

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/68

GEORGE W. COVINGTON, residing Bob White Drive, was interviewed at his place of business Covington and Tyner, 243 West Center Street.

COVINGTON advised that his partner WELDON HARVEY TYNER, JR., was working with COVINGTON in the cleaning of a drainage ditch on April 4, 1968.

COVINGTON advised that he could recall this since he kept record of their work day which he had checked and because he remembered Thursday being the day that it rained a good bit.

COVINGTON advised that he and TYNER were working in conjunction with some Canton, Mississippi city employees in the ditch project.

On 4/11/68 at Canton, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JERRY R. PARKER/pac Date dictated 4/12/68

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WELDON HARVEY TYNER, JR., 770 George Street, was interviewed at his place of business, Covington & Tyner Civil Engineers, 243 West Center Street.

TYNER advised that he did attend U. S. Naval Reserve Training Session at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, in March or April of 1966. TYNER advised that at this training session he qualified as an expert with both the M-1 rifle carbine and the .45 caliber automatic service pistol.

TYNER advised that he might have made such a statement as he would like to see MARTIN LUTHER KING killed, but TYNER advised he could not recall for certain whether he made such a statement at the Camp LeJeune Training Session.

TYNER advised he was in Canton, Mississippi, all day on April 4, 1968, and was working with Canton, Mississippi city employees and his partner GEORGE COVINGTON, cleaning a drainage ditch in Canton, Mississippi.

TYNER said he would furnish more names of the city employees if the interviewing Agent anytime in the future thought it was necessary. TYNER advised that no one had ever called TYNER by the first name of JACK.

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Commander CHESTER POOLE, U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center, 728 East Pearl, advised that his personnel records contain a jacket for Lieutenant J.G. WELDON HARVEY TYNER, JR.

POOLE advised his records reflect the following description and miscellaneous information concerning TYNER:

Name -	WELDON HARVEY TYNER, JR.
Present Rank -	Lieutenant J.G.
Service Number -	U. S. NR 664495/5105
Date of Birth -	
Place of Birth -	Not Shown
Height -	5'11"
Weight -	160
Hair -	Brown
Eyes -	Brown
Blood type -	A Positive
Address -	770 George Street, Canton, Mississippi
Former address -	1304 Carolyn Avenue, Yazoo City, Mississippi as of November 27, 1962
Father -	WELDON HARVEY TYNER, SR 311 10th Avenue Hattiesburg, Mississippi
Mother -	ANNIE LAURA TYNER 311 10th Avenue, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
Wife -	DOROTHY, 770 George Street, Canton, Mississippi

POOLE advised according to his records, TYNER attended a reserve training session for a construction battalion at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, in April, 1966.

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POOLE advised that according to his records TYNER was qualified as expert with the M-1 carbine rifle and .45 caliber pistol by B. F. BERKAU, Commander, C.O., MCB24 at the training session. POOLE advised that he could not be sure but he believed that he had heard TYNER called by the name of JACK previously.

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By communication dated April 10, 1968, the Baltimore FBI Office advised that SAM H. SMITH, III, 20 Austin Road, Bloomington, Delaware, employed at Dupont Company, furnished the following information:

In March, 1966, SMITH attended a reserve training session at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, as a member of the Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion, 24th C.B. (seabee). His roommate was an individual known to him as "JACK" (Last Name Unknown), described as a white male, 34 years of age, 5'10", 150 to 155 pounds. This individual was assigned as Commanding Officer of the Second Platoon, A Company, and held the grade of Lieutenant - Junior Grade.

JACK (LNU), during numerous discussions with Mr. SMITH, expressed hostility and hatred toward MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., blaming him for the confusion and discord in this country. He appeared vehement in his criticism of KING and stated someone should kill him. Mr. SMITH states he heard his roommate, JACK, say that if he had the chance he would kill KING himself.

Mr. SMITH described this individual as an expert shot with an M-1 Carbine and attained the second highest score in his division.

Mr. SMITH recalled that JACK was employed as a surveyor and civil engineer in a small partnership in Canton, Mississippi. He resided in Canton and was attached to a C.B. Division at Jackson, Mississippi.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER at Jackson, Mississippi, on April 10, 1968:

Commander CHESTER POOLE, U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center, 748 East Pearl Street, was telephonically contacted to determine the location of the Commandant of the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Detachment at

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Jackson, Mississippi. Commander POOLE advised that he is the Commandant of all Naval installations and operations in the Jackson area, and that the 24th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion is under his command.

