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1:44PM 4-14-68 URGENT LPS

TO MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

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ROBERT EARL DAVIS, ONE ZERO ONE MC LAURIN DRIVE, OXFORD, MISS., HAS ADVISED THAT ON THE MORNING OF FOUR EIGHT LAST HE OBSERVED AN UNKNOWN WHITE MALE AT THE OXFORD AIRPORT AND BELIEVES THIS PERSON ARRIVED ON A FLIGHT FROM MEMPHIS. STATES HE HAD CONVERSATION WITH THIS PERSON, WHO CLAIMED TO BE AN EASTERN AIRLINE PILOT WHO FLIES DC-8 CRAFT. ALSO RECALLS THIS PERSON CALLED SOMEONE IN TUPELO, MISS. AND THEREAFTER WAS PICKED-UP BY A WHITE MALE DRIVING A WHITE BUICK.

DAVIS STATES THE UNKNOWN PERSON AT THE AIRPORT WAS CARRYING A BLUE FLIGHT BAG WITH A NAME STENCILED ON SIDE. DAVIS BELIEVES HE RECALLS THE NAME "GALT OR GOLT" ON THE BAG. DAVIS DESCRIBES THIS PERSON AS THIRTYTWO, SIX FEET, ONE EIGHTY, BROWN HAIR, SHORT AND WAVY WITH RECEDING HAIR LINE, WELL-DRESSED AND WEARING BROWN SUIT.

DAVIS ADVISED HE HOLDS PILOT'S LICENSE AND DURING CONVERSATION WITH UNKNOWN PERSON HE FORMED HIS OWN OPINION THAT THIS PERSON WAS NOT A PILOT AS HE CLAIMED SINCE HE HAD LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF FLIGHT.

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DAVIS ADVISED COMPOSITE DRAWING OF THE SUBJECT IN THIS MATTER COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH THE PERSON HE OBSERVED AT THE AIRPORT.

MARVIN WATSON, SOUTHERN AIRLINES, OXFORD, MISS., ADVISED TODAY THAT ONLY ONE PASSENGER ARRIVED AN OXFORD FOUR EIGHT LAST ON FLIGHT SEVEN EIGHT ONE FROM MEMPHIS AND NAME NOT AVAILABLE OXFORD. STATES THIS PASSENGER HAD TWO NAMES LISTED.

MEMPHIS DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PASSENGER ON SOUTHERN FLIGHT SEVEN EIGHT ONE WHICH DEPARTED MEMPHIS TEN TEN AM AND ARRIVED OXFORD TEN THIRTYTHREE AND WILL CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE THIS PERSON AS SUSPECT.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO BUREAU BY SAC GRAPP FOUR
TEN SIXTY EIGHT, BUTEL TO ALL OFFICES FOUR NINE SIXTY EIGHT
AND CLEVELAND TEL TO LOS ANGELES FOUR TEN SIXTY EIGHT.

DURING CHECK OF LAUNDRIES IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AREA
MARKING MACHINE BEARING SERIAL NUMBER THREE ONE FOUR FIVE FOUR
WAS LOCATED AT HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING COMPANY,
FIVE TWO EIGHT NAUGHT HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, WHICH
MACHINE HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY SOLD TO DELITE LAUNDRY, ONE SIX
NAUGHT SEVEN BROOKLYN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, AND ONE OF THE
MACHINES REFERRED TO IN ALBANY TELETYPE FOUR EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT.
SAMPLES OF TAPES MADE BY THIS MACHINE TAKEN AND APPEAR TO BE
IDENTICAL WITH LAUNDRY TAGS ON SUSPECT CLOTHING. THESE SPECIMENS
BEING SENT OT FBI LABORATORY VIA AIRLINE TONIGHT.

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INVESTIGATION REFLECTS ONE JAY WALLI. VERNON, AKA JEROME WALLIS VERNON FBI NO. SEVEN FOUR THREEE 10 40 SIX B, OPERATED THIS LAUNDRY UNTIL MARCH TWENTY FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT, AND MADE NO FURTHER APPEARANCE AT LAUNDRY AFTER MARCH TWENTY SEVEN. HE IS DESCRIBED WHITE, MALE, BORN [REDACTED] PAMPA, TEXAS, FIVE ELEVEN, ONE NINETY FIVE, BROWN EYES, BROWN HAIR. HE IS SUBJECT OF BUFILES FORTY TWO DASH ONE SEVEN TWO SEVEN ONE SIX AND FORTY TWO DASH ONE NAUGHT ONE FOUR FOUR NINE. PHOTOGRAPH OF VERNON BEING SENT OT MEMPHIS VIA AIRLINE.

PRESENT MANAGER, LUCY PINELA, STATES SHE BELIEVES SHE HAS SEEN UNDERSHORTS OF TYPE IN PHOTO AS HAVING BEEN THROUGH HER LAUNDRY. SHE FURTHER STATED THE CODE ON THE GARMENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN USED SOME TIME AFTER MID-FEBRUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, AND THAT ALL RECORDS OF LAUNDRY, AS WELL AS TOOLS, WERE REMOVED FROM PREMISES BY VERNON. SHE LAST SAW VERNON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT. PINELA DOES NOT KNOW IDENTITY OF PRESENT OWNER. HOWEVER, TELEPHONE BILL WAS SENT TO MAURICE HOWARD, LOS ANGELES FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH TWO THREE TWO NAUGHT NAUGHT, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE FOUR TWO SIX NAUGHT TWO, WHO IS SUBJECT RESERVE INDEX SECTION B, LOS ANGELES.

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IT IS TO BE NOTED THIS LAUNDRY IS WITHIN FIVE BLOCKS OF
ROMPAGE HARDWARE, WHERE PLIERS FOUND IN MEMPHIS APPARENTLY
ORIGINATED. PHOTO OF VERNON DISPLAYED TO CURRENT EMPLOYEES
ROMPAGE HARDWARE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

BUREAU AND MEMPHIS WILL BE ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF
IDENTITY OF AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER AND NAME OF CAPTAIN OF PLANE
ON WHICH EVIDENCE AND PHOTOS BEING FORWARDED.

