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**AIRMAIL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2827) (P)**  
**RE: MURKIN**

**SECOND OF UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED**

Re Bureau airtel to all SACs, 5/9/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are fifteen (15) copies of insert reflecting check of Bureau of Vital Statistics records for Alabama, 5/16/68.

It is noted that only one unidentified death has been recorded since 4/8/68, that being a Negro male.

The Mobile Office will be advised by NYS, Montgomery, of future unidentified deceased who will be checked in line with Bureau instructions.

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

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1 - Birmingham  
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Pittsburgh airtel to Jacksonville 5-13-68.

On 5-17-68 Mr. HARVEY COBB, Owner, L & M Cylinders, 2078 Lane Avenue North, Jacksonville, Florida, was contacted and interviewed regarding two possible past employees of L & M Cylinder known as "RED" (LNU) and (FNU) FOLKS.

Mr. COBB advised that "RED'S" real name is CHARLES EDWARD UNDERHILL, 2606 Orchard Street, Jacksonville, Florida. UNDERHILL was employed at L & M Cylinders from June until August, 1966, and it was obvious to Mr. COBB that UNDERHILL was a militant hater of the Negro race. Mr. COBB further advised that he had no record for a past employee having the last name FOLKS and feels sure he has never hired anyone by that name.

Mr. COBB stated that a close friend of "RED" (UNDERHILL's) at the time they were working for him was PAUL BRADY DYAL, 275 Willowbranch Street, Jacksonville, Florida. DYAL worked for L & M Cylinders from May until August, 1966, and was also quite adamant for his hatred for the Negro race.

Mr. COBB was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated definitely that neither Mr. UNDERHILL nor Mr. DYAL in any way resembled RAY.

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- ② - Memphis (44-1987)
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It is felt that (FNU) FOLKS, the name mentioned by CLARENCE BASHAM in referenced airtel, in undoubtedly WARREN FOLKS, a well-known and outspoken segregationist and former member of the Ku Klux Klan in the Jacksonville area. Mr. FOLKS' activities have been closely followed by the Jacksonville Office for many months and his whereabouts on the evening that MARTIN LUTHER KING was shot have been established. Furthermore, Mr. FOLKS in no way resembles various photographs of suspect, JAMES EARL RAY.

Armed and Dangerous



May 22, 1968

**AIRTEL**

**AIRMAIL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-760) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**  
**CR**  
**(OO: Memphis)**

Reference San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated 5/9/68.

On 5/16/68, JACKIE THOMAS, Title Clerk, Department of Motor Vehicles, Tallahassee, Florida, advised that 1967 Florida License 37-1735 issued to JAMES E. FARMER, 1801 Johnson Street, Perry, Florida, for use on a 1966 Mercury Comet, VIN 6N065802653.

On 5/21/68, FARMER was contacted and advised he has been in Perry, Florida, since August, 1967, working for the Buckeye Cellulose Company, Perry, Florida, formerly with the same company in Memphis, Tennessee. He advised his vehicle has not been out of the State of Florida since he left Memphis and license plate has always been attached to vehicle. Vehicle is a powder blue station wagon. FARMER did not fit description of JAMES EARL RAY.

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

3 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Kansas City (44-760) (RM)  
① - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
1 - San Francisco (173-65) (RM)  
2 - Jacksonville  
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau 5/1/68 regarding alleged offer of \$100,000 by White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK), Jackson, Mississippi, to ~~anyone who kills~~ MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 5/8/68.

Enclosed for Las Vegas is one copy each of Dallas airtel to Bureau dated 5/8/67, Kansas City airtel to Bureau 7/21/67, and Dallas airtel to Bureau 5/1/68, which are background information.

By communication dated 5/8/68, Atlanta advised that on 5/8/68, Mr. J. E. McWHORTER, Spencer International Press, Atlanta, Georgia, advised DONALD JAMES NISSEN is no longer employed by that company, having left approximately 12/67, to go to Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was employed by the Americana Encyclopedia Company. McWHORTER stated he recently learned that NISSEN is working in Panama City, Florida, selling a safety device which operates as a gyroscope.

3-Bureau  
2-Las Vegas (Enc. 3)  
1-Jackson (Info)  
②-Memphis (44-1987)  
2-Jacksonville  
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He stated the name of the unit is the Auto Safety Control and the company office is located in Reno, Nevada.

Investigation by the Jacksonville Division at Panama City, Florida, has determined that as of 5/15/68, the files of the Bay County SO and the Panama City PD failed to reflect any information concerning DONALD JAMES NISSEN.

On 5/20/68, Mrs. MARY HUCKABEE, Credit Bureau of Panama City, advised the only information in her files concerning DONALD JAMES NISSEN is a notation indicating that as of January, 1966, he was residing at 5612 East Highway 98, which is the address for the Paradise Trailer Park.

On 5/20/68, ERNEST L. THRONE, Operator, Paradise Trailer Park, 5612 East Highway 98, advised that his records are not available prior to 1/67, and that he has no record of DONALD JAMES NISSEN having ever residing at the Paradise Trailer Park.

