

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA ROBERT MICHAEL KANE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 5/1/68

Re memo of SA RALPH E. WILLIAMS, 4/25/68.

University of Georgia Student
DERREL E. LEE, Athens, Ga.

Pursuant to instructions from SAC FRANK V. HITT to SA ROBERT MICHAEL KANE on 4/29/68, DERREL E. LEE was reinterviewed at Athens, Ga. on 4/30/68.

LEE advised that he and fellow University of Ga. students JACK GARRETT and DAN YOUNG who along with himself live in Russell Hall, a men's dormitory at the University of Ga., spent their spring vacation from the University of Ga. in New York City, N.Y. LEE advised that he roomed with his uncle DONALD LEE at 175 W. 79th St., New York City, N.Y. He explained that his uncle is a fashion photographer in New York City.

He related that approximately the night of 3/20/68 while he and JACK GARRETT and DAN YOUNG were standing in a cafeteria line, name of cafeteria being Tad's Steak House near Rockefeller Center, New York City, he had conversation with a man, who was also standing in this cafeteria line, who noticed that LEE had a southern accent. This man, according to LEE, told him his name was GARY BURNSED (phonetic) who originally came from the vicinity of Denver, Col.

LEE related that he and BURNSED had some casual conversation while standing in the line and then made plans to go nightclubbing in New York City that night together. LEE stated that his friends, JACK GARRETT and DAN YOUNG, were planning on going to the theater. LEE advised that he and BURNSED went to

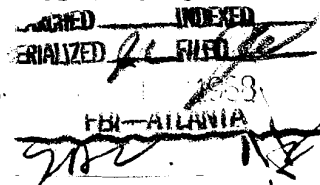
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a lot of nightclubs together and he noticed that BURNSED drank a lot and in fact used some of the tickets obtained by LEE in the nightclubs which entitled LEE to have some drinks. He stated that these tickets were obtained when he and BURNSED paid the cover charges at the door and that these tickets represented drinks that they were entitled to as a result of paying the cover charge. LEE advised that he does not drink very much and only had one or two drinks while BURNSED had quite a bit to drink.

LEE advised that a night or so after he and BURNSED were together, LEE was with his uncle DONALD LEE and they ran into BURNSED at an unrecalled nightclub. LEE described his uncle as being a fashion photographer, "who" plays around a lot" in New York City. He stated that when they ran into BURNSED, his uncle DONALD went his separate way leaving LEE and BURNSED together.

He further related that while sitting and drinking in this nightclub, BURNSED had approximately eight or ten mixed drinks which he believed were liquor and some mix, and that during the conversation LEE mentioned to BURNSED that LEE felt that the students at the University of Ga. would back BOBBY KENNEDY in his election campaign for President. LEE stated that this visibly angered BURNSED who said to LEE, "Let me tell you a few things." LEE stated that BURNSED then proceeded to tell him that President JOHNSON would leave office within two weeks of that night they were together in New York, that JIM GARRISON would be killed this summer, that MARTIN LUTHER KING would be assassinated down South, and also proceeded in giving his version of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. LEE recalled that BURNSED stated that President KENNEDY was shot from a bridge rather than from the book depository in Dallas, Texas. LEE also recalled that BURNSED told him that the Viet Nam War would be de-escalated in the near future.

LEE stated that he "just thought that BURNSED was like a person who had extrasensory perception qualities".

LEE further advised that he last saw BURNSED at the Checkerboard Nightclub in Greenwich Village, New York City on his third and last occasion, prior to leaving New York City for return to Athens, Ga. He explained that the observations

concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING took place on the second meeting with BURNSED at an unrecalled nightclub in New York City. He advised that no one else was present during the statements made by BURNSED and that neither of his friends, JACK GARRETT or DAN YOUmans, had heard BURNSED make any such statements because they were not physically present when BURNSED told LEE in the nightclub conversation.

LEE could furnish no address for BURNSED and described him as being approximately 25 or 26 years of age, Scandinavian appearing, and a person in such physical condition as he could pass as a physical training teacher. LEE recalled that BURNSED told him that he was "in training", type of training not disclosed, from 6:30 a.m. until evening hours at night. LEE also recalled that BURNSED told him that he had to fly to New Jersey quite frequently from New York. He also recalled that BURNSED told him that he could only come into Manhattan every other day.

LEE was queried as to whether he questioned the statement made by BURNSED to him about flying to New Jersey when New Jersey was just across the Hudson River from Manhattan. LEE stated that he did not question him concerning this flying back and forth from Manhattan to New Jersey. He also stated that he did not note any credit cards or any other form of identification that BURNSED may have had.

LEE was queried as to whether this BURNSED individual made any improper advances towards him which caused LEE to become physically agitated and he vigorously denied that any improper advances had been made to him by BURNSED.

During the course of conversation with DERREL LEE, it was obvious that he has effeminate type speech and that he was visibly nervous and agitated and reacted to questions concerning his being a discotheque dancing instructor as well as prior questions mentioned concerning improper advances made by BURNSED in an agitated manner. At one point during the interview, LEE started crying and appeared very emotional. He subsequently calmed down and stated that he was telling the truth concerning his encounter with the individual named BURNSED.

He advised that the only person that he told that he was going to discuss this matter with the FBI was his roommate JACK GARRETT. He denied confiding in any other student or other person that he had an appointment with the FBI in Athens, 4/16/68.

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LEE stated that the headline and news article that appeared in the Daily News, Athens, Ga. on Wednesday morning, 4/17/68, is inaccurate and entirely blown out of proportion to what actually he had told the reporter from that paper. He advised that he did not make any statement to the newspaper that he heard of a plot to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. LEE also denied making any statement that he had talked with a person who called himself "a Secret Agent" working out of Colorado Springs, Col. He stated that he made no statement that MARTIN LUTHER KING, according to the alleged Secret Agent, would be assassinated in Memphis, Tenn. He advised that there is no truth to this statement whatsoever. He also denied telling the newspaper reporter that he had feared the "Mafia". He further denied making a statement that the FBI was protecting him at the University of Georgia.

LEE advised that since his initial conversation with reporters from the Athens Daily News he has been harrassed by newspaper reporters and has received telephone calls from the UPI, Atlanta, Ga. as well as the New York Times in New York City, N.Y. He stated that he has not commented any further to any member of the press and has no plan on making any further comment concerning his meeting with GARY BURNSED in New York City on 3/20/68.

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FROM : SA JAMES RICHARD FLICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: ME)

DATE: 5/3/68

Re Atlanta memo of IC JERRY D. ROSEBERRY, 4/26/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES RICHARD FLICK:

AT ALPHARETTA, GA.