MEMPHIS SHOULD DISPLAY PHOTO TO ALL POSSIBLE WITNESSES
AND ADVISE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES OF RESULTS.

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE PRINTS
OF VERNON, FBI NUMBER SEVEN FOUR THREE TWO TWO SIX B, WITH ANY
LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED THIS MATTER.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT LOS ANGELES TO DETERMINE
PRESENT LOCATION OF VERNON.

INVESTIGATION RE SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT NEGATIVE TO
DATE. NO RECORD OF GALT AT AMERICAN INSURANCE ASSOCIATION,
LOS ANGELES.

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987) (3P)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR, SACS MEMPHIS AND
BIRMINGHAM APRIL TEN LAST CONCERNING JAY WALLIS VERNON.

IN A REVIEW OF THE MATERIAL IN YOUR TEL AND IN THE
LIGHT OF FACT THAT VERNON'S FINGERPRINTS DO NOT CORRESPOND
TO LATENTS ON MATERIAL DEVELOPED IN MEMPHIS INVESTIGATION,
THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ARE MADE:

THERE IS A STRIKING SIMILARITY BETWEEN VERNON AND
ARTISTS' CONCEPTION PREPARED AT MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.
GEOGRAPHICAL ORIENTATION OF VERNON IN TENNESSEE, ALABAMA,
TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA CORRESPONDS TO BACKGROUND DEVELOPED
CONCERNING UNSUB. UNSUB APPEARS SMALLER BUT SIMILAR IN
APPEARANCE. HIS LAUNDRY MAY HAVE BEEN PROCESSED IN
VERNON'S LAUNDRY IN LOS ANGELES.

Airtel _____ DEVELOP ALL POSSIBLE BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING VERNON

Teletype _____ AND PARTICULARLY DATA CONCERNING HIS WHEREABOUTS AND

A.M. _____ 1 - BIRMINGHAM (AM)
1 - MOBILE (AM) (ENC. 1)
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Understand
DIAGRAPOVINE
Vernon was located
and interviewed
at LA and GALT
recall that SAT's
brought in laundry on SAT's
during past 2 to 3 months
LA always, P.D. in 10, 10 or 30 cc

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TRAVELS DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. FURNISH ANY DATA DEVELOPED CONCERNING IDENTITY OF HIS VEHICLE, DRIVER'S LICENSE DATA AND IN PARTICULAR ASSOCIATES.

PARTICULAR INQUIRY SHOULD BE MADE AS TO WHETHER VERNON OR ASSOCIATES HAD ANY INTEREST IN RACIAL MATTERS, ANY ORIENTATION TO KLAN OR SIMILAR RACIST ORGANIZATIONS. ASCERTAIN WHETHER HE HAD ANY CLOSE ASSOCIATES IN BATON ROUGE, AREA, MEMPHIS AREA, BIRMINGHAM AREA OR MOBILE PASCAGOULA AREA IN ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI.

DETERMINE WHETHER ANY TOLL TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE FROM HIS PHONE EITHER BUSINESS OR RESIDENCE TO BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, MOBILE OR NEW ORLEANS DIVISIONS.

RECORDS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION INDICATE ONE JEROME WALLIS
VERNON, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT PAMPA, TEXAS, WAS AN AIR FORCE DESERTER IN OCTOBER, ONE NINE SIX THREE, SAN FRANCISCO OO, AFSN ONE NINE SEVEN ZERO SEVEN THREE EIGHT THREE.

EXPLOIT ALL ASPECTS VERNON POTENTIAL AS AN ASSOCIATE OR PARTICIPANT IN MURKIN SITUATION.

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**AM COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE, JACKSON AND
NEW ORLEANS. COPY OF RE TEL ENCLOSED FOR MOBILE,
JACKSON AND NEW ORLEANS. EN END**

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, ST. LOUIS + MEMPHIS

FROM SAC SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

~~ROBERT L. PLUNK~~, WHITE, MALE, THIRTY FOUR, BORN

FIVE FEET, TEN INCHES,
ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR (RECEDING), BROWN
EYES, WAS PASSENGER ON TRAIN NUMBER SIX IC RAILROAD TO ST.
LOUIS, MISSOURI, FIVE AM THIS DATE. PLUNK BRIEFLY INTERVIEWED
CARBONDALE, ILL., IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY TRAIN
PERSONNEL INDICATING PLUNK RESEMBLED ARTIST'S SKETCH OF ASSASSIN
OF DR. KING. PLUNK RESIDING R. R. TWO, NICHIE, TENN., WITH
MOTHER, KULIA PLUNK, BOARDED IC PASSENGER TRAIN NUMBER TEN OUT
OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, AT CORINTH, MISS., WITH ROUND-TRIP
TICKET TO ST. LOUIS. PLUNK PRODUCED LETTER FROM VETERAN'S
ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL (VAH), ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ADDRESSED
TO ROBERT L. PLUNK, R. R. TWO, NICHIE, TENN., REQUESTING HIM
TO REPORT FOR PHYSICAL RE DISABILITY CLAIM. PLUNK HAS TB,
WAS KOREAN WAR VETERAN AND HAD PRIOR CHEST OPERATION FOR TB AT
MURPHYKESBORO, TENN., VAH. LETTER DIRECTED PLUNK TO REPORT

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VAH, A ONE THREE NINE, OUT-PATIENT SERVICE, NINE ONE FIVE NORTH GRAND, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, APRIL ELEVEN, INSTANT. PLUNK CLAIMS DOES NOT WORK DUE TO PHYSICAL CONDITION. PLUNK OBVIOUSLY IN POOR PHYSICAL CONDITION AND HAD DIFFICULTY IN MOVING AND BREATHING. DUE TO BRIEF OPPORTUNITY IN INTERVIEW FOLLOWING BEING REQUESTED OF RECEIVING OFFICES:

ST. LOUIS AT VAH IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW PLUNK AND OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH AND FORWARD MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS AT NICHE AND MURPHYREESBORO, TENN., CHECK FOR BACKGROUND AND ESTABLISH MOVEMENTS OF PLUNK DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

INFORMATION MAIL COPY TO JACKSON INASMUCH AS PLUNK BOARDED PASSENGER TRAIN NUMBER TEN AT CORINTH, MISS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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

**RE: MURKIN
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OO: ME

Re JM tel to Bureau, etc., 4/8/68.

