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above subscribers.

Supervisor O'HARA of the Savannah Division subsequently advised that the indices of the Savannah Office contain no references to R. C. THOMAS.

A check of Sheriff TANKERSLY, Columbia County, Georgia, determined that THOMAS and his three sons operate a construction business and are well regarded in the community.

SA RALPH RAMPTON of the Birmingham Office subsequently advised that the indices of that division are negative with regard to BRICE or BRYCE MOORE and EDWIN SMITH. Criminal checks concerning MOORE were negative; however, credit checks disclosed that the true spelling of this individual's name is BRYCE MOORE. There was no derogatory information located. EDWIN SMITH is identical with C. EDWIN SMITH, a steel worker employed by Roberts Plastery. Criminal checks disclosed this individual has three arrests, two of which were for drunkenness and the most recent arrest in September, 1965, was for reckless driving.

THEODORE A. KING (supra) also determined that telephone number 876-9770, a coin station, is located in the Vista Grill, 1052 Northside Drive, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia. This grill is managed by JIMMIE DELTON GARNER.

A check of tolls charged to this telephone number disclosed the following telephone calls:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place &amp; No. of Call</u>	<u>Listing</u>
12/11/67	Dallas, Texas Area Code 214-637-1850	OWEN LABORATORIES 8911 Directors St., Dallas, Texas.

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12/12/67	Dallas, Texas Area Code 214-637-1850	OWEN LABORATORIES 8911 Directors St., Dallas, Texas
12/15/67	Dallas, Texas Area Code 214-637-1850	OWEN LAORATORIES 8911 Directors St., Dallas, Texas

These were personal calls to Miss DEBORAH SULLIVAN (on one occasion, operator recalled name as SOLOMON), and were from "Jack Jewelry."

No lead has been set out to locate and interview DEBORAH SULLIVAN at this time.

St. Louis Division was telephonically requested to check GARNER's service record as maintained under ASN 34278879 and 44131505. The results of the St. Louis investigation is set forth in Serial 736.

The following information was telephonically furnished by Supervisor JAMES INGRAM, Jackson Division, in response to a telephonic request.

Indices of the Jackson Division were negative. Investigation at Fulton, Mississippi, determined GARNER attended Itawamba Agricultural High School on 8/16/25, for four years. Mr. GLEN LOWDEN, Principal, advised he taught GARNER and GARNER's father (also a teacher in the school system prior to his death) and considered the family very loyal Americans. There were only two children in the GARNER family, a sister, ROBBIE LEE GARNER, and JIMMIE DELTON GARNER.

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GARNER is also listed as having attended the University of Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where he played football, no dates given.

Contact was made with representatives of the Sheriff's Office, Police Department, and business community, all of whom considered the GARNER family to be loyal Americans with no arrest record located for JIMMIE DELTON GARNER or any information of a derogatory nature which would have a bearing on this investigation.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAs JOHN E. OGDEN and ROGER L. KAAS

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: Background Investigation Concerning JIMMIE DELTON GARNER,  
Manager of Roominghouse, 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta

On 4/18/68, THEODORE A. KING, State Security Manager, SBT & T, confidentially advised as follows:

There is no telephone service installed at 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. The only telephone service at 107 14th Street, N. E., is listed to JIMMIE D. GARNER at that address and is telephone number 892-1753. KING checked available toll records to obtain all toll calls made from this number and advised only the following toll calls were located:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place &amp; No. of Call</u>	<u>Listing</u>
12/10/67	Harlem, Georgia #556-6870	R. C. THOMAS Winfield, Georgia
2/7/68	Jasper, Alabama #384-4315	BRICE MOORE Box 414 Jasper, Alabama
3/2/68	Albertsville, Ala. #878-1773	EDWIN SMITH 106 Lombardy Street Albertsville, Alabama

The Savannah and Birmingham Offices were telephonically requested to conduct indices and criminal checks concerning the

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA RICHARD E. FUGATT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

*LATE ON*  
At 6:05PM, 4/19/68, JOHN J. TYSON, 508 Adams Road, (Uvalde Road), Vidalia, Georgia, telephone 537-4310, telephonically advised ~~the~~ *REPORT DEF* an auto mechanic using ~~the~~ name JAMES EARL RAY, operating ~~mechanic~~ *MECH* shop out of ~~his~~ residence ~~which is~~ located ~~from~~ Dixon Sawmill, into Brogdon Quarters, out of Vidalia.

