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in the Bible in which JESUS CHRIST, during his agony and death, called upon His heavenly father to:

Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.

Reverend KING then realized that if his Christian upbringing was what he feels it to be, he had to feel the same way about the shooting of his brother.

Reverend KING further commented that the murder of his brother has only served to make him see more clearly that violence is not the answer to the Negroes' problem.

Reverend KING stated that during the several contacts he had with his brother on April 4, 1968, his brother gave no indication that he had received any information indicating an attempt on his life would be made on that date. On the contrary, his brother seemed to Reverend KING to be overly jubilant in that he, the brother, felt that he was making progress in obtaining a desirable solution for the sanitation strikers in Memphis, Tennessee.

Reverend KING advised that after his arrival in Memphis, Tennessee, late on April 3, 1968, until after the shooting of his brother, he, Reverend KING, had left the Lorraine Motel on only one occasion, that being around noon, April 4, 1968, when he, in the company of Mrs. LUCRETIA WARD of Louisville, Kentucky, who was also staying on that date at the Lorraine Motel, went to a nearby dry cleaning establishment and drugstore to make some purchases. On this occasion, they were gone from the motel but for a short time and Reverend KING observed nothing unusual or indicative of any indication that harm might befall his brother on that date.

Reverend KING further commented that prior to his above visit to Memphis, Tennessee, he had last personally seen his brother in Washington, D.C., in February, 1968, exact date not recalled. However, he frequently telephonically was in contact with his brother and during none of these contacts did his brother indicate to him that any open threat upon his life had been made. However, Reverend KING

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commented that he knew his brother lived with the thought in mind that efforts might be made to assassinate him and Reverend KING feels such an effort did occur in Birmingham, Alabama, several years ago, when first Reverend KING's home was dynamited and about 20 minutes later, the motel at which his late brother was then staying was also dynamited.

4/23/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

RE: MURKIN

Re Louisville airtel 4/16/68, enclosing FD-302s incorporating data furnished by Mrs. JASPER WARD and Mrs. NORMA DAVIS, who, together with Rev. A. D. WILLIAMS KING of Louisville, Kentucky, were registered in the Lorraine Motel in Memphis 4/4/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Atlanta each is one copy of an FD-302 and for Memphis nine copies, recording information furnished on 4/22/68 by Rev. A. D. WILLIAMS KING.

As a matter of information, it might be noted that during the interview Rev. A. D. WILLIAMS KING was very pleasant and indicated that he felt confident that the FBI would be successful in apprehending the murderer of his brother and only hoped that once in custody, sufficient protection will be afforded the individual to insure he lives to stand trial. It was explained to Rev. KING that the matter of the protection of a prisoner would be the responsibility of the prison officials in whose custody the prisoner might be. Rev. KING stated he understood this.

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(1) Atlanta (44-2386) (RM) (Enc. 1)
1- Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 9) (RM)
4- Louisville (2-44-947)
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As noted in re airtel, as of 4/15/68, Rev. A. D. WILLIAMS KING reportedly was in Atlanta, Ga., and was scheduled to return to Louisville late 4/17/68. Telephonic efforts by SA WARREN L. WALSH on the morning of 4/18/68 to reach Rev. KING at his home in Louisville were negative. A message was left with his son for Rev. KING to telephonically contact SA WALSH on his return to Louisville.

Later on the morning of 4/18/68, SA WALSH telephonically contacted the Zion Baptist Church in Louisville where Rev. KING is pastor and was advised that Rev. KING had not yet returned to Louisville. At 5:15 p.m. on 4/18/68, SA WALSH telephonically reached Rev. KING's wife at his residence, and she advised that Rev. KING had not yet returned to Louisville, but was expected momentarily. SA WALSH explained to Mrs. KING that he desired to talk with Rev. A. D. WILLIAMS KING because of the report that Rev. KING had been in Memphis, Tenn., at the Lorraine Motel on the date that his brother had been shot. Accordingly, it was felt he might possibly have information of value in connection with instant investigation. Mrs. KING stated she would have her husband promptly contact SA WALSH upon his return to Louisville.

Not having heard from Rev. A. D. WILLIAMS KING as of 10 a.m. 4/22/68, SA WALSH telephonically contacted his home and reached him there. Rev. KING advised he had received the message for him to call SA WALSH, but he had been so busy he had not as yet had the opportunity to set up the appointment. He advised he would be available in the office of his church at noon, 4/22/68, for interview.

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Date: 4/23/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEWARK (44-854)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Newark teletype to the Bureau, 4/22/68

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT - LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE RECORDS

On 4/22/68, the search of records at the Fidelity Union Trust Company, Newark, was completed. The following additional item was located.

Canadian Postal Money Order #C31,600,868, purchased July 28, 1967, at Montreal, Canada, in the amount of \$17.50, and signed ERIC GALT.