Referenced teletype indicated that one ~~ROBERT OWEN SHERIDAN~~ was arrested by local authorities at Holly Springs, Mississippi on 4/8/68 on vagrancy charge.

When interviewed SHERIDAN advised that he had arrived in Millington, Tennessee on Thursday, April 4, 1968, and was currently registered at the Rip Van Winkle Motel in that city. SHERIDAN advised that he had gone to Holly Springs, Mississippi, on 4/7/68 and had registered at the Holly Inn Motel because he was unable to make long distance telephone calls from Tennessee as all the phone lines were tied up.

Investigation at Memphis indicates SHERIDAN registered at Rip Van Winkle Motel 4/6/68 and was still registered on 4/8/68. Registration card at Rip Van Winkle Motel indicates subject driving 1966 Cadillac with Illinois License NJ 167. Miscellaneous clothing, a polaroid camera and one U. S. Royal Laredo tire 900x15 had been removed from his room by the manager and was being kept in the manager's office.

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Referenced teletype indicates SHERIDAN photographed and fingerprinted and fingerprints submitted to Bureau.

Bureau is requested to compare fingerprints of SHERIDAN with those previously submitted in this case.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987), ~~NEW ORLEANS, JACKSON AND KNOXVILLE~~
FROM RICHMOND (44-657)

MURKIN - CR, OOMEMEHIS

IRA GLENN WISEMAN, ROANOKE, VA., ADVISED APRIL ELEVEN LAST,
HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, JAMES HENRY SHORT, ONE SEVEN TWO TWO TULLAMORE
ST., ALEXANDRIA, LA., CLAIMS TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF PERSON WHO KILLED
KING. SHORT DISAPPEARED FROM HIS HOME TEN DAYS AGO AND WHEREABOUTS
NOT KNOWN UNTIL APRIL ELEVEN LAST WHEN HIS WIFE JACQUELINE RECEIVED
INFORMATION SHORT PASSED INS CHECKS HOLIDAY INN, RONAOKE, VA.,

WISEMAN LOCATED SHORT AND TOOK HIM TO HIS HOME. SHORT INFORMED
WISEMAN HE WAS IN MEMPHIS DAY KING WAS KILLED AND COULD IDENTIFY
KILLER BUT NOT BY NAME.

SHORT INTERVIEWED AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING: HE SERVED SEVEN
YEARS IN USAF, NO. AF ONE THREE SEVEN ZERO FIVE FIVE ONE SIX, UN-
DESIRABLE DISCHARGE NOV. THIRTY, SIXTYSEVEN. EMPLOYED BY AF CO
SCHOOL EQUIPMENT CO., ALEXANDRIA, LA. WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN RESIDE
THERE.

CLAIMS ASSOCIATION WITH A COMMUNIST EUGENE BATTLE, NEGRO MALE,
FIVE SEVEN TO FIVE EIGHT, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY,
BLACK KINKY HAIR, SPECIALIST E-FOUR ASSIGNED TO SAME AF UNIT,

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THREE ONE NINE TH AIR COMMANDO SQUAD AT ELGIN AFB, FLORIDA. HOME ADDRESS, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

SHORT DENIES MEMBERSHIP IN CP OR UKA, KKKKK.

SHORT CONTACTED TELEPHONICALLY MONDAY EVENING, APRIL ONE, LAST BY UNKNOWN MAN, WHO STATED HE WAS WANTED ON A "JOB" AT MEMPHIS, BETWEEN TWO THIRTY AND THREE PM, APRIL FOUR LAST. HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO COME TO ROOM ONE TWO SIX AT THE DOWNTOWNER MOTOR INN, MEMPHIS, TO GO ~~XXX~~ THROUGH JACKSON, MISS., EN ROUTE AND PICK UP A MAN NAMED DICK COLLINS AT THE HOLIDAY INN, JACKSON, ON APRIL THREE LAST.

SHORT PROCEEDED TO JACKSON IN HIS SIXTYSEVEN TWO DOOR BLUE BOTTOM VINYL COMET, ARRIVING AT HOLIDAY INN ABOUT MIDNIGHT APRIL THREE LAST. HE CHECKED IN USING HIS RIGHT NAME. COLLINS, A WHITE MALE, CONTACTED HIM ABOUT ELEVEN THIRTY AM, APRIL FOUR LAST, AND THEY DROVE TO MEMPHIS, ARRIVING ABOUT FIVE THIRTY PM. THEY FOUND THREE WHITE MEN AND ONE NEGRO MAN IN ROOM ~~THREE~~ ONE TWO SIX OF THE DOWNTOWNER MOTEL. NO. ONE, A WHITE MALE, EARLY FIFTIES, SIX FT. ONE, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY LBS., BLACK HAIR, TURNING GRAY, APPEARED TO BE LEADER. HE WAS IMPATIENT WITH SHORT FOR BEING LATE AND

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POINTED OUT A YOUNG NEATLY DRESSED WHITE MAN HOLDING WHAT APPEARED TO BE A GUN CASE AND STATED HE DROVE FROM NEW ORLEANS AND WAS THERE ON TIME.