Commander POOLE advised that according to his records, the Commanding Officer of the Second Platoon, A Company, 24th C.B., during the training period at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, in 1966 was WELDON HARVEY TYNER, Jr., whom he has known to be called "JACK".

Commander POOLE said he would make available the records of his department concerning TYNER.

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

APRIL 16, 1968

SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Memphis Office are two inserts and one FD-302, fifteen copies of each, total 45 enclosures, concerning investigation related to Friendship Inns, State of Mississippi.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN WILLIAM NEELLEY:

Records of the Gilhara Motel, U. S. Route 82, Greenville, Mississippi, were reviewed on April 6, 1968, regarding the names of JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, and WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER. Records were reviewed from March 20, 1968, to April 6, 1968, for the names listed above and for variations of these names with negative results. No names were developed which would fit the description of WILLARD or his aliases.

The Gilhara Motel is a Friendship House Motel and does have the Cashmere Bouquet Soap with the Friendship House wrapper.

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FRIENDSHIP INNS, MISSISSIPPI

The following investigation was conducted by
SA FRANCIS G. HONAN on April 6, 1968:

Mrs. BROOKS PHILLIPS, owner, Southern Motel
and Restaurant, Highway 72 West, Corinth, Mississippi,
advised that a check of her records for the period
March 30, 1968, to April 6, 1968, failed to indicate
that any of the following persons were registered at
the motel:

JOHN WILLARD
HARVEY LOWMEYER
WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER

Mrs. MARTHA HILL, Clerk, Town House Motel,
Highway 45 South, Tupelo, Mississippi, advised that a
check of her records for the period March 30, 1968, to
April 6, 1968, failed to indicate that any of the
following persons were registered at the motel:

JOHN WILLARD
HARVEY LOWMEYER
WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER

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RAY ADAMS, Manager, Columbus Motel, affiliate of the Friendship Motels, Highway 82 East, Columbus, Mississippi, reviewed his registration records from March 20, 1968, through April 3, 1968, for the following names and advised none of these names could be located in these records:

JOHN WILLARD
HARVEY LOWMEYER,
HARVEY LONYER
ERIC STARVO GALT
2608 Highland Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

The records were also checked for a white Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-389-93 for the same time with negative results.

On 4/11/68 at Columbus, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
by SA LYNN P. SMITH:pdb Date dictated 4/11/68

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 15, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-33861

Lab. No. D-560575 JK
D-560573 JK

Specimens received 4/11/68, from FBI, Jackson

K17 Piece of blue cloth containing eleven samples of yellow tape markings of "02B-6," "MIF14" and "MIF15"

K18 Four strips of tape with no lettering and two sample marking tapes with lettering "W 2H 13" and XEP 15"

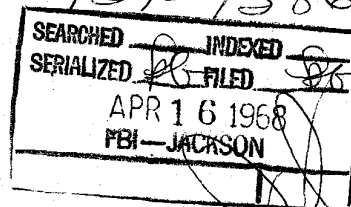
Specimen received 4/11/68, from FBI, Baltimore

K20 Four samples of tape markings printed with Thermo-Seal Machine, Serial Number 32500, obtained from Star Laundry, 908 N. Salisbury Boulevard, Salisbury, Maryland

Result of examination:

It was determined that neither of the machines used to prepare the markings on K17 and K20 was employed to affix the markings appearing on the laundry tapes which were affixed to Q69 and Q70, while the strips of tape, represented by K18, were found to differ in size from the questioned tapes.

K17, K18 and K20 have been retained.



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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

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**Re INTERVIEW OF LONNIE PHIL SMITH, BOARDER,
ECONOMY BOARDING HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SEPTEMBER
2 - 9, 1967.**

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(15) copies each of two FD-302's reflecting investigation
in this matter.**

**Enclosed for the Birmingham Division are
four (4) copies each of two FD-302's reflecting
investigation in this matter.**

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Brief description of activity or material <u>Info regarding activities of the OKKKK and individual members thereof. Trouble at Lexington. Activities of HARRY KELLEY.</u>		File where original is located if not attached 170-77-SF1-151

Remarks:

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Source learned that ERNEST GILBERT, with BILLY MEANS, was scheduled to go to Canton, Mississippi, to make a talk to the group of UKA, Inc. members in Canton. ERNEST GILBERT and BILLY MEANS met JIMMY KING in Canton; however, no members of the UKA, Inc. showed up for the meeting. Source stated that after the group learned of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., they returned to Jackson, Mississippi. Source stated that evidently there is not too much interest in the Klan activities in Canton, inasmuch as no one showed up for the meeting.