On 4/26/68, contact was made with Mrs. LUCAS E. BIRT, 325 Karen Dr., regarding the possible information and photographs that she and her husband may have had regarding the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY. At the time of this interview, Mrs. BIRT advised that her husband was not available for interview at this time and that she did not desire to speak to the interviewing agent without her husband being present. Mrs. BIRT was asked by the interviewing agent about when would be a convenient time for their interview. BIRT requested that telephonic contact be made with them on Monday morning, 4/29/68, as she was uncertain as to whether or not they would be home over the weekend.

On 4/29/68, telephonic contact was made with the BIRT residence, phone 475-7428, at which time SA FLICK was advised that Mr. BIRT was again not at home and she was not certain when the two of them would be available for interview.

On 4/30/68, Mrs. BIRT was again contacted and again advised that her husband was not at home and was not certain when they would be available for interview.

On 5/1/68, Mr. and Mrs. LUCAS BIRT were interviewed at their place of residence, 325 Karen Dr., Alpharetta, Ga., at which time Mrs. BIRT advised during October of 1967 while she and her husband were attending choir practice at the Mount Paran Church of God, Atlanta, Ga., she noticed a man whose face was familiar to her. Mrs. BIRT advised that the time she first saw this man she was not aware of his identity, but later



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on met him inside the Mount Paran Church of God and asked if he possibly could have attended college with her. This person told her that he had attended Lee College in Cleveland, Tenn. in about 1949 and told her that his home was either in Birmingham or Mobile, Ala. BIRT stated that later that same evening when they were leaving the church she had noticed this person depart in a white 1966 Mustang.

BIRT continued, upon reading of the information surrounding the captioned subject, she thought that possibly this person whom she had seen at the Mount Paran Church of God might be identical with the subject, JAMES EARL RAY. BIRT advised upon reviewing her college annual, entitled "Vindaugua" for the year 1949, she came across a photograph of a man whom she believed was identical with the person whom she had seen at the Mount Paran Church of God. This man, THERMAL JOHNES, attended either Lee College or High School in the fall of 1948 or 1949. BIRT stated that she had no particular reason to believe that this was the subject, but stated that the photograph of THERMAL JOHNES taken in 1949 bore a slight resemblance to the subject and she felt that this information might be of value.

BIRT advised that she has neither seen nor heard anything of the man whom she knew as THERMAL JOHNES, since October of 1967, and neither she nor her husband had any idea where JOHNES might presently be contacted for interview. BIRT advised this was the only information she had available and stated that she would cooperate in any way with the FBI.

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

FROM : SA JOHN T. DARKO

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 5/3/68

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

CONTACTS WITH POLICE DEPARTMENTS, CREDIT BUREAUS,
NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS, ETC.

The following individuals were contacted in accordance with referenced memo all with negative results regarding any additional information in captioned case:

Gainesville PD, Chief HOYT HENRY
Cornelia PD, Chief D.G. DAVENPORT
Tocoa PD, Chief J. A. LEE
Commerce PD, Chief HAROLD STANCIL
Winder, Ga. PD Chief GERALD THOMAS
Clayton PD, Chief HUBERT PAGE
Cleveland PD, Chief ERNEST CRAIN

Gainesville Credit Exchange, HARRY CHAPMAN
Credit Bureau of Tocoa, JOANN SAVAGE

The following contacts with new and used car dealers are in the Gainesville area:

Bell Auto Sales, ED PAYNE
Delong Motors, JIM DELONG
Jacobs Motor Co., BUDDY DOBE
Wilson Chevrolet, BOB BERNETT
Chrysler and Plymouth Dealer, JIMMY HAYNES
Martin Motor and Finance, WILLIAM PITTMAN
Gainesville Ford, JIMMIE SEAL

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Dillard Bryan Used Cars, DILLARD BRYAN
C&H Used Cars, HOME HATCHER
Charlie's Used Cars, BENNIE HERDAN
Burt Crowe Used Cars, LOUIS FARLOW
Ford Gober Used Cars, FORD GOBER
L.O. Henson Used Cars, HOKE SMITH
Little Brothers Auto Exchange, HOYT LITTLE
Mathis Motors, JIM MATHIS
Robert Mc Gee Used Cars, BOB MC GEE
David Rankin Used Cars, CLYDE ROBERTSON
Clarence Ransom Used Cars, CLARENCE RANSOM
Billy Smith Used Cars, BILLY SMITH
Cecil Smith Used Cars, CECIL SMITH
Jesse D. Smith Used Cars, WADE REED
Staton Auto Exchange, WAYNE STATON
Town and Country Motors, JIM PETHEL
Jake Waters Used Cars, NOLAN GEE
Jim Waters Used Cars, CHARLIE SMITH
Max Watson, Used Cars, HARVEY CRAWFORD
Stovall Motors, Cornelia, Ga., TRACY SIMPSON
Gailey Motors, SON GAILEY
At Cleveland,

M&M Motors, DONALD
Stamey Chevrolet, CLARENCE STAMEY
Cline Ford, ROBERT SHELTON
Caudell Motors, BENNIE CAUDELL

At Winder, Ga.

Aiken Ford, ROGER AIKEN
Ouzts Chevrolet, BUDDY OUZTS
Classic Motor Co., DOUG TATE
Auto Sales of Winder, DWAYNE GARRETT
Barnette Brothers Used Cars, ED BARNETTE
Timms-Styles Used Cars, T. E. TIMMS
Whiddon Motor Co., HOWELL WHIDDON

At Tocoa, Ga.

Tabor Motor Co., ED HOLCOMB
Nuckolls Chevrolet, Inc., MAJOR NUCKOLLS

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Lawson Motor Co., HEL LAWSON
Nix-Woods Fords, DON HENSON
Clyde Addison Used Cars, CLYDE ADDISON
R.D. Anderson Used Cars, R. D. ANDERSON
Bell Mart Auto Sales, JOE WHITWORTH
Doyle Roberts Motors, DOYLE ROBERTS
Smith Motor Co., DAN SMITH
Watkins Used Cars, REX WATKINS

The Greyhound Bus Station, Gainesville, FRANCELLE
JANE SISK

Taxicabs

Blue Bell, Gainesville, CALVIN LIPSCOMB
Moorehead Cab Co., CHARLES MOOREHEAD
Veterans Cab Co., RAY PURDY
A&A Cab Co., Tocoa, T. W. BOWMAN
Black and White Cab Co., Tocoa, DON CHITWOOD
Grey Cab Co., Tocoa, G. C. SMITH

Southern Railway, WELDON TOWLISON

Car Rentals

Gainesville Carriers, Inc., JIMMIE SEAL
Hertz Rent-A-Car, ESCO SHAW

All of the above advised should they develop any
information concerning subject RAY in instant case, they will
immediately notify the FBI.

