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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC (44-1509)

DATE: 4-21-68

FROM :

SPC EUSEBIO V. BENAVIDEZ

SUBJECT:

MURKIN; CR.

At 6:33PM, 4-21-68, David Kuehn, 9707 Timberside Apt. #44, M05-1489, Houston, telephonically fürnished the following:

He operated The Roman Strip, an after hours club, at 3825 Woodvalley. Sometime after midnight an individual came to the club and then decided to leave for a short time. This person asked if he would be stamped so that he could resenter. He was told that it would not be necessary for him to be stamped since he would be recognized. This person then pointed to a scar on his forehead advised that he could be recognized by the scar.

= Mr. Kuehn advised that he read in the newspaperrwhere JAMES EARL RAY has a scar on his forehead. Mr. Kuehn requested that he be contacted and shown some current photos of RAY in an attemp t to determine if above person is identical to RAY. Mr. Kuehn can be contacted at his home or at his place of business. Mr. Kuehn added that the above person mentioned that he would be coming to the club in the future.

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On 4/22/68, DAVID KUEHN (above) was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as shown on W.F. 442-A. KUEHN stated he could not say for sure that the man he had seen at the Roman Strip was not RAY but the chief resemblance was in the hair cut. He advised the man who had pointed to a round scar on his forehead had returned and stayed in the club and if he saw him again he would compare his likeness to the photograph of RAY which was furnished him and if he felt it could be the same person he would recontact the FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC (44-1509) (P)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM

SA, Carlos L. Kirby Jr.

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

CR

The following investigation was conducted by SA Carlos L. Kirby Jr. at Galveston, Texas:

On 4/21/68 BUSTER LANDRUM, Detective, Halveston Police Department, advised anonymous called received advising one CORA MC BRIDE a patient at Room #223, John Sealy Hospital and that resembling Subject GALT had wisited MC BRIDE.

On 4/21/68 DORIS BANKS, Nurse, John Sealy Hospital advised that Mc BRIDE son, name unknown, had visited MRS, MC BRIDE at the hospital and he was similar in size to GALT and since see seen in the paper he used the alias MC BRIDE she thought this may be of interest to the BBI.

On 4/21/68 MRS. PRUDENT BROWN, Nurse, John Sealy Hospital, advised patient CORA MC BRIDE, age 69, resides at 307 Brooks St., Sygarland, Texas, and her husband's name is MELVIN. She stated records reflect the MC BRIDES have lived in Texas all their lives. She advised swweel persons have visited CORA MC BRIDE, and she does not recall any one being there similar in description to GALT.

John Sealy Hospital, advised she does not recall any visitors to CORA MC BRIDE fitting description of GALT,

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AT SUGARLAND, TEXAS

If deemed advisable identify the MC BRIDE family at 307 Brooks Street,

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Memorandum

TO

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM:

SA PHILIP W: SWISHER

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

On April 19, 1968 the following individuals were interviewed by SA PHILIP W. SWISHER and SA OTTO VAN RY, and were exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka. All individuals interviewed advised after viewing photographs of RAY, they had never seen him. It is noted that when the photograph was shown to the below listed individuals, subject s name and aliases were not mentioned.

LOU KENNEDY, 1805 Wesley, Houston, Texas, employed as a waitress at Denny's Restaurant, 3137 Southwest Freeway. White female, 5'2", medium build, hair brown with reddish tent, date of birth November 2, 1934, place of birth Dickens County, Texas.

LOU RAWZA, 5209 Clay, employed as a secretary for E. O. Henson Company, 5209 Clay, Houston, Texas. Previous employment at Astoria Lounge, 1106 St. Emanuel, Houston. White female, 5'5", complexion medium, build medium, eyes brown, hair brown, date of birth January 19, 1939, place of birth Silorm Springs. Arkansas.

Mrs. ADA CAMARON, manager Larabee Apartments, 1914 Larabee Road.