NO. ONE STATED THEY WOULD HAVE TO HURRY BECAUSE KING WAS STAYING IN A MOTEL ABOUT ELEVEN BLOCKS AWAY. HE NEVER MENTIONED KILLING KING BUT INSTRUCTED SHORT, COLLINS AND THE OTHER THREE MEN THEY WERE TO GO TO THE MOTEL AND CREATE A DISTURBANCE IN THE VICINITY SO AS TO DISTRACT THE ATTENTION OF ANY SECURITY GUARDS. THE GROUP LEFT THE DOWNTOWNER MOTEL. COLLINS AND THE NEGRO ENTERED A LIGHT COLORED LATE MOTEL BUICK OR OLDS. NO. ONE AND THE OTHER TWO MEN ENTERED A LATE MODEL CHRYSLER. SHORT DROVE HIS OWN AUTOMOBILE AND ON WAY TO MOTEL DECIDED HE DID NOT WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN A DISTURBANCE AND PROCEEDED TO KINGSPORT, TENN. HE WAS DRIVING ON INTERSTATE TWO FOUR ZERO WHEN HE HEARD OF THE ASSASSINATION BY RADIO.

SHORT CHECKED INTO THE HOLIDAY INN AT KINGSPORT, TENN., AT ONE THIRTY AM, APRIL FIVE LAST. HE CONTINUED TO ROANOKE, VA., NEXT MORNING AND CHECKED INTO HOLIDAY INN, NO. TWO, AT ONE FOURTYFOUR AM, APRIL SIX LAST.

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HE STAYED THERE UNTIL FOUND BY WISEMAN. THIS VERIFIED BY MOTEL RECORDS.

NO. TWO WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY THIRTY, MEDIUM BUILD AND COMPLEXION, WELL DRESSED.

NO. THREE WHITE MALE, THIRTY - FORTY, LIGHT HAIR, SLENDER BUILD, SIX FT. FOUR IN., ONE HUNDRED EIGHT LBS.

NO. FOUR, NEGRO MALE, LATE TWENTIES, OR EARLY THIRTIES, FIVE FT. ELEVEN INC., ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., LIGHT COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR, CUT CLOSE, WELL DRESSED.

COLLINS, WHITEMALE, MIDDLE THIRTIES, MEDIUM BUILD AND COMPLEXION WELL DRESSED, DARK HAIR.

SHORT, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] CHARLESTON, WEST VA., FIVE FT. NINE, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS., DARK BROWN WAVY HAIR, BROWN EYES, MEDIUM COMPLEXION AND BUILD, DRIVING SIXTYSEVEN COMET, LA. LICENSE TWO FOUR E NINE NINE THREE.

SHORT ADMITTED HE WAS DRINKING NIGHT HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL BY ~~HE~~ CLAIMS WAS NOT DRUNK. ADMITS HAVING ISSUED EIGHT INS FUNDS CHECKS. HE PAID MOTEL BILL AT HOLIDAY INN OF ONE HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS WITH GULF CREDIT CARD, NO. ONE THREE ONE FIVE SEVEN EIGHT THREE FOUR - FOUR.

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BEFORE ANY CREDENCE IS PLACED IN THIS STORY, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT MEMPHIS ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND VERIFY THE INDIVIDUALS AND INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SHORT PERTAINING TO THE DOWNTOWNER MOTEL. NO LEADS ARE BEING SET FORTH ^{For} AT JACKSON, NEW ORLEANS OR KNOXVILLE AT THIS TIME TO VERIFY OTHER PORTIONS PENDING RECEIPT ^{OF} ~~FROM~~ INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN AS TO WHETHER THERE IS ANY AUTHENTICITY TO THIS STORY.

MAIL COPIES TO NEW ORLEANS, JACKSON AND KNOXVILLE.

END.

Mrs. D. L. Gray, Desk Clerk, Halliday Inn, South West, Jackson, Miss., furnished registration records for the month of April. No record of registration found identifiable with SHORT or COLLINS.

*ZAIDA DODSON
Mrs. Zaida Dodson, desk clerk, Halliday Inn, Route 51 North, furnished records for the month of April. No record of registration found identifiable with SHORT or COLLINS.*

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Unidentified latent fingerprints this case are not identical with fingerprints of Robert Owen Sheridan, FBI #441 961 D, born [redacted] Mt. Vernon, Illinois, who may be identical with person mentioned unairtel.

✓ 1- SAC, Jackson (157-9586)

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re: Airtel 4-11-68.

Latent fingerprints and latent impression, which may be a finger or palm print, not identical fingerprints ~~BILLY RAY WHITE~~, FBI #550 395 D, No palm prints here for White.

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Latent fingerprints and latent impression, which may be a finger or palm print, not identical fingerprints BILLY RAY WHITE, FBI #990 395 D. No palm prints here for White.

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Date 4/10/68

Mr. J. C. SPIEKERMAN, JR., Plant Manager, Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company, Longview, Texas Plant, advised canned beer produced by this plant is stamped on the bottom of each can at the time of packaging with a code number which designates the date, month, and year it was produced. He gave the following code number as an example:

Code No. 03
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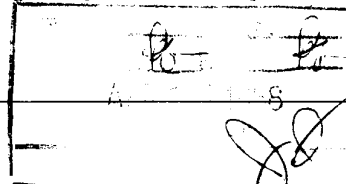
The number 03 refers to the month and the 15 refers to the day of the month while the 8 refers to the year.

Therefore, this particular stamp on a can of beer produced by this firm means it was produced on March 15, 1968.

Mr. SPIEKERMAN stated that no other stamps or markings are placed on the beer can by this firm when produced and packaged. He stated that the lids which are placed on the bottom of each can of beer produced for the sale in the State of Mississippi bear markings showing the Mississippi State Tax as being paid. These markings are in the form of black lettering showing "Mississippi Tax Paid", the Great Seal of Mississippi, and the amount of the tax, "4 Cents" or "5 1/3", this latter amount depending on the size of the beer can, 12 or 16 fluid ounces as the case may be. This lettering is within a black circle. The other marking on the can which is different from other cans used by Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company is that the can shows the beer was produced at a particular plant. The beer produced by the Longview plant shows Longview, Texas.