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204PM URGENT 5-3-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON
KANSAS CITY, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH AND
SPRINGFIELD

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

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RE BUTEL MAY TWO LAST.

ONE PAIR SHORTS AND T-SHIRT BELIEVED PROPERTY OF SUBJECT,
RECOVERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SLAYING, BORE BLACK LAUNDRY MARKS
O TWO B DASH SIX" ON RED THERMO SEAL TAPE. SHEET AND PILLOW
CASE FOUND IN ABANDONED MUSTANG AT ATLANTA BORE BLACK LAUNDRY
MARKS "TWO ZERO R DASH THREE" ON WHITE THERMO SEAL TAPE.

IN VIEW OF RAY'S INDICATED TENDENCIES TOWARD PERSONAL
CLEANLINESS, PHOTOS OF RAY SHOULD BE SHOWN AT ALL LAUNDRIES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF REBUTEL AND CONSIDERATION
GIVEN TO ALERTING LAUNDRIES ABOVE DESCRIBED TAGS MAY STILL
BE AFFIXED TO SOME OF SUBJECT'S LAUNDRY.

THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO FURNISH RECEIVING OFFICES WITH
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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT K. LEWIS, at East Point, Georgia, on May 1, 1968:

Mrs. LILLIAN GUNDERSON, operator, East Point Heating and Air Conditioning Company, 1728 Connally Drive, advised she has employed JAMES W. WINDOM as a supervisor since August, 1967. She said he has worked steadily during this period and definitely worked the entire first week of April, 1968. She said he is presently in charge of construction of a new fire house at the airport. She stated WINDOM is a native of this area, having gone to school in Hapeville, Georgia. She advised that before she hired WINDOM he worked for many years for Chrysler Airtemp in Atlanta. She stated he does not resemble JAMES EARL RAY. She said WINDOM is a bit "loud-mouthed" and has probably made a few enemies. She said he is definitely not a racist and she did not believe he would be involved in any criminal acts.

She said she did not know who might try to cause trouble for WINDOM or to imply that he might be connected with the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Mrs. EDNA E. CROOKE, 169 Memorial Street, SE, Apartment 511, was contacted and furnished the following information:

Her apartment overlooks the parking lot in which the 1966 white Mustang was subsequently found. CROOKE said she had never seen this car arrive at the parking lot but was aware that it had parked there for several days prior to its discovery. CROOKE said that on April 5, 1968, she was visited by a friend, Mrs. FLOYD MEDLEY, Jonesboro, Georgia. Sometime about dusk, Mrs. MEDLEY was seated at the front door taking care of her young children. This area overlooks the parking lot which is in front of the CROOKE apartment. At this time nothing was said about any car being in the parking lot. After the discovery of the white Mustang and on a day which CROOKE believes was April 14, 1968, she talked with Mrs. MEDLEY on the telephone. At this time MEDLEY mentioned that while seated at the front steps on April 5, 1968, she had observed a white colored car, which was probably a Mustang slowly drive into the parking lot. Because of the darkness, she was unable to see the license plate on this car and did not get a good look at the driver. She was interested in the car because at first she thought it might be driven by CROOKE's former husband. MEDLEY said that the car drove slowly in the lot and then turned around and left.

CROOKE said she did not recall that MEDLEY had said anything further about the car. About a week or ten days ago, CROOKE was visited by a reporter named DON MC KEE and she mentioned MEDLEY's conversation to him. At that time CROOKE was aware of the unlisted phone number for MEDLEY and furnished it to MC KEE, who immediately phoned her. CROOKE said she overheard the entire conversation and that MC KEE took no notes whatsoever and that at no time

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by SA ROBERT K. LEWIS :sja Date dictated 4/26/68

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asked MEDLEY to describe the driver of the car or what the driver was wearing.

CROOKE advised that MEDLEY suffers a nervous and emotional condition and is easily upset and for this reason her husband has forbidden her to discuss this matter any further with anyone. CROOKE said it is MEDLEY's attitude that Mrs. MEDLEY actually does not know anything about this case anyway. CROOKE further advised that the MEDLEYS have had their unlisted phone number changed and she does not at this time know what it is and she does not know their address, except that they live in a large subdivision somewhere south of Jonesboro.

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Date May 3, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of another
photograph taken of James Earl Ray, aka
Eric S. Galt in Fall of 1967.

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TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

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RAYMOND CURTIS REINTERVIEWED WHITFIELD CO. JAIL AND ADVISED AFTER VIEWING PHOTO OF HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER THAT NEITHER PHOTO NOR NAME WAS FAMILIAR TO HIM. HE STATED NEVER GOT GOOD LOOK AT MAN HE MENTIONED AS KEEPING JAMES EARL RAY IN SPENDING MONEY BUT DID NOT BELIEVE LOHMEYER WAS THAT INDIVIDUAL.

CONCERNING MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY AND HIS STATEMENT OF BOUNTY TO BE PAID BY "KK OF THE SOUTH" AND THE SOUTHERN BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION, CURTIS STATED THAT BY KK, HE DID NOT MEAN KU KLUX KLAN BUT EITHER "KENNEDY AND KING" OR "KILL KING" WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THESE INITIALS WHEN HE HEARD THEM IN PRISON. P

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386) AND BALTIMORE
FROM PHOENIX (44-371) (2P)

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RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO BUREAU AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES,
APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST; PHOENIX TEL TO BUREAU, MAY ONE,
LAST; AND ATLANTA TEL TO PHOENIX, MAY ONE, LAST, CAPTIONED
"UNSUB; SIXTYTWO FORD, VIN TWO A ONE TWO FIVE ONE TWO SIX
NINE ONE SIX."

RE CAR RECOVERIES FROM GEORGIA SUBSEQUENT TO MARCY
TWENTYTHREE LAST.

INVESTIGATION FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, REFLECTS SIXTYTWO
FORD FALCON, GEORGIA LICENSE ONE NINE-D-TWO ONE SEVEN FOUR,
FOUND ABANDONED FLAGSTAFF APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST. CAR
DETERMINED STOLEN PERRY, GEORGIA, APRIL ONE, LAST. NO ONE
OBSERVED IN OR NEAR VEHICLE AT PLACE OF RECOVERY AND PHOTO
JAMES EARL RAY NOT IDENTIFIABLE IN AREA OF RECOVERY.

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY ONE LAST SET FORTH INFO HOWARD
EDWARD TACKETT, WHITE MALE, TWENTYSIX, SIX ONE ZERO DUNBARTON,
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BALTIMORE, AND RONALD ALLEN WOODS, ONE TWO ONE SIX CRESCENT DRIVE, PERRY, GEORGIA, STOPPED WHILE DRIVING VEHICLE APRIL EIGHT, LAST, AT VENTURA, CALIF.