ALICE ENTEGELMETR, assistant manager, King Kastle Restaurant, 5114 Nasa Road

R. L. FARMER, manager Eb Tide Apartments, 4521 Nasa Road.

J. F. PASCHALL, manager Dobbs House Restaurant, 1311 Nasa Road.

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DOYLE GRAHAM, manager Sheraton King's Inn, 1301 Nasa Road

ESTER QUINTANILLA, assistant manager, Shep's Chicken Shack, 1100 Nasa Road.

THELMA EKENHART, manager, Nasa Collinades Apartments, 800 Nasa Road.

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TO

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE:

4/24/68

FROM

IC KEN PAUL

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

W. R. ELLIS, owner of the Tarpin Inn, Port Aransas, Texas, Riverside 9-5555, area code 512, called long distance at 1:45 this afternoon and advised that rumors were going around Port Aransas about an individual resembling JAMES EARL RAY who had stayed over night at the Treasure Isle Motel on Mustang Island, Port Aransas, Texas and left the following day without paying his motel bill. ELLIS stated he called the manager of the Treasure Isle Motel, JAKE STEVENS, whose phone number is Riverside 9-5244, area code 512, to confirm the rumor. He stated STEVENS told him the man checked in on April 22, 1968 and left the following day without paying his STEVENS told him the man was unshaven, made motel bill. an effort to conceal a scar on his forehead and resembled the sketches he has seen of JAMES EARL RAY, but did not resemble the photogarphs. ELLIS did not get the man's name under which he registered at the motel. He stated the unusual thing about this individual was the fact that he had 700 Mexican pecos in his possession. STEVENS notified the Nueces County Sheriff's Office that the man skipped owing him money. ELLIS further stated STEVENS and possibly the Nueces County Sheriff's Office has the license number and description of the car the man was driving.

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Memorandum

TO

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE:

4-25-68

FROM

SA G.C. SCHOONOVER, JR.

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

RE: Memorandum of SA SCHOONOVER dated 4-22-68.

CECIL RAMSEY, operator of the Goliad Redmen Tribe No. 20 Club at 7722 Galveston Road, Houston, Texas, advised 4-22-68 that last Thursday or Friday, he was interviewed by two men from the FBI about a man named WILLARD and a woman who was supposed to be a waitress, but could not recall the name of the waitress the Agents were questioning him about. He said that he did not call the Harris Eounty Sheriff's Office on Sunday night 4-21-68, and that if he did have any information, he would contact the FBI.

Lt. DANNY BROCK, Harris County Sheriff's Office was recontacted 4-23-68, and Lt. BROCK advised that he recalls that when RAMSEY called the Sheriff's Office on Sunday night, RAMSEY's voice sounded like he definitely had been drinking and RAMSEY went on and on about different things; brought up the subject about a man named GALT that the FBI was looking for and thought that this individual had been in his club on Saturday.

In view of no specific information that RAMSEY could furnish and that he apparently had been drinking when he called the Sheriff's Office, no further investigation being conducted as far as RAMSEY is concerned.

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TO:

SAC, MEMPRIES (44-1987)

FROM:

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)(P)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

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RE: Richmond airtel, 4/19/68.

RL: SUSPECT GEORGE WIEDENAN, Aka. Jack

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM:

IC KEN PAUL

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

SHARON ALLISON / 4426 Sheltenham, telephone 729-4961, called this morning and advised that she and her husband stopped at the Holiday Inn Motel Coffee Shop on Highway 187 in Corsicana, Texas at about noon on April 22, 1968. She stated as they entered the coffee shop, she observed a man seated in the front booth by the door and she remarked to her husband that he looked just like the picture of the man wanted in the MARTIN LUTHER KING killing. She stated she then noticed that the man was seated next to a blonde woman and she immediately remembered that JAMES EARL RAY was reported to be possibly traveling with a blonde haired woman. She stated that this woman later appeared in the women's restroom while Mrs. ALLISON was in there attending to her infant daughter. She was able to closely observe this woman and she described her as being in her middle 30's. 5'6-5'7", 120-130 pounds, long blonde hair, olive complexion, attractive but coarse looking, wearing white burmuda shorts with white knee length socks. Mrs. ALLISON observed that she was not wearing a wedding ring. Mrs. ALLISON stated she did not observe the man standing but that he resembled the pictures she has seen of JAMES EARL RAY, although she did not observe any scars on his face. She stated the one outstanding characteristic about him was that his hair, which was black, appeared to be thinning noticeably in the back. He was dressed in plaid burmuda shorts and was wearing a striped shirt. She stated the waitress that waited on the couple was named LENA according to the mame plate she wore on her uniform.