Mr. SPIEKERMAN advised that Schlitz beer sold in the State of Mississippi is sold through the following distributors, all located in the State of Mississippi:

- (1) F & F Distributing Company, Magnolia and West Rail Road Street, Biloxi
- (2) Service Beverage Company, P. O. Box 474, Clarkdale
- (3) Wells Distributing Company, P. O. Box 647, Cleveland
- (4) Hunter Distributing Company, 2106 Highway 82 East, Columbus



On 4/8/68 at Longview, Texas

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by SA CHARLES L. BROWN, JR. / jcb

Date dictated 4/9/68

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- (5) Port City Beverage Company, 533 North Edison, Greenville
- (6) Carnaggio Distributing Company, 506 Carrollton Avenue, Greenwood
- (7) Bill Hannan Distributing Company, 981 Commerce Street, Grenada
- (8) Hattiesburg Beverage Company, 603 East Front, Hattiesburg
- (9) Capitol City Beverage Company, 407 Guidici, Jackson
- (10) Austin Distributing Company, 111 East Michigan Avenue, McComb
- (11) Mississippi Beverage Company, 615--22nd Avenue, South, Meridian
- (12) Bluff City Distributing Company, 305 Fisk Avenue, Natchez
- (13) Foster Beverage Company, 318 East Main Street, Tupelo
- (14) Canal Beverage Company, 1318 Levee Street, Vicksburg
- (15) Yazoo Distributing Company, Yazoo City

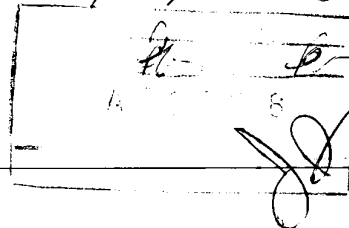
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Mr. J. D. FAULKNER, Office Manager, Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company, Longview, Texas Plant, advised that beer produced by this plant for sale in the State of Mississippi on March 15, 1968, was in all probability shipped to the following distributors:

Hattiesburg Beverage Company, 603 East Front Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, shipments on March 15 and 20, 1968;
 Service Beverage Company, P. O. Box 474, Clarksdale, Mississippi, shipments on March 15 and 20, 1968;
 Mississippi Beverage Company, 615 - 22nd Avenue South, Meridian, Mississippi, shipments on March 15 and 20, 1968;
 Yazoo Distributing Company Company, Yazoo City, Mississippi, shipments on March 18, 1968;
 F & F Distributing Company, Magnolia and West Rail Road Street, Biloxi, Mississippi, shipments on March 18 and 20, 1968;
 Foster Beverage Company, 318 East Main Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, shipment on March 20, 1968;
 Capitol City Beverage, 407 Guidici, Jackson, Mississippi, shipment on March 20, 1968.

Mr. FAULKNER advised that 21,352 cases of beer packaged in pop-top cans and 252 cases of beer packaged in soft-top cans were produced by the Longview, Texas plant on March 15, 1968, for sale in the State of Mississippi. There are 24 cans per case and the beer is packaged in both 12 fluid and 16 fluid ounce cans. All of this beer bears black letters on the bottom of each can which shows the Mississippi State Tax. Other than the use of the bottom lids bearing this lettering there is no other markings designating a particular distributor or other information placed on the can at the time of production other than the date stamp which is coded on the bottom lid at the time.



On 4/8/68 at Longview, Texas File # Dallas 44-2649

by SA CHARLES L. BROWN, JR./pd Date dictated 4/9/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-3649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau dated 4/8/68.

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Enclosed for Jackson are 2 copies of the described FD-302s. These two copies each are forwarded to Jackson in accordance with Jackson's request in this matter.

The above 302s refer to investigation concerning Schlitz beer sold in State of Mississippi.

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②-Jackson (Enc.2)
①-Dallas
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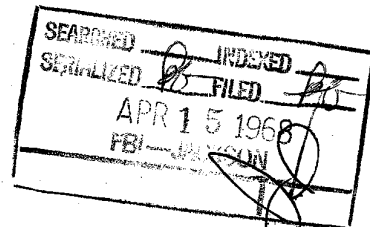
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
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- 2 ALBANY (AM)
- 2 ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (AM)
- 1 MEMPHIS

RGJ:BN
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, JACKSON

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

**SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR**

OO: ME

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DOB	
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TO: SAC, LITTLE ROCK

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

At 8:31 a.m., an anonymous phone call was received by SA CARL A. TURNER at the Gulfport Resident Agency. Caller stated "If you want to find out who killed Martin Luther King, talk to Edward Wynn, Tucker, Arkansas". Caller stated WYNN had served time in 1963. *Index*

LEAD:LITTLE ROCKAt Tucker, Arkansas

Will conduct appropriate investigation to eliminate WYNN as a possible suspect. Determine if he owns a white Mustang and if appropriate, interview him regarding his whereabouts on pertinent dates this case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/15/68

On April 11, 1968, Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN telephonically advised that he did not desire that any negative type investigation, which eliminates local Jackson suspects, be sent to Memphis. He advised that negative type information should be indexed and filed at Jackson rather than be furnished to Memphis.

There follows herewith an insert concerning Chief of Police J.T.ROBINSON, Natchez, Mississippi, and an incident wherein JOHN A. ANDERSON admitted he wrote a note stating "I killed M.L.K. in Memphis,Tenn. The Mayor is next. The Klan."

ACTION:

In view of instructions from Inspector SULLIVAN, it is recommended the insert re Chief ROBINSON and the FD 302 re JOHN A. ANDERSON be indexed and filed.

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*Insert and 302 are marked
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On April 9, 1968, J. T. ROBINSON, Chief of Police, Natchez Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, advised that they had arrested JOHN A. ANDERSON, and that he was being held in the City Jail. ROBINSON stated that RUTH RAND, a barmaid of the Fountain Lounge went to open up the lounge at approximately 11:30 AM this date and found the door unlocked. ROBINSON stated she went in, turned on the lights and saw ANDERSON. RAND advised that ANDERSON ran out of the building and dropped a money bag containing \$29.00 in change. ROBINSON stated that the subject was seen getting into a GBC Truck Line truck and heading west across the bridge to Vidalia, Louisiana. ROBINSON stated that the Vidalia Police Department stopped the truck in Vidalia and arrested ANDERSON. ANDERSON was returned to the Natchez Police Department.