ATLANTA AT PERRY, GEORGIA, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF RONALD ALLEN WOODS, ONE TWO ONE SIX CRESCENT DRIVE, IDENTIFIABLE WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

BALTIMORE AT SIX TEN DUNBARTON, DETERMINE IF HOWARD EDWARD TACKETT IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAY.

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TO DIRECTOR AND DETROIT AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

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RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS, MAY TWO,
LAST.

RE HAROLD G. ANDERSON:

REFERENCE OF ALBERT PICK MOTEL, ATLANTA, REFLECTS SOCIAL
SECURITY NUMBER OF ANDERSON AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND INDICATES ANDERSON CAME TO ALBERT PICK MOTEL
THRU ATLANTA UNION MISSION.

ANDERSON DESCRIBED AS FORTYFIVE TO FIFTY YRS OF AGE, FIVE FT
THREE IN., ONE THIRTY LBS., GRAY-BLACK HAIR, RUDDY COMPLEXION AND
INDICATES INTELLIGENCE ABOVE LEVEL OF ORDINARY ITINERANT LABORER.
ANDERSON WORKED AS UTILITY MAN AND DISHWASHER AT MOTEL.

DETROIT THRU LABOR UNIONS AND MISSIONS, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND
INTERVIEW ANDERSON, BEARING IN MIND ANDERSON WAS
FIRST PERSON TO OCCUPY ROOM FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY JAMES EARL RAY,
ONE ONE THREE - FOURTEENTH ST., NE, ROOM TWO. IF LOCATED, EXHIBIT
KNOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND INTERVIEW IN DEPTH CONCERNING
CONDITION AND ITEMS INROOM, WHICH ANDERSON MAY HAVE USED, TAKEN AND/OR
THROWN AWAY.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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MURKIN

INVESTIGATION RE STOLEN AUTOMOBILES, ATLANTA, DURING PERTINENT PERIOD REFLECTS 'FIFTY TWO-DR MAROON FORD, VIN BOAT ONE TWO SIX ONE ONE SIX, 'SIXTYSEVEN GEORGIA ONE DASH ONE SEVEN THREE SEVEN FIVE, REPORTED STOLEN TO ATLANTA POLICE BETWEEN HOURS TWELVE THIRTY AM AND EIGHT AM, APR. SIXTH, LAST, FROM TWELVE EIGHTYONE SIZEMORE AVE., NW, ATLANTA, WHILE IN CUSTODY OF RAYMOND CLAYTON. CAR NOT INSURED AND NO KEYS IN IGNITION AT TIME OF THEFT. CAR OWNED BY DENNIS CLAYTON, PRESENTLY IN USMC, CONFINED TO MEMPHIS NAVAL HOSPITAL WITH ULCER CONDITION SINCE FEBRUARY OR MARCH, LAST, AFTER RETURN FROM VIETNAM.

RAYMOND CLAYTON IS EMPLOYED BY CHECKER CAB CO., ATLANTA, HOWEVER, INTERVIEW FAILS TO REFLECT ANYTHING OF SIGNIFICANT RE CAPTIONED MATTER. SIZEMORE AVENUE ON OUTSKIRTS OF DOWNTOWN ATLANTA AREA AND NOWHERE NEAR ANY OF THE PERTINENT AREAS WHILE SUBJECT IN ATLANTA. SIZEMORE IS SLUM AREA OF BOTH WHITE AND NEGRO FAMILIES.
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AT 44-2386

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED TO RELATIVES OF CLAYTON
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. INASMUCH AS DENNIS CLAYTON IN MEMPHIS
DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, HE SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED RE CAPTIONED
MATTER TO ASCERTAIN IF POSSIBLY MET SUBJECT RAY IN MEMPHIS AREA.

A & D. P

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714PM URGENT 5/3/68 CAF

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 3P

MURKIN.

EVIDENCE INSTANT CASE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY MEMPHIS
RETURNED THIS DATE TO INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY, MEMPHIS PD.
DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND POLICE FRANK C. HOLLOMAN ON PREVIOUS CONTACT
HAD REQUESTED EVIDENCE BE HELD BY MEMPHIS OFFICE UNTIL MEMPHIS PD
RECEIVED LETTER FROM LABORATORY. LETTER FROM LABORATORY RECEIVED
AFTERNOON OF MAY TWO PAST. INSPECTOR ZACHARY WHEN CONTACTED ON
AFTERNOON OF MAY TWO REQUESTED EVIDENCE BE HELD UNTIL MORNING
MAY THREE. THE NINE BOXES RECEIVED FROM FBI LAB WERE DELIVERED
INTO CUSTODY INSPECTOR ZACHARY THIS MORNING.

INSPECTOR ZACHARY WAS TOLD THERE IS POSSIBILITY REQUEST
COULD BE MADE LATER FOR ADDITIONAL EXAMINATIONS IN EVENT ADDITIONAL
MATERIAL RECOVERED IN INSTANT CASE. HE STATED ALL EVIDENCE WAS
BEING DELIVERED TO OFFICE OF STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL CANALE
AND THAT STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL WOULD ASSUME CUSTODY OF EVIDENCE
AND PLACE IT UNDER LOCK AND KEY. ZACHARY SAID AT THIS TIME IT
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WAS INTENTION OF STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PRESENT MATERIAL AND EVIDENCE TO LOCAL GRAND JURY ON MAY SEVEN NEXT. ZACHARY SAID THAT PLANS CALL FOR A FIRST DEGREE MURDER WARRANT FOR SUBJECT INSTANT CASE.

INSPECTOR ZACHARY SAID POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE MIGHT WANT A REPRESENTATIVE OF FBI TO TESTIFY IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN OF EVIDENCE BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY FBI IN THIS CASE. SHORTLY BEFORE FIVE PM THIS DATE, INSPECTOR ZACHARY STATED ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAD ASKED HIM TO DETERMINE IF FBI REPRESENTATIVE COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TESTIMONY BEFORE GRAND JURY. ZACHARY STATED ATTORNEY GENERAL FELT IT WOULD ADD TO CASE IF FBI REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT TO TESTIFY AS TO SALE OF WEAPON IN BIRMINGHAM AND FACT THAT WEAPON IN QUESTION IS IDENTICAL WITH WEAPON RECOVERED IN MEMPHIS. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT SAC SHOULD APPEAR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS REQUEST. INSPECTOR ZACHARY STATED HE WAS OF OPINION IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE PERSONNEL FROM FBI, BIRMINGHAM TESTIFY RE THIS MATTER.