On 5/20/68, D. R. HINTON, JR., Manager, Gulf Power Company, Panama City, Florida, advised that his files contained no record of DONALD JAMES NISSEN.

#### LEADS

#### LAS VEGAS

#### AT RENO, NEVADA

Will locate DONALD JAMES NISSEN through the company offices of Auto Safety Control and interview him for any information he may have obtained regarding the alleged offer to kill KING since NISSEN's release from jail on 6/19/67.

For the information of the Las Vegas Office, the Jackson Office, in 7/67, advised the WKKKK were in bad financial strait, having a difficult time raising enough money to defend members of this organization after their arrest.

Information copy being furnished to Jackson inasmuch as present investigation being conducted by that Division.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

*Circularization*  
*WLF*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Publicizing Subject RAY in "Men's Hair Stylists"  
and "Professional Barber."

Re Bureau letter to Chicago dated 5/17/68.

On 5/22/68, FRANK MILHAFT, President, Professionelle Inc., which company publishes "Professional Barber" and Miss ANN CHARLES, Editor, "Men's Hair Stylists", both accepted photographs and narrative data concerning Subject JAMES EARL RAY and agreed to publish same in the near future.

Both magazines are monthly magazines, however, "Professional Barber" mails 70,000 free copies whereas "Men's Hair Stylists" has 65,000 paid subscribers.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - Memphis  
1 - Charlotte  
1 - New York

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RE: Suspect DANIEL EUGENE PARMA, 2915 Grim Avenue, Waco, Texas

The following investigation was conducted at Columbia, South Carolina, on May 16, 1968, by Special Agents MULDROW B. MILLS and ROBERT E. ROBERTSON:

On May 16, 1968, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SCLED) Agent TED OWENS telephonically advised that an individual giving his name as HARRY LOGAN, not further identified, telephonically contacted SCLED a short time previously and advised that he spotted an individual somewhat resembling the newspaper photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. According to LOGAN he followed this individual to the Carolina Motel, Two Notch Road, Columbia, South Carolina, where he entered a room. LOGAN stated that this individual was driving a beige Oldsmobile bearing 1968 Texas license GCW 799.

On May 16, 1968, inquiry at the Carolina Motel disclosed that individual driving above mentioned automobile had given his name as DANIEL PARMA and his address as Waco, Texas. He rented a room at this motel on May 13, 1968, and paid one week in advance.

On May 16, 1968, DANIEL EUGENE PARMA, was interviewed at the Carolina Motel, Columbia, South Carolina, when he was eliminated by fingerprints with JAMES EARL RAY. He voluntarily consented to being fingerprinted and furnished the following information concerning himself. His name is DANIEL EUGENE PARMA and he resides at 2915 Grim Avenue, Waco, Texas, with his mother Mrs. MARGARET H. PARMA. He made available Texas Driver's License [REDACTED] and Social Security card [REDACTED] in the name of DANIEL E. PARMA.

He came to Columbia, South Carolina, from Birmingham, Alabama, on May 13, 1968. He is a commercial artist and for the past few days has been arranging an art show to sell his

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paintings which he has in a rented rental trailer. He has  
rented a store at 4423 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina,  
where he will hold his art show on Thursday, May 18, 1968.  
The following physical description of PARKA was obtained  
through observation and interview:

Name	DANIEL F. PARKA
Race	White
Sex	Male
Social Security	[REDACTED]
Military Service	U.S. Navy, June 6, 1951 through November 28, 1954
Height	6'11"
Weight	180
Scars and Marks	Tattoo U.S. Navy right forearm
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Waco, Texas

Subsequently on May 16, 1968, LEON GASQUE, SOLED,  
advised he had telephonically contacted the Department of  
Motor Vehicles in Austin, Texas, and determined that 1968  
Texas license -GW 739 was issued to DANIEL F. PARKA,  
2915 Crain Avenue, Waco, Texas, for a 1967 Oldsmobile Coupe,  
VIN 334177401406.

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RE: Investigation in South Carolina concerning unidentified deceased persons since April 5, 1968.

On May 15, 1968, Bureau requested that since subject JAMES EARL RAY may have died since commission of the crime the U.S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted and advised that no central records for unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested and the Bureau instructed that offices covering state capitals to check with the Bureau of Vital Statistics or a similar agency for unidentified dead from April 5, 1968, to date. On May 16, 1968, Mrs. DORIS M. BYARS, South Carolina Bureau of Vital Statistics, Columbia, South Carolina, advised that her agency maintains no unidentified deceased records but that the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, Columbia, South Carolina, is always called in to investigate any unidentified dead person in order to identify such persons.

On May 17, 1968, Agent MILLARD CATE, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, Columbia, South Carolina, advised he investigates all unidentified deceased persons located in South Carolina. He stated that no such person has been located during 1968 and as far as he knows there are no unidentified deceased persons in South Carolina.

CATE said that he always fingerprinted such individuals and forwarded these prints to the FBI, Washington, D.C., or removes the fingers and forwards them to the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation if the body is decomposed.