This money order accounts for the two payments of \$10.00 and \$7.50 that Locksmithing Institute records indicate were received on July 31, 1967. All payments have now been accounted for.

A copy of the above money order is enclosed inasmuch as the Laboratory may be able to further identify which Post Office was utilized by subject.

Information copies to Albany, Memphis, Birmingham, Kansas City and Atlanta in the event further investigation is required.

3-Bureau (1-enclosure) (Regis. Mail)
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN; CR.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, AND
KNOXVILLE APRIL TWENTY SECOND LAST.

T. P. DALY, POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, CHATTANOOGA,
TENN., ADVISED THIS DATE THERE ARE FIFTEEN INSPECTION
SERVICE DIVISIONS LOCATED THROUGHOUT U. S. IN ADDITION,
THERE ARE FIVE POSTAL SERVICE HANDWRITING LABORATORIES
WHICH EXAMINE SUBMISSIONS BY REGIONAL INSPECTION OFFICES.
THESE LABS LOCATED AT CINCINNATI, CHICAGO, NEW YORK CITY,
SAN FRANCISCO AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

DALY SUGGESTED FEASIBILITY OF COMPARING KNOWN
HANDWRITING OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY WITH POSTAL MONEY
ORDERS STOLEN OR CASHED SINCE DATE OF ESCAPE AND CHECK
OF RECORDS AT REGIONAL INSPECTION OFFICES COULD BEST BE
DETERMINED THROUGH LIAISON OF BUREAU AND POSTAL INSPECTOR

- 1 - Birmingham (Air Mail)
- ① - Atlanta (Air Mail)

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CHIEFS BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D.C.

SUGGEST BUREAU CONTACT POSTAL INSPECTOR CHIEFS
BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND IF DEEMED FEASIBLE
INITIATE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO COMPLY WITH BIRMINGHAM'S
PROPOSED LEAD IN RE TEL.

4/22/68

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPES TO DIRECTOR APRIL EIGHTEEN
AND APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT; MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO NEW ORLEANS
APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT; AND MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL
TO NEW ORLEANS APRIL TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT.

VINCENT LIBERTO, ANTHONY LIBERTO, AND MRS.
EMMA LIBERTO LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. ~~ALL~~ Vincent and Anthony
~~STATE~~ HAD NO TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH BROTHER FRANK IN
MEMPHIS ~~PRIOR TO APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT.~~ MRS. LIBERTO
CONTACTED SON FRANK IN MEMPHIS COUPLE OF DAYS AFTER THE
ASSASSINATION PURELY OUT OF CONCERN FOR THE FAMILY THERE.
NONE OF THE LIBERTO BROTHERS RESIDING IN NEW ORLEANS IN
THE PRODUCE BUSINESS. ANTHONY IS RETIRED DIABETIC FORMERLY
WORKING FOR VIKING TRUCK LINES; VINCENT PRESENTLY A
TRUCKER WITH VIKING; SALVATORE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED WITH
WEST BROTHERS TRUCKING. MRS. LIBERTO STATES SON FRANK
STOPPED TO VISIT LAST FRIDAY AFTER A TRIP TO HAMMOND, LA.,
AREA TO BUY STRAWBERRIES. ALL FAMILY MEMBERS INTERVIEWED

1 - Birmingham (AM)
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1 - New Orleans (157-10673)
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STATE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSASSINATION EXCEPT FROM READING
AND WATCHING NEWS MEDIA. VINCENT ADVISED AFTER VIEWING
PHOTO OF RAY HAD SEEN IN NEWSPAPER AND TV BUT NO OTHER
KNOWLEDGE. MRS. LIBERTO AND ANTHONY VIEWED PHOTOGRAPH
AND STATED LOOKED FAMILIAR BUT COULD NOT IDENTIFY IT.
SALVATORE LIBERTO UNAVAILABLE TO DATE AND WILL BE
INTERVIEWED EARLY AM APRIL TWENTYTHREE, NEXT. THREE
ZERO TWO'S FOLLOW.

END.

4/23/68

AIRTEL

REGULAR MAIL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel 4/19/68.

Check with MVD, Madison, Wis., indicated 3 references for the name WILLIAM FERBER, and no references for name WILLIAM FARBERS.

3 listings for FERBER include WILLIAM H. FERBER, DOB [redacted] who resides S63W13041 W. Janesville, Hales Corners, Wis. He is described as white male, brown hair, brown eyes, 5 ft. 7 in., 165 lbs.

WILLIAM A. FERBER and WILLIAM G. FERBER were eliminated on basis of their DOB which were respectively [redacted]

Credit Bureau of Milwaukee advises WILLIAM H. FERBER has owned address at Hales Corners, Wis. since 1952 and is self-employed owning Ferber Mfg. Co., Hales Corners, Wis. since 1948. FERBER's credit is poor as he went bankrupt in 1960. He claims to earn \$12,000 per annum.