INQUIRY AT NASHVILLE, TENN., CONDUCTED ON MAY TWO
END PAGE TWO

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DISCLOSED THAT G. D. GERLT DID STAY GRIDER'S MOTEL IN NASHVILLE ON MARCH TEN PAST. GERLT AT THAT TIME LISTED OCCUPATION AS EMPLOYEE JERRY'S NURSERY. MANAGER OF MOTEL ADVISED SHE RECALLED GERLT AND HAVING DISCUSSION WITH HIM RE TRAVEL TO A NURSERY IN MC MINNVILLE, TENN. THIS APPEARS TO CONFIRM DATA PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY GERLT.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE EARL KNIGHT AND SISTER SUE MC SPARIN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH KANSAS CITY TEL MAY TWO PAST, DISCLOSED ADDRESS GIVEN IS IN UNDEVELOPED FIELD IN MEMPHIS AREA. IVAN UNDERWOOD UNKNOWN AT ADDRESSES FURNISHED BY KANSAS CITY IN ITS TELETYPE. KANSAS CITY HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND MEMPHIS WILL MAKE FURTHER EFFORTS TO LOCATE PEOPLE OF INTEREST.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING MEMPHIS DIVISION. VARIOUS LOOKALIKES ELIMINATED THIS DATE.

A & D. P.

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741PM URGENT 5/3/68 WPK

TO ATLANTA 44-2386

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

REURAIRTEL MAY TWO SUBMITTING HERTZ RENTAL AGREEMENT
SIGNED JAMES E. BODKER, LOOK-ALIKE FOR SUBJECT RAY.
DIFFERENCES NOTED INDICATE THAT BODKER SIGNATURE ON
RENTAL AGREEMENT NOT EXECUTED BY JAMES EARL RAY, SUBJECT
IN THIS CASE; HOWEVER, LIMITED NATURE OF QUESTIONED
WRITING PRECLUDES A DEFINITE OPINION.

LATENT RESULTS FURNISHED SEPARATELY. COPY BEING
SENT AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS.

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8:25 PM URGENT 5/3/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY,

OKLAHOMA CITY AND LOS ANGELES.

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 2P

MURKIN.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY THREE SIXTYEIGHT.

BILLY CHUMLEY LOCATED ATLANTA AND INTERVIEWED. COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY, BUT FURNISHED INFO RE LEWIE DOWDA, FORMER INMATE MISSOURI STATE PEN. OKLAHOMA CITY, DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE CHUMLEY.

STORES HANDLING PORNOGRAPHIC LITERATURE ATLANTA AREA CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

JIMMY DELTON GARNER, OWNER OF ROOMING HOUSE WHERE RAY RESIDED REINTERVIEWED. NOTHING NEW OF PERTINENCE LEARNED. GARNER CONTINUES TO BE COOPERATIVE.

AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING. SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS WITH LAST NAME RAY NOTED ON DELTA FLIGHTS ELIMINATED AS FEMALE DELTA EMPLOYEE.

CONTACTS WITH SOURCES IN HIPPIE AREAS AND WITH SOURCES WITH KNOWLEDGE NARCOTICS TRAFFICE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.
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ROOMERS AT ONE ZERO SEVEN AND ONE THIRTEEN FOURTEENTH STREET NE ARE BEING REINTERVIEWED. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

SEVERAL LOOK ALIKES BEING THOROUGHLY CHECKED OUT. ATLANTA CONTINUES TO RECEIVE NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS OF LOOK ALIKES.

SAFETY DEPOSIT CUSTOMERS AT TENTH STREET C & S BANK, THE ONLY BANK IN AREA OF RAY'S RESIDENCE HAVING SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES, CHECKED FOR ALL CUSTOMERS ENTERING SAFETY DEPOSIT VAULT APRIL FIVE AND TWELVE LAST. SEVERAL BEING FURTHER CHECKED OUT. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

EXPANDED CAB CHECK CONTINUING. TRIP SHEETS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND PERTINENT DRIVERS BEING INTERVIEWED. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED TO DATE.

CONTACTS OF INDIVIDUALS ADVERTISING CARS FOR SALE IN CLASSIFIED COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

KANSAS CITY REQUESTED TO ADVISE ATLANTA OF IDENTITIES RELEASEES MISSOURI STATE PEN FROM ATLANTA AREA OR DESIGNATED ATLANTA AREA AS PLACE THEY WERE GOING FOLLOWING RELEASE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MIAMI

10:44PM URGENT 5-3-68 PJL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, AND MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND JACKSON
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 3P

MURKIN

RE BH LETTER TO MM FOUR TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT CAPTIONED "HAZEL
V. PEACOCK, MISC INFO CONCERNING, SIXTYTWO DASH ZERO."

RELET REFERES TO LETTER RECEIVED BY BIRMINGHAM OFFICE ON FOUR
TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT FROM HAZEL V. PEACOCK, OKEECHOBEE, FLA.
ADVISING SHE HAD URGENT INFORMATION AND HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THAT
OFFICE.

ON INSTANT DATE HAZEL V. PEACOCK, (PROTECT), SECRETARY OKEECHOBEE
SCHOOL FOR BOYS, INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS AT FT. PIERCE, FLA AND SHE
FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. AT MIDNIGHT, FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT
SHE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM EXFIANCE, DONALD JACKSON CARPENTER,
FROM BIRMINGHAM ADVISING HE AND TERRANCE ALVIN SMITH WERE ON THE
RUN. THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS DEAD AND THEY DID IT. HE ASKED HER
TO HIDE THEM OUT FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS. HE MENTIONED A PAY OFF OF
ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BE DELIVERED TO THEM NEAR DOTHAN, GA.
ON FOUR FIVE SIXTYEIGHT. HE SAID THEY WOULD SEE HER THE NEXT NIGHT.
THEY DID NOT ARRIVE AND HAVE NOT CONTACTED HER.

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SHE HAS KNOW CARPENTER SINCE JANUARY, SIXTYEIGHT. HE LEFT OKEECHOBEE ON TWO FIVE SIXTYEIGHT AND HAS NOT RETURNED. SMITH AN ASSOCIATE OF CARPENTER ARRIVED OKEECHOBEE THREE TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT AND STAYED WITH PEACOCK UNTIL THREE TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT. ON THREE TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT SMITH CALLED FROM PLACE UNKNOWN AND ADVISED THAT HE AND CARPENTER WERE NOW PARTNERS AND WERE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF SOMEONE WITH A BIG MOUTH THAT WEEKEND.

SMITH AND CARPENTER ALLEGEDLY MEMBERS OF UNKNOWN SECRET ORGANIZATION AND IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TO PEACOCK ON THREE TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT FROM GRAY, GA., CARPENTER MENTIONED A PROPOSAL TO ASSIST SMITH IN GETTING RID OF A FORMER MEMBER OF THEIR GROUP BY ELECTRACUTING HIM ON THREE THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT OUTSIDE OF ATLANTA. THEY WERE AFRAID HE WOULD TALK.