Mrs. ALLISON stated she could positively identify this woman if a photograph is available.

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AIRMAIL.

TO:

SAC, DALLAS

FROM:

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

RE:

MURKIN

Re my call to Dallas this AM.

Enclosed is a memorandum from Complaint Clerk KEN PAUL 4/24/68, which is self-explanatory.

Dallas at Corsicana, Texas: Will contact the Holiday Inn Motel, interview waitress LENA, and determine if she can identify subject JAMES EARL RAY as being in the coffee shop at about noon, 4/22/68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE:

4/24/68

FROM

IC KEN PAUL

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

HOWARD STAFFORD called long distance at 11:45 this morning and advised he is staying with his brother ARNOLD GENE STAFFORD in Victoria, Texas, telephone 573-2017. STAFFORD stated at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING was shot, he was living in a rooming house at 336 Hyde Park Avenue, Tampa, Florida. He stated two days after KING was shot a man moved into the rooming house whose name he does not know. He stated he had observed this man on occasions and only from the back. He stated his appearance was most unusual in that his ears did not match. He stated by that he means one was larger and protruding out from his head more than the other one. He stated his build appeared to be the same as JAMES EARL RAY. STAFFOR stated the man's actions were most unusual in that he very seldom left his apartment and on those few occasions that he did leave, it was always late at night or in the early morning hours. He stated he is quite sure that this man was having an affair with a woman who had an apartment adjoining his (STAFFORD). He does not know the name of this woman, but she has been residing at the rooming house for some time. He stated that the owner of the rooming house, a Mrs. SCHUSTER, would be able to furnish the names of the woman and the man. STAFFORD stated he left the rooming house last Sunday and came to Victoria and at that time, the man was still residing at the rooming house.

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TO:

SAC, TAMPA

FROM:

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

RE:

MURKIN

Remy call to Tampa this PM.

Enclosed is a memorandum from Complaint Clerk KENNETH PAUL 4/24/68 which is self-explanatory.

Tampa at Tampa: Will contact Mrs. SCHUSTER, owner of rooming house at 336 Hyde Park Avenue, and determine if anyone meeting description of subject JAMES EARL RAY is or has been residing there since the shooting of KING.

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1 - Houston

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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THOMAS JOSEPH COX, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

BORN NEW JERSEY, MARCH NINE, TWENTYBIX, WAS REPORTED BY BIRMINGHAM INFORMANTS TO BE IN CONTACT WITH
RAY SEPTEMBER ONE FIVE, SIXTYSEVEN. AMERICAN BULK CARRIERS,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED COX EMPLOYED BY THAT COMPANY AS ABLE
SEAMAN, RETURNED TO DESTREHAN, LOUISIANA, AUGUST ONE, SIXTYSEVEN.
NO RECORD SINCE THAT DATE, BALTIMORE THROUGH SOURCE FOUR WILL
OBTAIN MOST RECENT EMPLOYMENT OF COX AND ADVISE.

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AIRMAIL

TO:

SAC, BALTIMORE

FROM:

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

RE:

MURKIN

Re my call to Baltimore today; Birmingham tel to Baltimore 4/22/68; mytel to Memphis, New York and Newark 4/20/68.

RE: THOMAS JOSEPH COX

Baltimere should discontinue lead through Source 4 inasmuch as THOMAS JOSEPH COX interviewed Houston and negative results furnished to receiving offices.