Identification Bureau check, Milwaukee PD, lists 3 traffic violations for WILLIAM H. FERBER dated 3/20/56, 8/1/60 and 9/1/63. Chief of Police HAROLD RHELAN, Hales Corners, advised FERBER arrested 2/27/65 for operating with expired driver's license.

In view of traffic violations occurring during period wherein subject JAMES EARL RAY was confined, no further action contemplated in this matter, and FERBER not being interviewed.

2-Chicago Regular Mail
①-Atlanta (info) AM
1-Memphis (info) AM
1-New York (info) AM
1-Milwaukee
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)
RE: MURKIN

Re letter from Director, 4/18/68, to Miss SYLVIA IRVING, 4055 South Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio (copies furnished Atlanta, Memphis, and Cleveland).

Enclosed for New York for background information are copies of above referenced letter, as well as a copy of letter of Miss SYLVIA IRVING to Director, dated 4/15/68, along with attachments to her letter.

On 4/23/68, Mr. MITCH STANLEY, WPMJ-TV, Channel 21, 101 West Boardman Street, Youngstown, Ohio, advised he believed the TV program regarding "The American Alcoholic" was narrated by CHET HUNTLEY through NBC news, New York City, New York, and he thought it had been televised on Channel 21, on Friday, 4/12/68, from 10:00 PM to 11:00 PM. He had no additional details.

STANLEY suggested NBC News, New York, New York, be contacted for additional details, which would disclose the identity of the Alcoholic Clinic in Atlanta, Georgia.

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NEW YORK:

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2 - Atlanta (RM)
2 - Memphis (RM) (Info)
2 - New York (RM) (Enc. 2)
2 - Cleveland

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will contact NBC News and ascertain identity of the Alcoholic Clinic in Atlanta, Georgia, so Atlanta may attempt to identify a person called RUDOLPH BRION or HALLON, who appeared in this program and whom Miss SYLVIA IRVING believed to resemble sketches of GALT.

FBI

Date: 4/23/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to all offices dated 4/19/68.

Re: Laundry Marking Machines and Code 20R-3

Enclosed for transmission to the FBI Laboratory are eight Thermo Seal Marking Machine Tapes, yellow in color, bearing code 20R-3.

ROBERT BERMAN, proprietor, Famous Cleaners, 3454 N. W. 7th Avenue, Miami, Florida, advised that his laundry does laundry and dry cleaning for several small cleaning establishments in the Miami, Florida area. He advised that he uses code 20R-3 about once every three weeks for the Royal Palm Cleaners, 4016 Royal Palm Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. BERMAN believes that a yellow tape probably would have been used at least two or three times since April, 1967,

BERMAN advised that he is checking his records in efforts to determine the exact dates since April, 1967, that code 20R-3 has appeared on yellow tapes for the Royal Palm Cleaners. Thus far, BERMAN has determined this code was used on yellow tape for the Royal Palm Cleaners on September 28, 1967, and October 24, 1967.

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- 2 - Memphis (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (Info) (RM)
- ① - Atlanta (Info) (RM)
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BERMAN advised that he has not replaced any of the type characters in his Thermo-Seal marking machine since he purchased it three years ago. The model number of his machine is H5M4 and the serial number is 32647.

He further advised that approximately three or four months ago the Thermo-Seal tapes changed somewhat and he is now using the new variety. He also stated that he replaces the blades in the machine that cuts the tapes about every three months.

BERMAN made available eight yellow tapes, produced by his machine, bearing code 20R-3, which are being furnished the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes.

SUSPECT IN THIS CASE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED
AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : *JAC* SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO-MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/22/68

Re Atlanta airtel to San Francisco and Dallas dated 4/16/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs JAMES J. SHERMAN and F. STEPHEN OSBORN:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On 4/19/68, MARY LOUISE WILLARD, 4709 Denton Drive, Apartment 115, telephone 528-1267, advised she is a stewardess for Delta Airlines and had reservations to go from Atlanta, Georgia to Indianapolis, Indiana, on 4/6/68, but had a change of plans, and went from Atlanta to Shreveport, Louisiana, to Memphis, Tennessee, and then from there to Indianapolis on that day. She stated the reason her name and home telephone appeared as a passenger was that she was traveling on personal business, and not in her capacity as a stewardess. She advised she has no relatives by the name of JOHN WILLARD, and has no information as to the identity or whereabouts of subject. She advised the above telephone is listed to her roommate, KATHY RODGERS, also a Delta stewardess.

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2-Dallas
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA ROBERT MICHAEL KANE
SA CHARLES PAUL ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Serial 1046.