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WHILE IN OKEECHOBEE SMITH,, AN AVID READER OF NOVELS FREQUENTLY MENTIONED A CHARACTER BY THE NAME OF ERIC, IN A JAMES BOND TYPE NOVEL. WHEN HE LEFT OKEECHOBEE ON THREE TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT HE LEFT PEACOCK A NOTE AND IN THE NOTE HE REFERRED TO A PASSAGE FROM THE BOOK "ATLAS SHRUGGED" WHERE JOHN GALT WAS SPEAKING.

PEACOCK DESCRIBED CARPENTER AS WM, BORN [REDACTED] FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE/HALF INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS, DARK BROWN HAIR, BLUE-BLOODSHOT EYES, OCCUPATION WELDER, ALLEDGEDLY SERVED ONE YEAR IN VIET NAM, ATTENDED SCHOOL IN LESLIE, GA. AND MOTHER MRS. ALICE CARPENTER LIVES IN LESLIE. CURRENTLY EMPLOYED CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE CO, GRAY, GA. EXWIFE , MRS. VIRGIL SALTER, RESIDES AMERICUS, GA. TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE TWO FOUR FIVE ONE THREE THREE.

SHE DESCRIBED SMITH AS WM, BORN [REDACTED] AT MARIANNA, FLA., SIX FEET, ONEHUNDRED SEVENTYTWO LBS., STRAIGHT SANDY HAIR, LONG SIDEBURNS, AND WORE A BEARD, BLUE-GRAY EYES, EMPLOYED CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE CO. GRAY, GA. HIS FATHER RUNS SMITH SERVICE CENTER, MARIANNA FLA.

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ATLANTA ATTEMPT LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CARPENTER AND SMITH THROUGH CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE CO., GRAY, GA. FOR ELIMINATION AS SUSPECTS. IF ATLANTA UNABLE TO LOCATE, REQUEST APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION BIRMINGHAM AND JACKSONVILLE DIVISIONS. IF ATLANTA UNABLE TO ELIMINATE, MIAMI WILL FORWARD NOTE TO FBI LAB FOR EXAMINATION.

SMITH TOLD PEACOCK ON NIGHT OF MARCH TWENTYTHREE SIXTYEIGHT THAT IF SOMEONE CAME LOOKING FOR HIM SHE SHOULD POINT TOWARD HIS BEDROOM AND GET OUT OF THE WAY.

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1:22 AM DEFERRED 5-4-68 JWE
TO DIRECTOR, ATTN: MECHANICAL SECTION
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

REBUTEL MAY TWO AND ME TEL MAY THREE RE CIRCULARIZATION
OF LAUNDRIES.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD ATLANTA SIX HUNDRED COPIES
OF WANTED FLYER FOR SUBJECT RAY. LAUNDRY CIRCULARIZATION BEING
HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING RECEIPT OF WANTED FLYERS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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FBI ATLANTA

12:17 AM URGENT 5/4/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR AND MIAMI, (AM MEMPHIS)

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

EXPANDED INQUIRE TO LEARN POSSIBLE METHODS OF SUBJECT'S DEPARTURE FROM ATLANTA HAS INCLUDED CHECK OF ALL AIRLINE MANIFESTS EXCEPT EASTERN AIRLINE. FLIGHTS DEPARTING ATLANTA AIRPORT AFTER EIGHT AM APRIL FIVE AND ALL FLIGHTS ON APRIL SIX, ELEVEN AND TWELVE. PERTINENCE OF DATE EMENUMERATED IS FROM RESULTS DEVELOPED THROUGH INVESTIGATION ATLANTA. AIRLINE MANIFEST WERE REVIEWED FOR ALL PASSENGERS UTILIZING SUBJECTS NAME OR ANY KNOWN ALIAS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS PLACED ON THOSE PASSENGERS ORIGINATING ATLANTA AND BOARDING AT GATE WITHOUT PRIOR REVERSATIONS AND ON "NO SHOW" PASSENGERS.

EASTERN AIRLINE REVERSATIONS MADE FOR ATLANTA BOARDING PASSENGERS FOR PERTINENT DATES, FORWARDED PAUL COSTELLO, SOUTH FLA. COLLEGE OF AUTOMATION, ONE TWO SEVEN ZERO ZERO WEST DIXIE HWY, MIAMI FOR SPECIAL SURVEY.

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MIAMI IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE, WILL CHECK RECORDS ON ALL EASTERN
FLIGHTS DEPARTING ATLANTA ON PERTINENT DATES FOR RECORD OF ATLANTA
BOARDING PASSENGERS USING SUBJECTS NAME OR KNOWN ALIAS.

IF RECORD LOCATED, WILL SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS FROM DATE
AVAILABLE TO ATTEMPT POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF ELIMINATION OF
PASSENGERS DIRECTLY. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE WILL SET OUT LEADS TO
DISPLAY SUBJECTS PHOTO TO PASSENGERS ON SAME FLIGHT OR STEWARDESS
FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)
RE : MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE: BIRTH RECORDS PERTAINING TO
INDIVIDUALS NAMED GALT AND GAULT

Re Atlanta airtel to Savannah, 4/17/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES H. APPLGATE.

AT DUBLIN, GEORGIA:

Mrs. ALICE TAYLOR, Clerk, Laurens County Health Department, advised on 4/26/68 that her records reflected WILLIAM ERNEST GAULT, JR. was born [redacted] in Dublin, Georgia. His father, WILLIAM ERNEST GAULT, resided Brewton, Ga.; was a white male, age 26, born in Newburgh, New York, and was employed with W. L. COBB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. The mother was RUBY JANE HENRY, white, female, age 26, born Carrollton, Georgia. J. A. BELL, JR., of Dublin, was the doctor who handled the delivery.

Mr. BOB GERRARD, Tax Commissioner for Laurens County, advised on 4/26/68 that he had no one on his tax books or on his voter registration lists in Laurens County, last name GAULT, and was not acquainted with anyone by that name.

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ALBERT THOMAS, Assistant Postmaster, Dublin, Ga., advised on 4/29/68 there was no one, last name GAULT, receiving mail on Route 2, Dublin, which covered Brewton, Georgia, nor did anyone by that name receive mail on any route out of Dublin.