2 - Baltimore.

1 - Birmingham (info)

1 - Memphis (info)

1 - Houston

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1509) DATE:4/24/68

FROM : SA F. PATRICK CARR, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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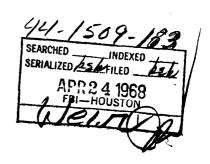
(00: Memphis)

On 4/24/68, Captain W. W. BROWN, Auto Theft Division, Houston Police Department, advised no cars stolen in the State of Georgia have been recovered by his department subsequent to 4/4/68. He further advised he would immediately notify the Houston Division of the FBI if any cars, in the future, that have been stolen from the State of Georgia are recovered by his department.

On 4/24/68, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Harris County, Houston, Texas, LOYD FRAZIER, also advised his department had not recovered any cars stolen in the State of Georgia and he also will notify the Houston FBI if any cars are recovered by his department stolen in that state.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

T0:

SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM:

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

RE:

MURKIN

Re Miami tel 4/23/68; New York tel to Miami 4/22/68.

RE: G. J. GALLAGHER SUSPECT

On this date SHIRLEY MAYON, maid, residence of G. J. GALLAGHER, 5505 Briar Drive, Houston, advised GALLAGHER and wife presently in Florida on vacation. GALLAGHER is an executive of an oil company at Houston. Maid and sister-in-law, Mrs. WHITE, advised of above and stated no resemblance between JAMES EARL RAY and GALLAGHER.

GALLAGHER being eliminated as suspect.

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1 - Miami (info)

1 - New York (info)

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FBI DALLAS 640 PM PM URGENT 4-24-68 BJP TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE. CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAP SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO

OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Cs129438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged
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John Edgar Hoover Director - [vax. 1-70-01]

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspecto Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney Genera
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditionar release March 3 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on char of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	or dell's
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Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl R #81071	lay	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl R #00416	lay	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl H #37045 C-5	Ray	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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John Edgar Hoover Director

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: 4/23/68

FROM

SA DANE C. HILL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following people and unions were contacted and questioned regarding JOHN or JIM WILLARD with negative results.

JOHN LIGHTFOOT at Seafarers International Union of North America

International Association of Fire Fighters

International Association of Machinists, Local 15, RAY BLOCKLOCK

International Association of Machinists, District Office

International Brotherhood of Pulp-Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers

International Organization of Masters Mates and Pilots-Local 20

International Union of District 50- United Mine Workers of America JUDITH ELMORE

International Union of Operating Engineers, MRS. CARTER

Tron Workers Union Local 84

Laborers International Union Local 18, MRS LYLES

Lathers Local Union 224

Lithographers and Photoengravers International Union Local 265

Millwright's Local Union 2232 MR BELL

Movie Operators Union Local 279, JOYCE GRIMM

National Maritime Union

Oil Chemical & Atomic Workers International Union Locals 4-227, 4-367

Painters Local Union 130, MR. COLEMAN

Pile Drivers & Marine Diving Local Union 2079

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SAC, RICHMOND

FROM:

SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT:

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(00: MEMPHIS)

Re Richmond airtel to New York, 4/19/68.

Re: Investigation concerning GEORGE WIEDEMAN

GEORGE E. WIEDEMAN, Documents Agent, TWA Cargo Terminal, Building 81, John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA), interviewed 4/23/68. Signed waiver of rights obtained.

WIEDEMAN, from TWA records, determined to be employed since 8/15/47, former residence 417 Rutland Avenue, West Englewood, New Jersey, presently residing 3950 Blackstone Avenue, Bronx, New York. He worked on 8 to 4 shift 3/27, 29, 31 and 4/4/68. He was absent on sick leave on 3/28 and on his regular day off, 3/30/68.

He stated, in answer to questions, that he had not travelled from New York City for one year; could not associate any acquaintances with the description furnished

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in reairtel; knows no one named "TVAN" and could not connect the description furnished with any acquaintance named JACK; does not know GEORGE TORMEY; has not, nor is he now affiliated with any political, subversive or nationalistic groups other than to register for one of the two major political parties.