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

On 4/24/68, JAMES RAY, Negro male, was located at his residence, 637 - 8th Street, N.W., Atlanta. It was determined that this neighborhood consisted of dilapidated houses and the fact that RAY is a Negro eliminated any further investigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) P

DATE: 4-25-68

FROM : SA HUGH ROBINSON, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memo of SA MARION E. CHEEK dated 4-23-68.

On 4-24-68 the following individuals were contacted by SA ROBINSON and shown photographs of JAMES EDWARD RAY with negative results:

W.H. PATE, Captain, Flight 320, 4-5-68, Eastern Airlines, 3545 Springside Dr., Decatur, Ga.

JOCELYN LOUISE BREAKWELL, Stewardess, Flight 328, 4-5-68, Eastern Airlines, 2637 Old Hapeville Rd., Hapeville, Ga.

MARY BONITA COULTER, Stewardess, Flight 320, 4-5-68, Eastern Airlines, 3244 North Fulton Avenue, Hapeville, Ga.

JILL HENSLER, Stewardess, Flight 320, 4-5-68, Eastern Airlines, 1195 Woodland Ave., College Park, Ga.

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AT ATLANTA, GA.

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Upon receipt of requested info from Miami re passengers, check out individuals for elimination purposes.

On 4-30-68 will contact R.G. DISTEL, Co-Pilot, 4-5-68; Flight 320, Eastern Airlines, home 1840 Sullivan Rd., Apt. J2, College Park, Ga. 761-9022

On 5-1-68 will contact DIANNE ELIZABETH ROSSITER, Stewardess, Eastern Airlines, Flight 320, 4-5-68, home address to be obtained from Eastern Airlines Crew Scheduling office, Atlanta Airport. She is presently on vacation and will return to Atlanta end of month.

2 - Marietta, Ga. (HR) 41 - VININGS C-4-1

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA STANLEY R. KEEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA JAMES J. ROSE dated 4/19/68.

On 4/22/68, Miss JO PRESSLEY, Atlanta Police Department Identification Division, and LYNNETTE NORRIS, Atlanta Credit Bureau, advised that a search of their respective records failed to reflect any information on a person by the name of JUANITA WELSH.

A check of the current Atlanta telephone directory and a check with Southern Bell Information Operators failed to reflect any information regarding JUANITA WELSH.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA STANLEY R. KEEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: REVIEW OF NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS IN ATLANTA

Re memo of SA CHARLES S. HARDING, 4/22/68.

On 4/23-24/68, the following new and used car dealers were contacted with negative results in an effort to develop information regarding JAMES EARL RAY or any of RAY's listed aliases:

JAMES MILLSAPS, Boomershine Pontiac Used Car Lot, 324 Spring Street, NW

BILL PYRON, Sales Manager, Boomershine Pontiac New Cars, 435 Spring Street, NW

TOM MC MENAMY, General Sales Manager, Metro Chrysler Plymouth, 360 Spring Street

ROGER STRICKLAND, Used Car Sales Manager, Metro Chrysler Plymouth, 391 Spring Street, NW

Mrs. JEWELL GREGGOR, Bookkeeper, Wagstaff Dodge, 887 Spring Street, NW

JACK SMITH, Jack Smith Used Cars, 738 Spring Street, NW

BERRY BRYANT, Bookkeeper, Wade Ford New and Used Cars, 400 and 440 Spring Street

JACK WILSON, Land-Wilson Used Cars, 700 Spring Street, NW

HOYT STEVENS, Hoyt Stevens Motors, 687 Spring Street

EVERETT EZELL, Manager, Stanley Motors, 683 Spring Street

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FERRELL SAMPLES, Ferrell Samples Motor Company,
674 Spring Street

OTIS BING, Manager, Main Street Motors, 664
Spring Street, NW

J. C. STRICKLAND, Owner, J. C. Strickland Used
Cars, 665 Spring Street

BILL BEAM, Manager, Downing Motors Used Car Lot
No. 5, 551-560 Spring Street

W. O. SLATE, JR., General Manager, John Smith
Chevrolet Company, 555 Spring Street

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA STANLEY R. KEEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA JAMES J. ROSE, 4/18/68.

On 4/22/68, Mrs. JEAN JETT, 19 Lake Circle, Mableton, Georgia, was recontacted during which time she advised she was employed for the W. T. Grant Department Store during November, 1965, instead of November, 1964. She reiterated that an individual who was employed in the camera department looked similar to the picture of GALT appearing in the Atlanta Constitution on 4/18/68. She stated that she believed this individual's first name was ERIC but cannot remember his last name. She recalled, however, that the other employees of the store called the individual CURT. Mrs. JETT further stated that she believes this individual discontinued work for the W. T. Grant Department Store around Christmas, 1965. She stated that he spoke with an accent and often spoke of countries in Europe. Mrs. JETT stated that she cannot furnish any additional information to the information that was furnished the Atlanta FBI Office on 4/18/68.