MILLARD BELL, owner, BELL'S GROCERY, Brewton, Ga., advised on 4/29/68 WILLIAM ERNEST GAULT rented a house in Brewton and resided there with his wife for about three months, during 1936, and his wife had a son born while they lived there. GAULT was employed as a dragline operator for COBB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, which company was paving Highway 319, between Wrightsville, Ga. and Dublin, Georgia. About 2 or 3 years after he moved from Brewton, GAULT stopped by to visit there. GAULT had indicated he had followed construction work all over the United States, as well as work in South America and Mexico. Mr. BELL stated the GAULTs were friendly with RUBY BELL JOYNER, a former resident of Brewton, who is presently employed with SEARS-ROEBUCK AND COMPANY in Atlanta. Mr. BELL knew of no one else who might know whereabouts of the GAULTs.

LEAD:

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA:

Interview RUBY BELL JOYNER, employed at SEARS-ROEBUCK AND COMPANY, re whereabouts of WILLIAM ERNEST GAULT, JR.

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Address
Mother in
Mr Ruby Gault - Carpenter
Calf*

4/30/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, 4/24/68, re ALMENA LOMAX - COMPLAINANT.

On 4/29/68, Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX was telephonically contacted per her request to arrange an appointment for interview. She stated she was too busy to see an agent during the week of 4/29 - 5/3/68 since she went to Berkeley every Thursday and Friday to write for a publication called "The Post". She stated she had to take care of her family and house and had no spare time. She said that after she wrote her letter to Attorney General RAMSEY CLERK concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., she had second thoughts and believed her theory that individuals who subscribe to the "Tuskegee Tribune" might have something to do with KING's assassination, was a far-fetched idea.

Mrs. LOMAX sounded nervous and harassed when talking to agent but stated she would try to find time to mail in a list of subscribers to the "Tuskegee Tribune", marking the names of those she believed to be white people, in the event the Bureau desired to check them out as possible suspects.

Mrs. LOMAX suggested an agent contact her again on 5/6/68 to determine if she had the list prepared.

Los Angeles will contact Mrs. LOMAX on 5/6/68.

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1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (AM-REGISTERED)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY ON AMERICAN AIRLINES
FLIGHT 122 FROM LOS ANGELES TO EL PASO

Re LA tel to EP, 5/1/68.

Suspect deplaned, El Paso, Texas, and identified himself to Agents as ERNIE M. SNYDER. SNYDER exhibited U. S. Passport and Army Identification Card showing that he was a member of the U. S. Army, serial number RA 16 616 573, and was attached to Headquarters, Third Brigade, Ft. Bliss, Texas, having just returned from Bangkok, Thailand. SNYDER bore strong resemblance to RAY, however, SNYDER was six feet, three inches tall.

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1-Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
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1-Birmingham (Info)
1-El Paso

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 5/4/68

FROM : SA EDWARD U. CRIM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 8:30 a.m. on 5/4/68, Mrs. EDNA M. LANCASTER, a resident of Austell, Georgia, and who works for a Mr. PITTMAN at the Automatic Laundry and Dry Cleaning establishment in Mableton, Georgia, telephonically contacted the office.

She said that she had been contacted on numerous occasions by Agents relative to the murder of Dr. KING and that in some fashion, this information had gotten back to Mr. PITTMAN. Mr. PITTMAN feels that Agents contacting Mrs. LANCASTER is a reflection on his business and has indicated to Mrs. LANCASTER that it would be best if she look for employment elsewhere.

Mrs. LANCASTER said that she is looking for another job and as soon as she can find one, she is changing employment.

Mrs. LANCASTER requested that she not be recontacted by Agents of the FBI for any reason whatsoever.

*She advised she
is mental case.*

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TO: DIRECTOR, AND CHICAGO
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)
MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL ELEVEN FORTY PM, MAY ONE PAST.

INFO ON PAGE TWO RETEL MAKES COMMENT TO EFFECT JERRY RAY
STATED HE RECEIVED NO INDICATION IN CONVERSATION WITH JOHN OR
CAROL THAT THEY AWARE OF SUBJECT'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OR WHERE-
ABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE UNTIL SEPTEMBER ONE LAST.

REQUEST CHICAGO CLARIFY INFO SINCE MEMPHIS HAS NO DATA
TO DISCLOSE THAT BROTHER JOHN OR ^{SISTER} CAROL HAD PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE AS
TO WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT. INFO AVAILABLE AT MEMPHIS DISCLOSES
THAT SUBJECT PROBABLY IN BIRMINGHAM AT THAT TIME.

REQUEST CHICAGO ADVISE HOW JOHN OR CAROL KNEW WHEREABOUTS
SUBJECT, DID SUBJECT CONTACT THEM BY TELEPHONE, IN PERSON, OR BY
LETTER? IF CONTACT WAS MADE FROM BIRMINGHAM, DETERMINE IF POSSIBLE
WHETHER OR NOT INFO AVAILABLE INDICATING SUBJECT RESIDED AT
HIGHLAND AVENUE ADDRESS OR DID HE HAVE NEW ADDRESS.

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AM COPIES TO ATLANTA, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM.

A & D. P.

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1 - ST. LOUIS (AM)

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712PM URGENT 5-2-68 CDC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, AND HOUSTON
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN.

RE: CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE, ALPINE,
TEXAS ON DEC. SIXTEEN LAST TO NINE
THREE EIGHT FIVE SIX THREE EIGHT, GREENWOOD,
LA.

TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE THREE EIGHT DASH FIVE SIX THREE EIGHT
IS LISTED TO R. L. HAMMETT, GREENWOOD, LOUISIANA. UPON INTERVIEW
HAMMETT ADVISES HE CAN NOT SPECIFICALLY RECALL WHO CONTACTED
HIM ON DEC. SIXTEEN LAST FROM ALPINE, TEXAS., HOWEVER, HAMMETT
STATES DURING DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN HE RECEIVED
NUMEROUS LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM HIS UNCLE,
ED HUNSUCKER, INQUIRING ABOUT THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF HAMMETT'S
FATHER WHO WAS IN POOR HEALTH. THESE CALLS WERE RECEIVED
FROM VARIOUS AREAS IN TEXAS INASMUCH AS HUNSUCKER IS A TRUCK
DRIVER AND TRAVELS EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT TEXAS. HAMMETT VIEWED
PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATES THAT RAY IS COMPLETELY
UNKNOWN TO HIM. NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE
WITH HAMMETT OR HUNSUCKER.

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RE NOEL GRAY, PROFESSOR, HISTORY DEPARTMENT, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, LA.

IN JUNE, SIXTYFIVE, NEW ORLEANS POSSESSED INFORMATION CONCERNING REMARKS ALLEGEDLY MADE BY NOEL GRAY THAT THE NEGRO RACE NEEDED A "NEW MONUMENT," AS CHRIST HAD BEEN DEAD TWO THOUSAND YEARS AND IT WOULD BE BETTER IF KING OR JAMES FARMER WERE KILLED. THIS INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM JACK N. ROGERS, THEN COMMITTEE COUNSEL FOR THE JOINT LEGISLATURE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA . ROGERS IN JUNE, SIXTYFIVE, DECLINED TO REVEAL HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING GRAY.

