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Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-561)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA ROBERT BLUM RASCOE - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel dated 4/19/68.

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He further advised that his laundry does not use a code as indicated in referenced communication.

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TO : SAC, (44-561)

DATE: 4-24-68

FROM : SA LOUIE F. DEAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

(OO: ME)

The following investigation was conducted by SA
LOUIE F. DEAN:

On 4-9-68 the following individuals were contacted
with negative results:

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Kankakee, Illinois

Mrs. SHIRLEY HABBERKORN
Credit Bureau of Iroquois County, Inc.
Watseka, Illinois

F. D. CLAYWELL
Deputy Sheriff
Iroquois County Sheriff's Office
Watseka, Illinois

MADELINE TAYLOR
Voter's Registration Office
Iroquois County
Watseka, Illinois

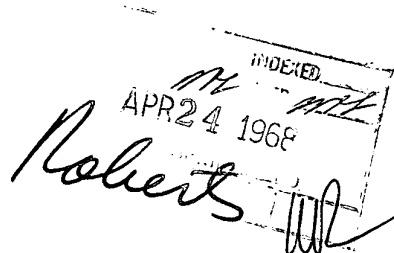
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Ford County
Paxton, Illinois (also checked voter's registration
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Captain IVRGIL JORDAN
Kankakee Police Dept.
Kankakee, Illinois

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Deputy Sheriff
Kankakee County Sheriff's Office
Kankakee, Illinois

PAUL R. BRANCH
Manager
Secretary and Treasurer
Domestic Launderers and Dry Cleaners

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KRUEGER advised that at approximately 10:45 p.m. on the night of 4-18-68 an unknown white, male, approximately 35 years of age, 5'8" - 10", stocky build, 170 - 180 lbs., normal voice but a little soft, wavy full-length hair which appeared to be medium brown in color, clear complexion, dressed in dark suit, white shirt, no tie, with collar open, came to his door at approximately 10:45 p.m. This person claimed to be representing a marketing research firm and stated "I would like to come in and ask you and your wife a few questions."

KRUEGER stated he told this individual that maybe some other time it would be more convenient, at which time the individual appeared hesitant as what to do next, said okay and left.

He stated that at the time he did not give any consideration to the fact that he resembled subject but upon receiving his "Duluth News Tribune" from Duluth, Minnesota, on 4-19-68, he saw a picture of subject on the first page and stated that the unknown individual who appeared at his door on the evening of 4-18-68 closely resembled the subject. He stated the photograph which appeared in the "Duluth News" bears a very good resemblance, however, the hairline of the individual who appeared at his door on 4-18-68 appeared to be somewhat fuller and his face was more square.

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He stated that after this individual appeared at his apartment he contacted the Kankakee Police Dept., at which time he was advised that should he received any further calls or anyone in the neighborhood, to recontact the Police Dept., as usually the "psycho cases" operate at those hours of the day.

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She stated that he was dressed in a dark suit, white shirt, open at the collar with no tie. She did not see him leave in a vehicle and after contact, stated that he did resemble subject's photograph which appeared in both the Kankakee and Chicago newspapers which she was exhibited. She stated that he was about 5'8" - 6", stout build, 170 lbs.

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ASAC SULLIVAN

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ASAC CLARK requested a suitable pretext conducted and background information obtained re WARDS at that address.

SA CLAUDE H. GRACE contacted Chief of Police KEN EUBANKS, Benton, Illinois PD, who advised MACK WARD, an elderly miner employed at Orient #5, Logan, Illinois, for several years, resides 1301 N. Main. He has a son, DAVID E. WARD at the same address, as of 1966 City Directory, and DAVID is married to MARGARET or MARGERY. DAVIS is employed as a service station attendant.

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When results received from SA BORTNER, they should be telephonically relayed to ASAC KYLE CLARK, Chicago Division.