On April 9, 1968, JAMES BURK, driver for GBC Truck Lines, advised that he was proceeding west on Route 84 en route to Ferriday, Louisiana, when he saw this man whom he later learned to be JOHN A. ANDERSON hitchhiking. BURK advised that it is against the law for them to pick up hitchhikers but that it was raining very hard and that he stopped anyway. He stated that he crossed the bridge with ANDERSON in the truck and that he stopped immediately on the other side for the Vidalia Police Department and that they arrested ANDERSON. BURK further stated that he had never seen ANDERSON before and that ANDERSON had made no comment to him other than asking him where he was going.

The following is a description of JAMES BURK:

Name:	JAMES BURK
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	
Height:	6 feet 1 inch
Weight:	176
Eyes:	Grey
Hair:	Black

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Address: Route 8
Lana Bieu Avenue
Kingsport, Tennessee
Employer: GBC Truck Lines
Morristown, Tennessee

On April 9, 1968, JAKE B. GUERCIO, Owner and Manager of the Fountain Lounge, Natchez, Mississippi, advised that he was about to close up the Fountain Lounge when he noticed JOHN A. ANDERSON in an intoxicated condition. GUERCIO stated that he knew ANDERSON from Woodville, Mississippi, and that he asked ANDERSON where he was going to spend the night. GUERCIO stated that ANDERSON told him that he had expected a ride into Woodville but that it apparently was not coming. GUERCIO stated that he told ANDERSON that he should go into the Fountain Lounge and sleep in there so that he would not be arrested for public intoxication. GUERCIO advised that he left ANDERSON in the Fountain Lounge, locked the door, and went home.

ROBINSON advised that a search of the premises revealed a note initialed J. A. A. stating, "I killed M. L. K. in Memphis, Tenn. The Mayor is next. The Klan."

ROBINSON further advised that RUTH RAND, the barmaid of the Fountain Lounge, advised that this note was not behind the bar before she left.

ANDERSON was interviewed.

On April 9, 1968, BURNELL MC GRAW, Sheriff, Wilkinson County, Woodville, Mississippi, advised that he is familiar with JOHN A. ANDERSON. He stated that ANDERSON has a history of mental illness and that ANDERSON is not a responsible individual. MC GRAW further advised that ANDERSON has been in Woodville for approximately a week and that he is living with his aunt, LUCILLE BUCKEL.

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MC GRAW stated that he intended to contact LUCILLE BUCKEL and request permission to have ANDERSON committed to Whitfield for psychiatric treatment.

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JOHN A. ANDERSON was interviewed at his place of incarceration, Natchez Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi. ANDERSON was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, and was immediately advised of his constitutional rights. ANDERSON waived these rights by executing the waiver of rights form and voluntarily provided the following information:

ANDERSON stated that during the evening of April 8 and April 9, 1968, he was at the Fountain Lounge in Natchez, driving heavily. He stated that the owner of the Fountain Lounge, JAKE GUERCIO, whom he knew from Woodville, Mississippi, recognized that he was in an intoxicated condition and asked how he was going to get to Woodville. ANDERSON stated that he told GUERCIO he had intended to ride down with a truck driver but that it appeared that he had forgotten him. ANDERSON stated that GUERCIO told him that he would let him sleep in the Fountain Lounge and "sleep it off" so that he would not be arrested by the police for public intoxication. ANDERSON stated that GUERCIO left him in the Fountain Lounge, locked the door, and apparently went home,

ANDERSON advised that after he was left alone in the lounge, he continued to drink beer and become even more intoxicated. He stated that he found a notepad and decided to write a note and leave it in the lounge as a joke. He stated that he found a pen and wrote the following on a notepad, "I killed M.L.K. in Memphis, Tenn. The Mayor is next. The Klan." ANDERSON further stated that he had written the note he dropped the pad and misplaced it and could not find it again. ANDERSON advised that he was very drunk at the time and did not realize that the note would be taken seriously.

On 4/9/68 at Natchez, Mississippi

File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA PAUL W. ROEMER / mlt

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ANDERSON concluded that he has been in Woodville for approximately a week and that on the night that MARTIN LUTHER KING was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, 1968, he was at the J. B. Nettles Truck Stop, Route 61 South, Wilkinson County, Mississippi, from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM the following morning, in a drunken condition. ANDERSON stated that he is a good friend of the owner of Nettles Truck Stop and that MILDRED NETTLES would be able to verify his story.

The following is a description of ANDERSON obtained by observation and interview:

Name:	JOHN A. ANDERSON
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Black
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	180
Date of Birth:	
Social Security #:	
Georgia operator's license number:	305384
Address:	3003½ Reese Road Columbus, Georgia
Marital Status:	Married
Wife:	PEGGY ANN ANDERSON (separated), presently living with Mrs. LUCILLE BUCKEL, Woodville, Mississippi

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
FD-306 (2-21-58)

Date received 4/11/68	Received from (name or symbol number) JN 341-R (PROB)	Received by SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS
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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Dictated <u>4/12/68</u> to <u>Connie M. Bagwell</u> Transcribed <u>4/12/68</u> Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 4/11/68 Date(s) of activity 4/1-11/68
Brief description of activity or material <i>Index</i> <u>Info re leaders and members of OKA, Jackson; HOWARD LA CROIX, racial extremist, formerly of Vicksburg, believed possibly involved in murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING; Blackwell Real Estate bombing subjects arrested recently in</u>		File where original is located if not attached 170-334-SF1-19
Remarks: Jackson		

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ENCLOSED REPORT, IF USED IN A REPORT BEING PREPARED FOR DISSEMINATION, SHOULD BE SUITABLY PARAPHRASED IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS INFORMANT.