On 4/22/68, Mr. WILLIAM SIMMONS, Merchandise Manager, W. T. Grant Company, 1378 Bankhead Highway, Mableton, Georgia, advised after a review of store records, that the individual who was employed in the camera department was CURT ULBRID. Mr. SIMMONS observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka ERIC S. GALT, and stated that RAY is definitely not ULBRID. SIMMONS further stated that ULBRID was approximately 24 years old in 1965 and that he left W. T. Grant Department Store to take a management trainee course at the Americana Hotel on Spring Street. SIMMONS stated that he has seen ULBRID approximately two times since ULBRID discontinued employment.

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RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally _____ date _____ By Telephone _____ date _____ Written Communication 4-18-68 date _____
Information concerning:

MURKIN

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

SUMMARY & PHOTO of JAMES EARL RAY

Information furnished was obtained:

☒ during course of Bureau investigation

☐ from informants

☐ from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to:

*COP William Perkinson, Valdosta, Ga. PD
Chief Deputy WM F. Cowart, Lowndes Co SO.*

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Robert R Nichols
Special Agent

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INVESTIGATION TO INTERVIEW
FORMER ROOMERS 107 14th
STREET, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Records reflect that BILLY FAULKNER had rented room 8 at 107 14th St., Atlanta, Georgia, for various periods of January, February, and from March 27, through April 9, 1968. His address was indicated as c/o his father, WILLIAM G. FAULKNER, P. O. Box 15, Midland City, Alabama.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HOWARD R. LINSKOTT on April 16, 1968, at Midland City, Alabama:

WILLIAM G. FAULKNER, Box 35, formerly Box 15, Midland City, Alabama, advised that he last saw his son, BILLY JOE FAULKNER, on the evening of April 2, 1968, when he stopped by the house to pick up some clothes. At that time BILLY JOE FAULKNER told his father that he had moved from Atlanta, Georgia, and had quit his job at Square D Electronics, Inc. FAULKNER stated that his son is an electrician and did live in a rooming house in Atlanta, Georgia. He further stated that his son usually contacts him every month and that when he determines his son's present whereabouts, he would immediately contact the FBI. FAULKNER further stated that his son has worked in Dallas, Texas; Pensacola, Florida; and has served thirteen years in the United States Air Force.

He described his son, BILLY JOE FAULKNER, as white male, age 40, 6' tall, 170 pounds, brown hair, and blue eyes.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/23/68

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re Mobile airtel to Memphis and Atlanta
4/19/68 regarding investigation to interview former
roomers at 107 14th Street, Atlanta.

The investigative inserts which were furnished
to Memphis are herewith enclosed for Atlanta. Since this
pertains to investigation originated at Atlanta, it is
requested that Atlanta include this insert in their next
report.

②-Atlanta (Encs. 25)
1-Mobile (157-2627) (INFO)
1-Memphis
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306PM URGENT 4-24-68 KAM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST.

RECORDS JACKSON COUNTY, MO. SO REVEAL RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS
INCARCERATED THERE FROM MARCH TWENTY-TWO, FIFTY-FIVE UNTIL AUG. ELEVEN,
FIFTY-FIVE, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO LEAVENWORTH, KS.
PENITENTIARY. RECORDS, USP, LEAVENWORTH, REVEAL CURTIS INCARCERATED
THERE FROM AUG. ELEVEN FIFTY-FIVE UNTIL SEPT. TWENTY-ONE FIFTY-FIVE,
AT WHICH TIME HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO USP, ATLANTA, GA.

RAY INCARCERATED WITH WALTER TERRY RIFE AT THIS TIME. RIFE HAS
BEEN INTERVIEWED IN THIS MATTER. RECORDS, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL,
FAIL TO LIST ANY VISITORS OF RAY, RIFE OR CURTIS AT THAT TIME BUT
RECORDS MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. THE FENCE CONNECTED WITH THE
ITALIAN UNDERWORLD IN KANSAS CITY WHO ALSO ENGAGED IN HANDLING STOLEN
POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IS BELIEVED TO BE JAMES BRADLEY, JR. HE IS
CURRENTLY INCARCERATED LEAVENWORTH PENITENTIARY FOR VIOLATIONS OF
STOLEN POSTAL MONEY ORDERS. BRADLEY AVOWED COOPERATION BUT ADVISED
THAT SUBJECT UNKNOWN TO HIM.

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CURTIS INCARCERATED MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTY-TWO, CHARGED WITH ROBBERY, SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS, PAROLED JUNE TWENTY-SEVEN, SIXTY-SIX.