*Reported*  
TYSON stated ~~that~~ RAY ~~had only been~~ in the area approximately three or four months. ~~He~~ further advised that following ~~the~~ news announcement, giving ~~the~~ description of RAY, he went to ~~the~~ residence of RAY, at which time ~~he~~ determined ~~that the~~ RAY ~~is~~ *RELEAS* ~~had~~ a scar on ~~his~~ forehead and ~~scar~~ on ~~his~~ right hand. *this date*

~~The above information was telephonically transmitted to SA ROBERT W. HARA, Savannah Division, this date.~~

*Savannah at Vidalia*

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TO : SAC

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA GRANFIELD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

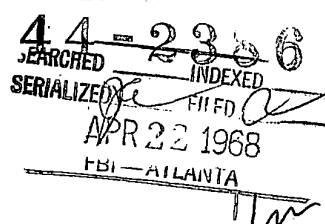
On 4/20/68, CHARLIE WALKER, 6385 Riverside Drive, NW, Tel. 252-2254, telephoned the Atlanta Office and advised that he is in the Real Estate business. WALKER reported as follows:

An individual whom he later knew to be F. H. PEOPLES (PH) requested that he list his (PEOPLES) home at 761 E. Morningside Drive, Atlanta, for sale and that WALKER come to that address between 6-7PM 4/18/68. WALKER went to that address and was admitted to the home by PEOPLES who was alone. PEOPLES kept saying to WALKER "You look familiar to me. Do I look familiar to you"? ~~WAX~~ PEOPLES was a complete stranger to WALKER. PEOPLES said that he was not employed but had worked at a lot of places in Atlanta.

PEOPLES stated that he had been living in that house for 29 years and that the house was in his father's name, which is F. H. PEOPLES, SR. PEOPLES said that there was no loan on the house. PEOPLES did not agree to have WALKER list the house because WALKER did not want the property handles under Multiple Listing.

PEOPLES was described by WALKER as a w/m, 35-36, 5'11", 160, dark, full head of hair, curly; normal complexion (not outdoor type); glassy eyes. PEOPLES ~~did not look like~~, according to WALKER "did not look like RAY and yet he did"

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TO : SAC, Atlanta ( 44-2386 )

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM B. WATTS, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Complainant called L/D from Cartersville, Ga. and refused to furnish his name, explaining that he was calling on a party line but that he was coming to Atlanta later today and would call office at that time and give his name.

Complainant stated that a prostitute by the name of AVA LEE IRWIN who he believes resides at 12 Postell St., apt. 12, Cartersville, Ga., near Dodge dealer, in public housing project, has indicated to him that she has known the person who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING since last Christmas after she met him in a beer joint. IRWIN said that she recognized individual as subject after seeing his picture on TV. Caller pointed out that IRWIN frequents beer joints and dance halls in Cartersville and was presently at her home "drunk".

Caller further stated that he saw the subject at IRWIN's house last Saturday night. He said that the subject was "putting on his pants" at the time and pulled a gun on him. Person resembled photograph of slayer. Caller described IRWIN as a blonde about 44 years old.

LEAD: EXhibit photo of subject to IRWIN and determine if identical and if she knows his current whereabouts.

*S.A. Wm K. Patton advised 3:45 PM.  
Note Irwin has already been interviewed on  
basis of identical information furnished by  
Irwin's husband, an alcoholic, who is no doubt  
identical to caller above. W.B.W.*

*4/21/68 12:55 PM Anonymous caller  
who was drunk called again with  
this same info.  
SA Joseph A. Amers*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : IC JAMES L. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: ROOMING HOUSE AT 113 14th STREET,  
NORTHEAST, ATLANTA, GA.

Re serial 671.

On instant date, Mr. ROBERT MIDSON, Credit Bureau of Atlanta, advised his records reflected one CHARLES A. ST. JOHN resided at River Circle, Conyers, Ga. Wife reflected as Patricia. No additional information in file.

On instant date, Miss JO PRESSLEY, Identification Division, Atlanta Police Department, advised that her records reflected one CHARLES ANDERSON ST. JOHN, APD # 245368, was last arrested by their department on 12/30/66 for Assault & Battery and Drunk. Fined \$100 and given 12 month probation. St. JOHN's residence at that time reflected as 262 Daniels Ave., S.E., Atlanta, Ga. Mother - ALICE ST. JOHN, 111 River Circle, Conyers, Ga. Sister - RUTH BOWEN, Milledgeville, Ga. ST. JOHN was described as W/M, age 42, 6', 180 lbs., brown hair & green eyes.

