscher dogs. He is a former member of Klavern #6, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and last attended a meeting of Klavern #6 on September 11, 1967.

A characterization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is contained in the appendix section of this memorandum.

Talbott is described as follows:

Name	Roland Chesley Talbott, Jr.
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	January 1, 1932
Place of birth	Richmond, Virginia
Height	6'
Weight	170 pounds

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Re: THREATS AGAINST SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION
OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BY
ROLAND CHESLEY TALBOTT, JR.

Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Occupation	Auto mechanic
Home address	525 N. E. 129th Street Miami, Florida
Wife	Louise

Talbott was interviewed on May 24, 1968, at his place of employment, McGahey Chrysler-Plymouth, 1930 N. E. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida. He stated he has been "shooting his mouth off" sympathizing with individuals responsible for or connected with the shooting of Martin Luther King, Jr. ever since April 4, 1968.

Talbott further stated that he is of the opinion that Adam Clayton Powell, H. Rap Brown, and Stokely Carmichael should also be assassinated and that Bobby Kennedy should be stopped by non-violent means so he can never become president. Talbott believes Kennedy is responsible for all the current racial unrest in this country.

Talbott advised that he believes in the supremacy of the white race and stated that he is a former Klansman. Talbott stated even though he makes many controversial statements, he has no intention of perpetrating any such act such as shooting a Negro or political leader and is not acquainted with anyone who would do so.

Talbott advised that on occasion he carries firearms in his automobile but not for the purpose of shooting anyone.

The employment records of McGahey Chrysler-Plymouth were reviewed with reference to Roland Talbott and these records indicate that Talbott was at work at McGahey, Miami, Florida, on April 4, 1968.

The above information was immediately furnished by telephone to the 111th M. I. Group, Miami, Florida, U. S. Secret Service, Miami, Florida, United States Attorney,

Re: THREATS AGAINST SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
MIAMI, FLORIDA, FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION
OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BY
ROLAND CHESLEY TALBOTT, JR.

Miami, Florida, and the Intelligence Units of the Miami
Police Department and the Dade County Department of Public
Safety.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished
locally to the 111th M. I. Group, Miami and Orlando,
Florida, the U. S. Secret Service, Miami, and the
United States Attorney, Miami, Florida.

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APPENDIXUNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised on July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.)

Second source advised that at a meeting in Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on May 25, 1966, that the UKA is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the National office was moved from Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of SHELTON's residence, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, which space he had converted into a room.

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