- 1 - 170-334-SF1
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 - 1 - 157-7021 (OKA, Hinds County)
 - 1 - 157-36 (APWR)
 - 1 - 157-6029 (Miss. KKK)
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 - 1 - 157-6559 (B. C. CUPSTID)
 - 1 - 157- (CECIL PATE)
 - 1 - 157-New (HOWARD LA CROIX)
 - 1 - 157-8343 (A. H. WATKINS or A. H. WALTERS)
 - 1 - 157- (H. D. WHITE)
 - 1 - 157- (AUBREY NUNNERY)
 - 1 - 157- (JIMMY SAVELL)
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1 - 157- (BOB MC COY, Gulf Coast)
1 - 157-536 (ERNEST GILBERT)
1 - 157-7868 (J. L. HARPER)
1 - 157-5928 (HARRY KELLEY, Attorney)

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4/11/68
Jackson, Miss.

APWR, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

Source advised that the weekly meeting of the APWR, Jackson, was cancelled for 4/9/68 since the church normally used for weekly meetings is having a revival. There is supposed to be a fish fry instead of a weekly meeting, but source does not know the location of the fish fry since he does not plan to attend.

BOMBING OF BLACKWELL REAL ESTATE COMPANY;
FERRALL MC CORMICK; ERNEST GILBERT:

Source advised he has just read in the newspaper where nine people were arrested in Mississippi this week charged with being involved in the bombing of the Blackwell Real Estate Company. Source stated he knows most of these persons arrested personally and based on his knowledge of their background, he feels certain they are involved in the bombing. He added that he knows of two other people in the Klan at Jackson, Miss., who he believes might be involved in this bombing, but who were not arrested this week. They are: FERRALL MC CORMICK, SR., and ERNEST GILBERT.

Source stated he learned on 4/11/68, that all of those arrested had made bond of \$10,000 each, except for J. L. HARPER, who remained in the Hinds County Jail.

HOWARD LA CROIX:

Source advised that he worked with one HOWARD LA CROIX at Vicksburg, Miss., during 1967 and he considered LA CROIX extremely radical and the type person who would commit most any act of violence in connection with racial matters. Source described LA CROIX as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	25-30
Hair	Black, combed straight back

Characteristics

Has a sort of silly smile and acts silly at times, mimicking Amos and Andy of radio fame, or any such characters

Source knows LA CROIX as a former auto parts man at Lamar T. Lowe Pontiac-Cadillac Agency, Vicksburg, Miss. He worked there under the supervision of JIM CRIBBS and at one time had telephone number 948-5028, which is a Jackson, Miss., number. Source stated that based on newspaper accounts of the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, he believes LA CROIX should be considered a good suspect, since he often talked about committing acts of racial violence, including the fact that somebody should kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

HARRY KELLEY, ATTORNEY:

Source advised that HARRY KELLEY is representing DAVID L. CUTCHENS, a Klan member, in a suit against the Hinds County SO, for false arrest. The suit is for \$10,000 and is based on arrest of CUTCHENS about a month ago in connection with a debt which CUTCHENS owed.

J. L. HARPER:

Source advised that J. L. HARPER, member of WKKKKOM, Jackson, Miss., whose case for illegal possession of dynamite was scheduled for 4/12/68 in Hinds County Court, has now been delayed until next month. Source stated he has talked to HARPER's attorney and the attorney seems to think HARPER will be found not guilty.

A. H. WALTERS or A. H. WATKINS:

Source advised that he knew an individual named A. H. WATKINS and not A. H. WALTERS, who was a member of Unit #111, OKA, Jackson, Miss., for a short time during the Summer of 1967. WATKINS was working for a construction company building a highway and was driving a low-boy type truck. He lived on Shaw Road west of Jackson until about 12/67. He is no longer active in the Klan and his whereabouts

is unknown. He is believed to still be in the Jackson, Miss. area.

H. D. WHITE:

Source advised that H. D. WHITE, a Klan leader in the Mississippi KKK, headed by B. C. CUPSTID, as Grand Dragon; is still active in the Klan and has advised several of his friends that he expects to be appointed a deputy sheriff in Hinds County in the very near future.

AUBREY NUNNERY:

Source advised that AUBREY NUNNERY is presently the treasurer of the Mississippi KKK, Jackson, Miss., which unit is headed by B. C. CUPSTID.

JIMMY SAVELL:

Source advised that JIMMY SAVELL, Jackson, Miss., is Acting EC of the Mississippi KKK unit at Jackson anytime CUPSTID is not present. He is considered EC of the local unit and CUPSTID is the Grand Dragon.

FERRALL MC CORMICK, SR.; CHUCK GARNER:

Source advised that he considers CHUCK GARNER, a member of the OKA, to be extremely dangerous. He said GARNER is almost always around with at least one gun and has in his home many guns of different types. GARNER has recently been traveling around Jackson with FERRALL MC CORMICK, SR., and more or less acting as a bodyguard for MC CORMICK. GARNER is believed to continue to work at an appliance company as a service man. The company is owned by DON JACKSON and is located on Lynch Street, just east of Ellis Avenue, Jackson. Source considers GARNER extremely fast in handling a gun and the type person not to be discussed in any way where racial matters are concerned.

CECIL PATE:

Source advised that CECIL PATE was formerly the Vice-President of the Mississippi KKK at Jackson, Miss., but has completely dropped out of the Klan recently due

to some disagreement with the Grand Dragon, B. C. CUPSTID.

L. E. MATTHEWS; PRICE GRAY:

Source advised he knows L. E. MATTHEWS, JR., a Klan official in the WKKKKOM and also PRICE GRAY, a former EC of a WKKKKOM unit at Jackson, Miss. He said GRAY and MATTHEWS were formerly extremely good friends and may still be. Source believes they would do anything to protect each other due to their friendship. Source stated PRICE GRAY is believed still working at Thames Auto Company, South Gallatin Street, Jackson, Miss., but source does not know if GRAY is active in the Klan at the present time.