WIEDEMAN, a Caucasian, is married to a Negro, but states he has experienced no racial animosity in his residence neighborhood nor at TWA Cargo Terminal.

He said that he has no known enemies either at his residence neighborhood or place of employment.

After he was advised of the instant postcard, WIEDEMAN said he could suggest no one as the author and could offer no reason or explanation for such a communication. He denied having been in Memphis in the recent past or having any knowledge of the instant slaying other than that gained from public news media.

The following physical description was obtained by observation and interview:

Name GEORGE E. WIEDEMAN Date of Birth 9/9/24 Englewood / New Jersey Race White Sex Male Hair Brown Eyes Blue 518" Height 140 Weight Build Medium Complexion Fair, freckles Scars and Marks No scars obvious

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Peculiarities Wife Children Military Service Dark horn rimmed glasses LOUISE nee INGRAM None Honorable Discharged United States Army

Above investigation conducted by SAS JOHN R. KENNEDY and GERARD W. VAN LEEUWEN.

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Memorandum

TO

SAC (44-1509) ATTENSION:

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DATE: 4/24/68

FROM :

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SUBJECT:

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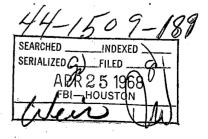
Re Bureau Air-Tel to Atlanta, 4/22/68.

RE: CARS STOLEN IN GEORGIA AND RECOVERED ELDEWHERE

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

On 4/24/68, Lt. CHARLES TACKETT, Burglary and Theft Squad, Corpus Christi Police Department; and Captain BO3 MYERS, Nucces County Sheriff's Office, advised their departments have had no stolen cars recovered at Corpus Christi, which cars had been stolen in Georgia since 4/4/68.

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SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE:

4/25/68

FROM:

SA JAMES S. WEIR

SUBJECT:

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SA HARRIS made inquiry at DPS for a license check on NTR 129 and was advised that this is a Harris County issuance.

SA WEIR caused a check of Harris County Auto Registration on license NTR 129 and obtained the following information:

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FROM:

SAC WESLEY T. WHALEY

SUBJECT:

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In connection with LA tel 4/24/68 re LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN, GARY DELAUNE, news director, KNUZ, a personal friend of the SAC, called and furnished the following:

He is working with one HUGH AINSWORTH, Newsweek, Magazine, and AINSWORTH has been in contact with LOMAX and STEIN concerning a telephone booth where subject allegedly made a long distance call. LOMAX and STEIN are allegedly flying into Houston later this afternoon for the purpose of retracing their steps in an attempt to locate the phone booth. DELAUNE feels that he will be invited to accompany AINSWORTH and the above during their stay and will, of course, keep the SAC advised.

A check of the telephone records.

A check of the telephone records of the telephones located on Katy Highway which were considered likely places where cell was made, have been checked by KEN MILLER and SAS BLACKMAN and SCHWEICKHARDT, with negative results. These telephone numbers are as follows:

Katy Road and Bunker Hill Vicinity - Holiday Inn - AA Liquor Store, 983 Bunker Hill:

Ledbetter Shopping Center - Katy Road - near European Import Co.

Enco Station, 8791 Katy U-Totem, 8715 Katy

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I called Supervisor DICK LONG at the Bureau, brought him up to date on the above and stated that even though STEIN and LOMAX locate the telephone booth they will have to determine the number called and would have to get this through a source in the telephone company. Accordingly, we have made arrangements with KEN MILLER to lock up all these records and anyone asking to see same will have to go through MILLER. In this way we should know if they locate the booth and make such a request.