A review of the 1967 Atlanta City Directory reflects that WILLIAM V. HAULBROOK resides at 262 Daniel Ave., S.E.

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Mrs. LUCY CAYTON, Apartment 490, Capitol Homes, Apartment Building, Memorial Drive, advised that she had gotten her children off to school at about 8:15 AM on April 5, 1968, and her husband normally leaves for work at about 8:00. She stated that it is her normal routine to begin cleaning her apartment, and she stated that she had cleaned almost the entire apartment, including the upstairs bedrooms, and while she was sweeping her front stoop, she noticed a white male about 5'8" - 5'9", approaching her apartment from the parking lot which is to the left of her front door. She advised that her front door faces from the opposite direction from the parking lot as does Mrs. PAYNE and Mrs. BRIDGES.

Mrs. CAYTON stated that she did not observe this white male exit from the white Mustang located in the parking lot, but saw him as he approached the Memorial Drive side of the parking lot and he began to walk toward her apartment which is to the left of the end of the parking lot. She stated that this man then came to the back yard area of the two apartment buildings immediately to her left and after stopping at the beginning of the lane to the back yards as if he was attempting to gain his bearings, he then proceeded toward Memorial Drive through the back yard area at which time she lost sight of him. She was unable to determine as to where he journeyed or if he entered an apartment. She stated her first impression was that he was a salesman or an insurance agent looking for an apartment.

It should be noted that the buildings referred to by Mrs. CAYTON are not the same buildings referred to by Mrs. BRIDGES or Mrs. PAYNE in that PAYNE and BRIDGES state that the white male journeyed up the left lane of the front of the apartment building referred to by Mrs. CAYTON whereas she states that the white male proceeded toward Memorial Drive through the back yard lane.

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by SA EDWARD U. CRIM and  
SA JAMES J. ROSE JJR:jlh Date dictated 4/16/68

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Mrs. CAYTON stated that this occurred somewhere between 8:15 and approximately 9:30 and she was unable to state a definite time for this incident.

Mrs. CAYTON described the individual she observed leaving the parking lot as being in his late 20s or early 30s, about 5'8"-9", black wavy hair, white male, wearing dark blue suit, white shirt, and a conservative type tie, color and description unrecalled. She stated that she observed this individual to be carrying a small notebook with a piece of paper hanging out of the edges of the notebook resembling an insurance salesman's policy. She stated that he had no glasses and was not wearing a hat. She could offer no further information in this matter.

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Mrs. MARY L. BRIDGES, Apartment 550, Capitol Homes, located off Memorial Drive, recalled that at about 8:30 AM on Friday, April 5, 1968, she had just gotten her children off to school and was alone in her home. She stated she remembered looking out of the window and observing a white automobile pull up in the parking lot directly across from the door to her apartment. She stated that at that time the parking lot was almost deserted, having very few cars in it, and she thought that the person driving the automobile was one of many people who utilize the parking area at Capitol Homes as a parking lot on their way to work.

Mrs. BRIDGES stated that the car pulled up and parked just to the left of her door and that it was backed into the parking spot. She recalled noticing that the car had an out-of-state license plate and upon further inspection stated it was an Alabama plate. She stated that she observed the lone male occupant of the automobile get out of the car and begin to walk across the parking lot in a direction away from her apartment and toward Memorial Drive. She stated that when he reached the other side of the parking lot, he approached Memorial Drive by the left hand lane between two of the apartment buildings directly to the front of her apartment. She stated that this man continued to walk toward Memorial Drive but because her apartment is slightly to the right of the two above apartment buildings, she lost sight of him prior to his arrival at Memorial Drive and therefore was unaware of what direction he took upon arriving at Memorial Drive and was also uncertain as to whether he had entered an apartment further down the street beyond her view.

Mrs. BRIDGES stated that this individual was alone and that she did not observe him locking his automobile. She described the unknown male as being about 30-35 years of age, 5'10" to 6', 165 pounds, medium build, wearing a navy blue suit

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and a white shirt. She stated that he was dark headed but was unable to furnish any further descriptive data re the above individual because she stated that her observation of him was from a rear view and that she never saw this man's face.

She was certain, however, that he was wearing a navy blue suit and appeared to be well-dressed, but she could not recall if he was wearing a tie and could furnish no other information concerning any peculiarities about this individual as regards his gait or attire.