ON APRIL THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, DR. FELTON G. CLARK, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, ADVISED GRAY IS PROFESSOR IN HISTORY DEPARTMENT AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND RESIDES ONE ZERO SEVEN FIVE MAYHAW DRIVE, BATON ROUGE. FURTHER GRAY TEACHING AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SINCE FIFTYTWO AND DURING

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THAT TIME HAS NOT ENGAGED IN ANY ACTIVITIES TO AGITATE MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT BODY OR ENGAGED IN ANY CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES. CLARK STATED GRAY WELL RESPECTED ON CAMPUS AND LIKED BY BOTH STUDENTS AND FACULTY.

RECORDS, BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, LSP, AS OF APRIL THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, DISCLOSED NOEL GRAY, BORN DECEMBER THIRTEEN, THIRTY SIX, AT NEW ORLEANS, ARRESTED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, BATON ROUGE, DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYONE, ON CHARGE OF VAGRANCY, WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY NOLLE PROSSED.

JACK N. ROGERS, ATTORNEY, BATON ROUGE, LA., CONTACTED MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AT WHICH TIME ROGERS ADVISED HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING GRAY IS NOW DECEASED. ROGERS STILL DECLINES TO DISCLOSE IDENTITY OF THIS SOURCE. ROGERS STATED HOWEVER, HIS SOURCE HAD ADVISED HIM ON MARCH FIVE, SIXTYFIVE, THAT GRAY HAD TOLD SOURCE THAT MOST NEGROES CONSIDERED JAMES FARMER A REVISIONIST AND CONSIDERED MARTIN LUTHER KING A MESSIAH. FURTHER, GRAY STATED THE NEGROES NEED A NEW
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MONUMENT AS JESUS CHRIST HAD BEEN DEAD FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS. ROGERS STATED SOURCE TOLD HIM "THE ASSASSINATION OF FARMER HAD BEEN A MATTER OF OPEN CONJECTURE." ROGERS SAID NO MENTION WAS MADE OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, HOWEVER, IT WAS ROGERS' OPINION THAT PROBABLY ASSASSINATION OF BOTH FARMER AND KING A MATTER OF CONJECTURE.

APPROPRIATE RI-PROB SOURCE CONTACTED BATON ROUE AREA MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND GRAY UNKNOWN TO SOURCE.

FILES OF NEW ORLEANS OFFICE CONTAIN NEWSPAPER CLIPPING OF BATON ROUGE MORNING ADVOCATE NEWSPAPER DATED JANUARY TWENTYNINE SIXTYTWO WHICH REVEALS THAT NOEL G. GRAY DESCRIBED AS A MEMBER OF FACULTY AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY IN BATON ROUGE WAS ONE OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWO FACULTY MEMBERS WHO HAD SIGNED A STATEMENT REGRETING ACTION TAKEN AGAINST SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN REGARDS TO THE RACIAL QUESTION. NEW ORLEANS FILES CONTAIN NO OTHER INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH GRAY. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE GRAY IS NOT NOT BEING CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEW.

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RE: TELEPHONE CALLS ORIGINATING FROM
PROVINCIAL MOTEL, NEW ORLEANS.
DEC. SEVENTEEN THRU NINETEEN ,
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

RALPH BENNETT, DISTRICT PLANT MANAGER, SOUTHERN
BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY ADVISES THAT SOUTHERN BELL,
NEW ORLEANS, HAS NO TAPE OR IBM TYPE OF SYSTEM THAT WOULD ENABLE
THE TELEPHONE COMPANY TO KEEP ANY RECORD OF OUTGOING LOCAL CALLS
MADE FROM THE PROVINCIAL MOTEL.

RE: COOLEY (PH) OR COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION
NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE
WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION.

RE: JOHNNY VALENTI (PH)
KANSAS CITY OFFICE ADVISED MAY TWO INSTANT THAT
JOHNNY VELANTIE WAS PAROLLED ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, SIXTY
SEVEN AND WAS ORIGINALLY FROM ATLANTA, GA. IN VIEW
OF THIS NEW ORLEANS HOLDING LEAD AT BATON ROUGE IN ABEYANCE
IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE VALENTI UNTIL INFO RECEIVED
FROM PRISON RECORDS. NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE
WITH VALENTI OR VELANTIE.

RE: CONTACTS WITH MOTELS AND HOTELS

LOCATED IN FRENCH QUARTER, NEW ORLEANS.

INASMUCH AS IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT JAMES EARL RAY
STAYED AT A FRENCH QUARTER MOTEL IN DEC. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND THEN
WAS IN NEW ORLEANS AGAIN ON PROBABLY MARCH TWENTY ONE SIXTYEIGHT,
THE RECORDS OF MOTELS AND HOTELS IN FRENCH QUARTER HAVE BEEN
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CHECKED FOR REGISTRATION OF RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME AND KNOWN ALIASES. PERIOD CHECKED WAS FROM ARCH SEVENTEEN THRU TWENTY FOUR SIXTYEIGHT. RECORDS OF MOTELS AND HOTELS CONTAINED NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAY.

HOUSTON OFFICE AT HOUSTON TEXAS. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ED HUNSUCKER THROUGH HILL AND HILL COMPANY AND DETERMINE IF HE PLACED CALL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST FROM ALPINE, TEXAS TO R. L. HAMMETT AT GREENWOOD, LA. AND EXHIBIT PHOTO OF RAY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT NEW ORLEANS. AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, ATLANTA, DALLAS BIRMINGHAM, AND LOS ANGELES. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Albany, Jacksonville, Miami, and Memphis dated 4/30/68, regarding 1967 Cadillac DeVille, Florida License 1W179130.

Referenced teletype requested Jacksonville to obtain original registration for above vehicle and forward to Laboratory for handwriting comparison with subject JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/1/68, Mr. ARCH LIVINGSTON, Director, Department of Motor Vehicle, Tallahassee, Fla., advised that he would be unable to release Florida Title Number 6628969, which covers 1967 Cadillac convertible, VIN F7112795, in the name of MICHAEL ST. PIERRE, inasmuch as this document is a permanent record in his files. He stated that in order to release this document, a subpoena duces tecum would be necessary.

Mr. LIVINGSTON made available photostatic copy of instant Florida Title.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is photostatic copy of this document.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel 4/25/68, regarding cars stolen from Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68.

No vehicles have been recovered in the Philadelphia Field Division that were stolen in the state of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68.

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