REVIEW OF KANSAS CITY FILE ENTITLED "RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS", KANSAS CITY NINETY-ONE - ONE FOUR ONE FOUR, REVEALS THAT IN INDIANAPOLIS LETTER TO ATLANTA DATED AUG. THIRTY-ONE, FIFTY-SIX, DEFENSE ATTORNEY FOR CURTIS OPINED THAT CURTIS WOULD "LIE, STEAL OR COMMIT OTHER CRIMES TO FURTHER HIS OWN INTERESTS IN ANY PARTICULAR MATTER". THIS STATEMENT APPARENTLY MADE AS A RESULT OF CURTIS' ATTEMPTING TO IMPLICATE CURTIS' WIFE AND BOYFRIEND IN A PREVIOUS BANK ROBBERY IN INDIANA, AND ALL INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CURTIS AT THAT TIME WAS DETERMINED TO BE WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ESCAPE PROPENSITIES.

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The following investigation was conducted at Albany, Georgia, by Special Agent ROBERT S. KENNEMUR:

On April 13, 1968, D. C. BRADLEY, Manager, Citizens Pawn Shop, 204 South Jackson Street, Albany, Georgia, telephone number 435-4641, advised that during World War II he had lived with a woman named AVIE CHRISTINE CORBELL GALT, who was the wife of FREELAND GALT. BRADLEY stated that he lived in various towns in the Southeast with Mrs. GALT until FREELAND GALT came out of the Army during 1945. He stated that Mr. and Mrs. GALT were both from a little town about 12 to 15 miles outside of Columbus, Mississippi. BRADLEY stated that he only saw FREELAND GALT one time and this was in Jacksonville, Florida, right after he came out of the Army. He stated that he would estimate FREELAND GALT to have been about 20 or 21 years of age in 1945, 6 feet tall, 170 to 175 pounds, dark complexion and blond hair. BRADLEY stated that after GALT came out of the Army, he stopped seeing Mrs. GALT, and the last time he had heard from them they were living in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1945.

BRADLEY further advised that Mrs. GALT's father was named DAN CORBELL and he worked at an ammunition dump in the little town 12 to 15 miles out of Columbus, Mississippi, where Mrs. GALT's home is located.

BRADLEY stated that he was furnishing this information for whatever value it might be in view of the publicity being given in the local press regarding the Federal Bureau of Investigation's search for a person by the name of GALT in connection with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38851), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA AND
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SUSPECT: HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN
THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ME, LA, SC, SD, SF, AND SI APRIL
TWELVE LAST; ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, ME, BH, NO, KC, AND SI
APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST, AND SAN DIEGO TEL TO DIRECTOR, ME, BH,
SI, AND SF APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST.

REFERENCED BUREAU TEL DATED APRIL TWELVE LAST REFLECTS
HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN
NINE A, FINGERPRINTED STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD, ILLINOIS,
THEIR NO. TWO FOUR FIVE TWO FIVE, MAY NINETEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY
FIVE, BURGLARY.

REFERENCED ATLANTA TEL DATED APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST REFLECTS
INTERVIEW OF CURTIS STATES "RAY HAD FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED)
WHO VISITED HIM IN JACKSON PRISON. FRIEND HAD BEEN CELLMATE OF
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RAY WHEN RAY AT MENARD, ILLINOIS. THIS MAN KEPT RAY IN SPENDING MONEY WHILE RAY IN PRISON AND WOULD HARBOR RAY."

FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA, INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED OF OTHER OFFICES RECEIVING REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A TO DETERMINE IF HE IS AN ASSOCIATE OR CO-CONSPIRATOR OF RAY IN MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD, ILLINOIS, FROM PRISON RECORDS, DETERMINE IF HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER CONFINED AT SAME TIME AS RAY AND IS POSSIBLE FRIEND NAMED BY CURTIS.

ATLANTA AT DALTON, GEORGIA, CONSIDER RECONTACTING CURTIS TO DETERMINE IF FRIEND NAMED BY HIM IS HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A.

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April 20 th 68

Here might be a tip
I hope its right.

I was staying at the sisters of
the Home of the aged for 9 months
from July 12-67 to Jan 28-1968
there was a man there by the
name Harry Erazzle who
was enjoying him self over the
death of people, 4 men died while
I was there all about the same
way This Harry Erazzle talked to
him self. As he said to him self in
his room all to him self, that
dam Charleston I killed that son of a
bitch, and old man Down and
that dam Reibel which is me are
next. He fed people arsenic
He had threatened people right in
front of every body. But no body
seemed to catch on, like I did
after I heard my name Reibel called
I had made reservations to go see

(2)

My Son Mr John C Rebel
1729 Rosemont, Memphis Tenn
38114

on Jan 28th 1968.