Mrs. BRIDGES advised that the white automobile which he drove into the parking lot remained in her parking lot until April 11, 1968, when it was towed away. She stated that to the best of her knowledge no one had access to that automobile until that time. She also stated that when this unknown male left the parking lot, she thought that he may have been an insurance salesman but was certain that he had no luggage, was carrying nothing in his hand, was bare headed, and without glasses. She could offer no further information in this matter.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JERRY WILLIAM RAY interviewed this date at Chicago Office where he voluntarily furnished handwriting samples, photographs, and major case prints. Summary of info furnished being set forth this date in separate tel. JERRY last saw his brother in 1964, when JAMES was in prison in Missouri.

JERRY denies any positive knowledge of or participation in any manner in captioned case. He states has definitely not seen EARL outside of prison since 1952.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY is described as WMA, DOB [redacted] Quincy, Illinois, 5'9", 175 pounds, medium build, brown eyes, brown hair, high receding hairline.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is one stand-up and mug photo of JERRY RAY. Also are the major case prints for him, as well as six sheets of handwriting and hand printing samples which he furnished.

The Identification Division is requested to compare the enclosed fingerprints with the remaining unidentified latent prints in captioned case.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the handwriting samples furnished by JERRY with the handwriting material and the hand printing material previously submitted.

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Enclosed for the other offices receiving copies this communication are two stand-up and two mug photos of JERRY WILLIAM RAY. Consideration should be given to hold in abeyance any display of these photographs pending results of the examinations requested of the Bureau in this airtel, noting also that JERRY does not particularly resemble JAMES.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SA KENNETH R. HEINEMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Rememo of SA JOSEPH A. CINIMERA dated 4/17/68.

On 4/17/68, the Bureau press release was distributed to radio stations in the Atlanta area in the following manner:

WIGO - 5:55 p.m., accepted by CARTER  
S. JONES, General Manager

WGST - 6:10 p.m., accepted by Newman  
WADE MEDLOCK

WKLS - 6:25 p.m., accepted by CHARLES  
BELL, Chief Engineer

On 4/18/68, Mr. WILLIAM S. OLSON, Assistant Personnel Manager, American Can Company, Lake Mirror Road, Forest Park, Georgia, was exhibited photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT with regard to a possible identification with a Mr. O. B. NORRED, who works as an Expediter at the American Can Company plant. Mr. OLSON stated that he knows OLIN BENFORD NORRED very well and that there is little or no resemblance between NORRED and GALT.

Mr. OLSON stated that from the photograph, NORRED and GALT are certainly not identical. OLSON stated that NORRED began working at American Can Company in August of 1960, and has been working there continually ever since. He said that NORRED has taken no extended vacations of any kind and is a trusted union official at the plant. OLSON said that NORRED has recently been promoted to a supervisory position at the plant and is an employee highly respected by the management.

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Mr. OLSON stated that NORRED's attendance has been quite regular and produced records reflecting that NORRED was at work on April 4 and 5, 1968, and on August 30, 1967. NORRED was not at the plant on March 28 and 29, 1968, nor was he on the job from February 5 through 11, 1968. At those times he was out on union business, presumably at conventions. NORRED was at work from December, 1967, through February, 1968, except for the dates above mentioned. Mr. OLSON stated that attendance at the plant is controlled by a time card and a job card. It is conceivable that someone might have punched in NORRED's time card on a few occasions, but NORRED's job is so essential that he certainly would have been missed had he not been at the plant, at such a time.

The job cards are signed by the particular individual and each job card is checked by the supervisor of that particular area. The supervisor would certainly have noticed if someone else had signed NORRED's job card for him, since he checks them quite carefully. If the job card were not turned in or the signature different from that on record, the discrepancy would certainly be noticed. OLSON furnished the following data concerning NORRED from his personnel file:

Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Address	2726 Deerwood Drive, S. W. Atlanta, Georgia
Previous Address	General Delivery Rock Mills, Ala.
Social Security Number	<input type="text"/>
Previous Employment	Operated service station in Rock Mills, Ala., from May, 1959, through March, 1960



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In view of the above information furnished by Mr. OLSON, it was not deemed necessary by the writer to interview NORRED, as he was proven to be at work on the essential dates in this investigation. It was deemed advisable not to embarrass NORRED by such an interview as it appears possible that the anonymous report in rememo could have been caused by hard feelings over NORRED's recent promotion.

It is recommended that no further action be taken as to this particular matter.