LONG said he had no further suggestions but would advise Mr. ROSEN and McGOWEN and be in touch with us:

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FILE (44-1509)

DATE:

4/25/68

FROM

ASAC KARL V. HETHERINGTON

SUBJECT:

MURKING

At 12:55 p.m., today, ASAC JOE SYLVESTER, New Orleans, called with respect to captioned matter. He stated that he wanted to alert us to the fact that GALT or RAY was supposedly a "doodler," and that if and when the phone booth was located in Houston from which GALT or RAY reportedly made a call to the New Orleans industrialist approximately 12/16/67, the phone booth should be examined closely to determine if there is any evidence of any doodling having been done by subject.

He also furnished the following information in the way of background which might be of assistance to this office:

GALT or RAY definitely was registered in a motel in New Orleans on 12/17,18 and 19/67. On this occasion GALT or RAY was accompanied by CHARLES STEIN in the 1966 white Mustang. He stated that STEIN and RAY reportedly departed Los Angeles on 12/14 or 15/67 and drove straight through to New Orleans. Upon arrival there STEIN went to his mother's home in New Orleans and GALT or RAY checked into a motel on 12/17/67. Subsequently STEIN and GALT or RAY departed New Orleans on 12/20/67, accompanied by twin boys, who are the sons of MARIA MARTIN According to information from the boys, STEIN and RAY drove straight through to Los Angeles, sleeping and eating in the car. SYLVESTER pointed out that very possibly STEIN and RAY again passed through Houston sometime between 3/17 and 3/24/68. In this regard it is noted that RAY was in Los Angeles on 3/17/68 and was in Atlanta on 3/24/68, the latter date is the day he paid his first rent in Atlanta.

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He requested that the New Orleans Office be immediately alerted if the telephone number in New Orleans which was called by either STEIN or RAY allegedly to a New Orleans industrialist is determined.

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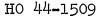
Mrs. ANN WILLIAMS, 1137 West Cottage, Houston, UN 9-1930, called this morning and advised that she hesitated in calling the FBT for fear that we would think she was mentally unbalanced. She stated for several years she has been practicing with extra sensory perception (ESP). She stated she cannot explain this power she has and related several incidences in which she has used this power to locate various items for people. She further stated that her husband, SOLOMAN WILLIAMS, occasionally during the day receives sums of money in his occupation which is over and above his regular salary. On these occasions he usually does not tell her that he has received the money yet before he comes home in the evening she claims she has had a vision telling her that he has received the money and the amount.

Mrs. WILLIAMS advised that she has not followed the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING very closely in the news9 papers, however, several nights ago she had a vision of the man who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING. She stated he did not . look like the man in the picture she has seen in the newspapers. She described the man in her vision whose name she does not know as being 40 to 45 years of age, 5'8" to 5'10", 150 to 160 lbs., olive complexion, straight black hair parted on the left side, medium build and has a large hooked nose. She stated he was dressed in a tee shirt and black trousers. She stated this man is now in Cuba and being protected by CASTRO. She stated this morning she had another vision involving a second individual in the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. She stated this man whose name is either JONES or JORNS owns a grocery store located in Memphis, Tennessee in the same block as the motel where MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed and located in the middle of this block on the same side of the street as the motel. She described this man as between 60 and 65 years of age, 5'6" - 5'8", heavyset, bald on top of the head with gray sides. He is dark complected which appears to be 44-1509-193 a suntan. He is believed to have blue eyes and possibly has Negro blood in him. Mrs. WILLIAMS stated her vision of JONES or JORNS indicates that he hired the other man star to the man star to the other man sta

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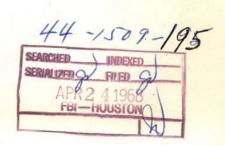
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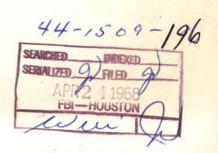
Mrs. WILLIAMS further stated that she is making this information available to the FBI even though she may be branded a crackpot because she feels it is her duty to report what she has seen to the proper authorities. She requested that she be given no publicity in this matter.

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538 PM URGENT 4/24/68 PHM
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, HOUSTON, DALLAS, OKLAHOMA CITY, AND

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

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