Another man named Bill Grayton
not much better than faggles
said to me right after I had
called my son, and I had made
reservations on the Delta an bus
for a trip to Memphis at 12:25 PM
Jan 28-68. This Bill Grayton
who is still yet at the home
as far as I know, on 2345 W 86th
St Indianapolis Ind. He send to
me Friday nite Jan 25th you
not going to Memphis. The 28th I
said the Hell I aint. You not
going, youd be right here. I said I
bet you a thousand bucks I go
the 28 Monday morn. He said if
I had the money I'd take that bet
I said I havnt got it either But its a

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good bet, I can get the money
I said either put up or shut
up By then one of the Sisters
came along, and I told her I
said I don't know why But Bell
Grayham said I am not going to
Memphis Monday at 1230 P.M. And
I'd like to know why - He sat
there and still say said your not
going. You'd be right here, I'd
bet my hat on that, I said are
you nuts. or are you going nuts
here I called Mr. Reibel, and
I called the Delta air line, and
made reservations. all I got to do
is go there sign my name, pay
for my ticket and say Memphis
Tenn Here I come, again he
said your not going
you mark my words,
I say your going to

(4)

be right here. I said
Oh yea. what's the
big idea. Thinking I
won't or can't go
I said you or no one
else. But allmightly
God can keep me
here. So on sunday
morning I got up early
had to go to the
the toilet It was at
5 AM. So instead
of me going back to
bed I got up not dressed

(3)

And went down the Elevator
to the smoker to smoke
a cigarette and wait for
church time, and here
sat, Bill Grayham and

Harry Frazzle. So Harry
said you leaving in
the morning, are you I
said I sure am But

Bill over there says I
am not, And I could
understand why.

So Harry asked were
you ever out to
the air Port. I said
no I wasnt. in fact

(b)

I never rode on a plane in my life, This is the first time I ever will set foot in a plane or air line station, Are you sure you know what air port to go to, I said Delta. And American both at one spot who told you theres two, I said the girl at the air port asked me on what line I wanted to go on the American or Delta

(7)

I said Delta, Why? The
Delta, you know they
are the ones that have all
the accidents. The American
never fall but the
Delta does. I bet you'll
never get there and if
you do, you'll never get
back. I said I bet I
do. As my Son Jazir Reibel
Takes the Delta all
the time when he
his wife and family
fly some where. He
he said you might
get down there O.K. But
I bet you won't come

(8)

Come back I said why
won't I come back, nor
you prying into my affairs
first Belt Graham then
now you.
What's the meaning of
all this. Any way?

You wait and see. You'll
not get back, you'll
get down there OK
but you won't get
back. Now when I got
ready to leave at the Port
all of a sudden a fever struck
my stomach, nearly doubled me
up. I stuck it out, till I got over
to the air port where I could
get a big glass of 100 proof whiskey
It hit my stomach. It seems
to cool it off. I turn and get
another drink it like water

(9)

It never faced me a bet But
it killed the fair as it
takes one prisoner to kill
another. After I got to Memphis
I began feeling sick my
bowls wouldn't move so
I took 3 laxative tablets where
I was only to take one and
some hot water of a morning
to make my bowels move
all at once they broke loose
green as any grass and loose
where ever they hit me on
my hind cheeks and legs I
broke out in sores. My

Reaction was so sore I
couldn't hardly stand
I wrote to my Doctor at
Aurora Ind and I told
him what I thought I
had been on my way back
I didn't go to the Home

(10)

But took the Bus from Indianapolis Ind at 10 oclock
at route to Batesville Ind
then on wed I went to my
Doctor took 3 shots. and
3 diffrent kind of pills He
shook his head. He knew
what was wrong. So he
said take these pills one
a day for 30 days then
come back April 5, now
I am the picture of health
again All but I had a
terriabh fall Easter Sunday
nite was out, talking to
the Police, on my way
home I hit a Cement
slab that was pushed
up by a root of a maple
tree I fell and

(11)

nearly kill my self. I am
now under Doctors care
at Aurora Ind. for how
long I never know. But
I am going to file suit
against the city for

Damages. People before
already fell over some
just like that and still
they are not fixed. They
will fix them after I
get through with them

Getting back to Harry Eragle
I wrote to the FBI at Indianapolis
I told them about what I heard him
say to him self. he killed Charleston
and Mr. Darrin and Reichel are
next, and told them How Bill
Grayham insisted that I would
leave on the 28th, and How Harry

(12)

kept telling me if I left the 29th
of Jan. I'd not get back the 28th
How I felt when I left. How
Charleston died. How Harry enjoyed
him self after the men would
die, get half drunk then sing
and laugh like a nut, and say
why isn't every body happy,
let every body be happy. when
we all felt bad about 2 men
dying in one week friends
of ours in the home. Harry
would say cheer up you guys
you all set around like a
bunch of dopes, cheer up,
what's one or two mens life
mean, to you nothg, cheer
up you dumb fools, let every
body be happy. I wrote this
to the General Hospital where
many a man was taken to alive
but brought back dead.