Source advised he is closely associated with Klan attorney HARRY KELLEY and is making efforts to develop this friendship further so he can obtain more information regarding Klan members.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA LAURIER C. BUTEAU

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo of ASAC ELMER F. LINBERG dated 4/9/68.

Instant date, Mrs. ETTA STRAIN, Drivers License Bureau, MHSP, Jackson, Miss., advised she could locate no record identifiable with ERIC STARVOME GALT or anyone under the name of GALT or GAULT.

On instant date, LARRY FEDUCCIA, Motor Vehicle Comptroller's Office, Jackson, Miss., advised that the alphabetical listing for 1966 tag receipts discloses a registration for JAMIE GALT, 1912 20th Avenue, Gulfport, Miss., for 1957 Plymouth Plaza, 6 cylinder, 2 door, and white in color. G-21481

He stated his records also disclosed an alphabetical listing for BAZILL GALT, Baldwyn, Prentiss County, Miss., for a 1958 Ford, 8 cylinder, 6 passenger, 2 door sedan. 59-4799.

He advised that his records also disclosed a listing for Mrs. RAYMOND GAULT, Hinds Co., Miss.

Mr. FEDUCCIA stated alphabetical files disclosed no listing identifiable for ERIC STARVOME GALT. He further advised that he has no alphabetical listings for tag receipts for the years 1967 and 1968.

On 4/9/68, Mrs. RAYMOND GAULT, 840 Arbor Vista Boulevard, Jackson, telephone 352-9836, advised she has no knowledge regarding ERIC STARVOME GALT. She stated her husband RAYMOND was formerly from Texas, employed as a line worker and they have lived in Jackson for the past 20 years. She advised that her husband died about 10 years ago and that he was not employed when he resided in Jackson. She stated that the above mentioned name is completely unknown to her.



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4/15/68

SA FRANCIS G. HONAN

JN 167-R
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Informant was contacted on April 9, 1968, concerning case entitled "MURKIN", JN 157-9586. Informant stated that he knows of no information concerning captioned case, however, in the event he ascertains any information concerning it, he will immediately contact the FBI.

Informant stated that recently a ROBERT ADAMS, Pontotoc, Miss., showed him a card from the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Informant stated that ADAMS told him he had joined the OKKKK while he was doing construction work in Laurel, Miss., however, informant stated that he does not think that ADAMS is presently connected with the Klan. Informant described ADAMS as in his early thirties, 5'8", 170 pounds, residing Randolph, Miss.

Informant further stated that he will maintain contact with ADAMS and in the event it appears that ADAMS is active in any Klan organization, he will advise the FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-7106)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA THOMAS FITZ PATRICK

SUBJECT: RICHARD ANTHONY BARRETT
RM (KLAN)

At 8:35 p.m. on 4/5/68, MARK LEDBETTER, Reporter, WLBT, Channel 3, Jackson, Miss., advised that RICHARD ANTHONY BARRETT had just stopped by this television station and dropped off a news release. He said BARRETT told him that he had sent a telegram to Governor JOHN BELL WILLIAMS at the Capitol in Jackson, on the afternoon of this date. Mr. LEDBETTER provided the following text of BARRETT's press release:

"For Release 7:00 P.M., 4/5/68:

"We respectfully request that you name this Sunday, April 7, a special memorial day for Mississippi soldiers killed in Vietnam, lest we allow mourning for a single regrettable death, the late Martin Luther King, overshadow the daily heroic sacrifice of our fellow Mississippians with their lives on the battlefield.

/s/ "Richard Barrett
For America's Victory Force"

Mr. LEDBETTER said he would advise of any further developments in this regard.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-1077)

FROM : SA CHARLES W. HARVEY

SUBJECT: BYRON DE LA BECKWITH -
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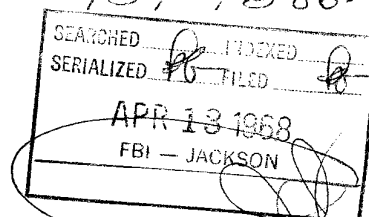
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It is noted that this writer is operating a PCI who, if need be, can furnish the daily itinerary of the captioned individual's travel as it relates to his employment.

It is further noted that such information is discreetly obtained by the PCI (137-710) and that the PCI has on previous occasions provided reliable information concerning the captioned individual and other matters within the jurisdiction of the FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/16/68

On April 11, 1968, Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN telephonically advised that he did not desire that any negative type investigation, which eliminates local Jackson suspects, be sent to Memphis. He advised that negative type information should be indexed and filed at Jackson rather than be furnished to Memphis.

In view of the above instructions the following FD 302 interview of EFFIE LEE WALTON should be indexed and filed in Jackson file.

ACTION: None

CCO: attached marked for indexing.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/68

~~EFFIE LEE WALTON, nee JENKINS~~, Route 2, Box 119, Potts Camp, Mississippi, was located and interviewed in Marshall County, Mississippi. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, WALTON volunteered the following information:

WALTON explained she is employed at Jack's Truck Stop located on Highway 78, between Holly Springs and Potts Camp, Mississippi. She stated that in conjunction with her employment, she was at work on Thursday, April 4, 1968.

WALTON stated that on April 4, 1968, at approximately 6:30 P.M., just before dark, she was standing in the front window at Jack's Truck Stop. She explained that she had just heard a few minutes prior about the shooting incident involving Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. She further pointed out that she is relatively certain of the time being approximately 6:30 as she gets off of work at 7:00 P.M., and the incident she has in mind occurred prior to her quitting time of 7:00 P.M.

WALTON stated as she was looking out the front window at Jack's Truck Stop, she observed a white Mustang which she believed to be a 1967 model, pull off of Highway 78 onto the driveway of Jack's Truck Stop. She stated that two white males were sitting in the front seat of this vehicle, and that

On 4/9/68 at Marshall County, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
by SA RICHARD T. RABIDEAU
SA KENNETH P. HUGHES /RTR/bjk Date dictated 4/9/68

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