On April 5, 1968, source was able to determine that ERNEST GILBERT was in Prentiss, Mississippi, where he met with Klan members in that area. There were approximately five individuals who met, those being (FNU) BISHOP, BILLY GRAHAM, and two members of the WKKKKOM, whom source did not know. The meeting concerned reactivating the Klan in the Prentiss, Mississippi, area; however, the general consensus was that things have been so bad in the Prentiss area, that people do not want anything further to do with the Klan and source is of the opinion that it would be quite difficult to get a unit of the Klan started with any enthusiasm in that area.

Source learned on April 6, 1968, that Dr. EVERETT MITCHELL from Greenville, Mississippi, says that the FBI is continually harassing SONNY FLOYD regarding KING's death.

Source stated he had been able to determine that ERNEST GILBERT was in contact with all Exalted Cyclops of the OKKKK in reference to the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. It seems that GILBERT was cautioning all of his members to refrain from doing anything which might cause any problem

with the Negro people.

Source stated GILBERT had gone to Lexington, Mississippi, inasmuch as he had heard from W. L. ELLIS that the Negroes were rioting, that is, throwing bottles and burning the town. Source stated that upon arrival in Lexington, GILBERT found that there was no trouble and later returned to Jackson.

CARL SMITH from Monticello, Mississippi, is going to Alabama for several months to work. Someone else, identity unknown at this time, will probably be put in charge to handle CARL SMITH's unit in Monticello.

Source stated that JACK SEALE attended a Province meeting at GEORGE BALLARD's place in Brookhaven, Mississippi, which is the third Province of the UKA, Inc. There were around eight men in attendance at this province meeting. JACK SEALE stated in his opinion there is not very much interest generated on the part of the members in the Brookhaven, Mississippi, area at this time since they had such a poor showing at the province meeting.

Source attended a meeting at a sign painter's place in Greenwood, Mississippi, on April 8, 1968, and stated the individual's first name is ROY (LNU). It seems the Negroes broke his window with a brick and he thereafter painted a sign on the window stating, "This glass broken by a yellow-bellied nigger". Source stated the police, Mayor, and City Attorney have attempted to get him to remove the sign; however, he refuses to do so. Source stated his place is being guarded by Old White Knights members.

Source stated there were about twenty people at the meeting in Greenwood, Mississippi, and they indicated an interest in joining the Community Defense Force (CDF); however, source does not know at this time whether they will be permitted to join. WAYNE QUARRELS wants these men in the CDF; however, source is of the opinion that they will cause irreparable harm to the reputation

of the CDF.

Source was in contact with HARRY KELLEY who indicated that he is going to quit helping the "nuts" after he resolves the J. L. HARPER case and the assault case involving the HAWKINS'. Source stated KELLEY keeps bringing up the bombings and saying the FBI will indict someone for it before long. Source is of the opinion that KELLEY is very worried about something; however, source has been unable to determine at this time exactly what it is.

Source stated that after HARRY KELLEY was arrested by the Sheriff's Department and made bond, he was extremely upset and blamed the FBI for the cause of all his troubles. KELLEY stated the FBI had him arrested for the primary purpose in embarrassing him, inasmuch as he was building up a very good practice, and the FBI does not want him to have a good practice.

Source learned that KELLEY and other individuals who were arrested were making the statement that BURRIS DUNN was the individual who was talking to the FBI; however, JOE DENVER HAWKINS disagreed with them and stated DUNN would not talk.

JOHN POOLE and HARRY KELLEY got together and were going to attempt to set a trap for the individual who is talking and try and catch him. Source was unable to determine what method they were going to use, but felt sure they would put this into effect immediately.

Source stated the only unit of the OKKKK in Rankin County is the one located at Puckett, Mississippi, and GRADY COOK is the Exalted Cyclops of this unit. Source stated the unit is not very active at the present time.

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