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FROM : SUPV. VINCENT T. HARTNETT

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At 3:10 P.M., today, I received a telephone call from Inspector THOMAS E. BISHOP, SOG. He related the following:

He had just received a call from CARL STERN, Washington, D. C., NBC Office, who told him that a man, (FNU) STRADER, whom he had met on one occasion while covering a story in the South, had today called him from some place around Toledo, Ohio. STRADER told him that he was en route to his wife's folks' home in Lexington, Illinois. He then told him a "fantastic tale" about him, STRADER, overhearing a conversation on 3/29/68 in Lebanon, Tennessee, concerning the killing of KING. Apparently the people involved in the conversation knew he had overheard them, and according to STRADER, they had taken his license number and STRADER believes that he has had at least one shot fired at him since that time. STRADER feels that he has vital information concerning the KING case and called STERN for advice as to what he should do. STRADER was told to call the Springfield FBI Office and ask for either Mr. COLEMAN or Mr. SULLIVAN and that we would arrange to have somebody meet him at his convenience in Illinois. According to BISHOP, the inference BISHOP got from STERN is that STRADER is afraid to approach any office and may desire to have somebody meet him on the road or at his wife's home in Lexington. BISHOP ordered that we meet and talk to STRADER wherever he desires, provided it is in the state of Illinois and in our territory.

In view of the fact that Mr. COLEMAN and Mr. SULLIVAN are out of the office, I immediately advised JANE FARMER on the Switchboard concerning this situation and told her to be very circumspect in taking all incoming calls and attempt to politely ascertain if the caller was STRADER and if so, to make sure that I got the call until such time as Mr. SULLIVAN is back in town. I also instructed FARMER to make sure that whoever relieves her on the Switchboard, during the day and even in the evening, adhere to the same instructions.

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Correspondence while JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Aunt, Miss LUCY RYAN, 701 $\frac{1}{2}$ Washington Street, address also given as 801 North 12th Street, Quincy, Illinois.

One time co-defendant was WALTER TERRY RIFE, who is incarcerated in Leavenworth, Kansas. RIFE now lives in Quincy, Illinois.

Employment

Dryden Rubber Company from 7/49 to 9/49, Chicago, Illinois.

International Shoe Company, 5/44 to 12/45, Hartford, Illinois.

Neo Product Company, 4/50 to 7/50, Chicago, Illinois.

Arbey Corporation, 7/50 to 7/51, Chicago, Illinois.

Borg-Erickson Corporation, 8/51 to 5/52, Chicago, Illinois.

Relatives

Uncle who resides in Quincy, Illinois, no name given.

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Other names and addresses

WILLIAM MAHER, 1118 East 7th Street, Alton,
Illinois.

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WILLIAM MAHER, 1118 East 7th Street, Alton,
Illinois.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone calls Newark to Chicago to Springfield.

On 4/24/68 records Auto registration, Department of Motor Vehicles, reveal 1968 Illinois license 493-651 issued to HAROLD and/or PATRICIA WARD, 1301 North Main, Benton, Illinois, for use on a 1962 Cadillac, VIN 62B122668.

Springfield indices negative re HAROLD and PATRICIA WARD. Also driver's license, Department of Motor Vehicles.

Chief of Police KEN EUBANKS, Benton, Illinois, Police Department, advised MACK WARD, an elderly miner employed at Orient #5, Logan, Illinois, for some years, resides at 1301 North Main. He has a son DAVID E. WARD at the same address as of 1966 City Directory and DAVID is married to MARGARET or MARGERY. DAVID is employed as a service station attendant.

MACK and MARGARET WARD, 1301 North Main, Benton, Illinois, during a pretext inquiry, advised the following information:

HAROLD is their son, who is married to PATRICIA, nee ACKLY, who have two infant sons. PATRICIA previously resided 1545 Flicker Drive, Florissant, Missouri. HAROLD has been in the United States Navy approximately three years having just returned from Vietnam and is currently attending Navy training school in Pennsylvania, possibly Philadelphia, and his present address is 2420 Arnold Street, Camden, New Jersey. HAROLD and his family left Benton approximately

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3/26/68 and arrived Camden, New Jersey, the following Friday or Saturday. This is their first trip to Camden and to the best of their knowledge, neither HAROLD nor his wife knew any individuals in Camden prior to their arrival.

MACK WARD also advised that HAROLD owns and is presently driving a greyish colored 1962 Cadillac.

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3/26/68 and arrived Camden, New Jersey, the following Friday or Saturday. This is their first trip to Camden and to the best of their knowledge, neither HAROLD nor his wife knew any individuals in Camden prior to their arrival.

MACK WARD also advised that HAROLD owns and is presently driving a greyish colored 1962 Cadillac.