(13)

all died about the same way.
No one knew that we had a
manic there But me, after
I got to knowing what I heard
I seen his picture in the post
office, long before I went to the
home at 320 East Vermont St
Indianapolis Ind, Then we
moved out north to the new
home on 86th St, 2343 - W. 86th
Street Indianapolis
Ind

While I was at Memphis I turned in
to the FBI at Indianapolis
Ind. when I got ready to leave
Memphis, One man wrote to
me, and said Harry left or
one knows where, or when he
left, or where he's at, Now he
broke jail as far as I knew down
south, and he had been there
5 years, when he broke out as
I had seen and heard

(14)

And when he heard I ~~was~~ was
going to Memphis Tenn. there
in Jan. He said your gang
down in near my stompy
ground. I worked down there
for 5 years. I did painting.
started to work for a shoe
maker, then people told me
to try and get a job in a
laundry. I worked only a
few hours and I had enough
of that, and I pulled up and
quit and I left, to come up
here, to get a job but I was
to old and body wants a man
over 50 any more, so I don't
know if the F B I got him
or if he left on his own
and headed down that way
if I'd know, he was down
in there again. I'd say Hes
the one that shot Martin Luther

(15)

King, when he made the
remark about me coming down
but would never return
a thought struck me at the
air port when the jet we
were to come to Indianapolis
is at 5:03 that eve. It
sorta konked out coming
in to Memphis. And they
tried to fix it, But they
couldn't. So they delayed
the flight till 8 AM the
next morning, we came on
on another plane a small
one. I wonder if Harry
Frazzle is off to the
south where the plane
started from and missed it
~~that~~ thinking I'd be
on it from Memphis to
Indianapolis. I'm to Indianapolis
figuring I'd be killed now

(16)

while at the home. The Sisters had
Colored help, cook a lady,
a young colored helper in the
Kitchen. Colored help to clean
the building, hallways bed
rooms one colored lady
took care of the elderly ladies
one day Harry got to spouting off
his face about them black
sons a bitches, in his book they
are just dam niggers, I spoke
up and said Harry, Those
people are not niggers they
are noted as colored people
Colored people Hell, they are noly
but a bunch of damn dirty
niggers. One day we had
Doctor Martin Luther King
on TV. He comes along and
shuts it off. I said turn that
back on, the hell I will not to
listen to that damn Black nigger

(17)

they ought to do him like
they did to the man that
freed them, and the man
that brought up this
civil rights, Kennedy
old, Abe, John F. and
Martin are all alike
now since this has
all happened as it did
I gathered up my thoughts
and put them together
and am telling you what I
think & believe. He may
not shot Martin him self
But I bet he was
the cause of it.

Harry Erizzle
made his home at the little
sisters of the poor, came there
with out a dime no clothes

(18)

mean as hell to the
older fellows and crippled
who out on the street
had leave in the morning
before day lite come
back after dark.

I bet my foot hes down
there and hes the man
you looking for, that
Shot Doctor Martin Luther
King, when he turned
the TV off I turned it back
on again and I told him
you skunk you dont own
the TV, you shut it off
again I cold cock you
load. Martin Luther King
is a smart man, to dam
smart for guys like you
to listen to, I told him, I am
for Martin Luther King 100 percent

(19)

those people cant help they
are colored. Red who
fault is it that the
colored People are here
no one but fellows like
you, who brought them
in this country, made them
breed with the white ones
then sell them for slaves
he said. That all they are good
for is to fuck, I did once
and I'll not do it any more
with a white woman
but that's all them black
snatchers are good for.
Dressed the colored people like
fat them on the shoulder. call
the women sweet names
such as sweet heart and
so forth. But I'll kill them or

(20)

sight. write to the Sisters
they may have his picture
the FBI may want it
too, the sister that Harry
liked, her name is
Sister John, over seer over
the men at the Home of
the aged 2345 West 8th St
Indianapolis Ind 46260.
she may know where
he went. no one else
there seems to know
I feel like his right down at
Memphis Tenn. He a tall
slender man his lower jaw
stands out under his upper
teeth. sorta bad and crossed. laughs
like a old hen cacklin. claims
he is about 63 years old. very
seldom wears a hat. Hates the
Colored people like a snake Hates
Catholic people. well that's all for now

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I remain a friend
to the Martin Luther
King Family

I remembered her with
flowers since his death
I remain Robert Reibel
Regular address, PO Box 53
Batesville Ind 47006

But am under doctors care
now because of a fall.
Each Sunday ride on a
broken sidewalk was in Hospital
for 2 1/2 hours at Batesville Ind
am under Doctor Kenneth J.

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