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1 RE: Investigation Columbia, West Columbia and Wagener,  
S. C., re information furnished by CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, Medical  
Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Mo., April 26, 1968.

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA ROBERT R. JOHNSON:

On April 30, 1968, E. R. PAULK, Clerk, Business  
License Division, City Hall, reviewed the records and  
advised there was no record of a place doing business in  
Columbia as Chubby's Steak House. He stated this restaurant  
may possibly be identical with Chub's and Tub's, 1201 Lady  
Street, which is owned by a FRANK B. TAYLOR.

He also stated there was no record of a restaurant  
or club known as the Downtown; however, there is a business  
called the Downtowner Steak House located at 1301 Main Street,  
which is owned by a CHARLES T. NOVELLESS or NOUKLESS.

He stated the Red Rooster is out of business, and  
when it was in operation it was located at 1632 Sumter Street.  
The owner was reflected as DOROTHY HAIRWOOD.

On April 30, 1968, Detective T. M. SHARPE, Columbia  
Police Department, advised that the business license of the  
Red Rooster was taken away several months ago. He also  
stated the business is owned by BARNEY LEE HAIRWOOD, 4716  
Linden, Columbia, South Carolina, and displayed a lengthy  
arrest record for Mr. HAIRWOOD.

On the same date ANN NULON, Records Clerk,  
Identification Division, Columbia Police Department, advised  
no arrest record for CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, JUNE TAYLOR, JOHNNIE  
BLACKWELL or GLEN BARNER could be located. She also advised  
that no arrest record could be located for a JAMES BARNER who  
is described as a white male, approximately forty years of age,  
5 feet 10 inches in height.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA ROBERT R. JOHNSON and SA MILDRED B. HILLS:

On April 30, 1968, BARNEY LEE NAIWOOD, 4716 Linden, advised he formerly operated a club known as the Red Rooster on Sumter Street. He stated a JUNE TAYLOR was formerly employed there but left months ago. He stated he had heard she was remarried, and did not know her new last name, nor did he have a Social Security Number available for her. He stated she may still receive mail at Wagener, South Carolina. Mr. NAIWOOD stated JOHNNIE BLACKWELL worked at the Lounge on Lady Street in Columbia, and she may still be working there. He advised JUNE TAYLOR has a brother living near Outlaws Garage in South Congaree, South Carolina, near a junkyard and she used to work at the Club 21 in Augusta, Georgia. On April 30

On April 30, 1968, CYNTHIA FROST, Records Clerk, Richland County Sheriff's Office, reviewed the indices of that law enforcement agency and advised they were negative concerning JUNE TAYLOR, JOHNNIE BLACKWELL, CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, GLEN BARBER, and JAMES BARBER.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA THOMAS N. CURRAN and ROBERT R. JOHNSON:

On April 30, 1968, EDNA OVERTON, barmaid, The Lounge, 1103 Lady Street, advised she had been working there since the last week in January, 1968, and that no person by the name of JOHNNIE BLACKWELL had worked there, as far as she knew. She stated the owner Mrs. DOROTHY HUFF, 3801 Bureka Street, maybe able to furnish more information.

On April 30, 1968, Miss HUFF stated her mother, DOROTHY HUFF, was too ill to receive visitors and she asked her mother about JOHNNIE BLACKWELL. She then advised that JOHNNIE BLACKWELL had worked at the Lounge but had quit some

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months ago. She advised her mother could furnish no information about JOHNNIE BLACKWELL'S whereabouts.

On the same date VICTOR REINHARDT, Criminal Investigation Detachment (CID), Fort Jackson, South Carolina, advised that agency had no information regarding a GLEN or JAMES BARNER or the theft of a .50 caliber machine gun.

On April 30, 1968, Sergeant JAMES MCCARTHY, Desk Sergeant, Military Police Company, Fort Jackson, stated the military police had no traffic arrest or other records concerning a GLEN or JAMES BARNER.

On April 30, 1968, Sergeant First Class REYNALDO RESKENDZ, Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, Mental Health Clinic, Fort Jackson, advised that unit had no record concerning a GLEN or JAMES BARNER.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT R. JOHNSON:

On May 1, 1968, Master Sergeant I. W. JONES, Chief Clerk, Registrar's Office, United States Army Hospital, Fort Jackson, advised that facility has no record on a GLEN or JAMES BARNER. He suggested that the individual's file may be obtained from the Military Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri.

The following investigation was conducted by SA'S KENYON D. BOWEN, JR., and ROBERT R. JOHNSON:

On May 1, 1968, CAROL LEITZKY, 2205 Rosewood Drive, stated she is acquainted with JOHNNIE BLACKWELL and a JEAN TAYLOR. She stated JOHNNIE BLACKWELL formerly worked at the Lounge, but quit some time ago. She advised she could furnish no information whatsoever regarding her whereabouts. She stated JEAN TAYLOR formerly worked at the Copa Cabana, a club which had been demolished several months ago. She stated JEAN TAYLOR resides outside of Columbia at an unknown location on the Sumter Highway. She also advised JEAN TAYLOR had been

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an in-patient at the Columbia Hospital from which she had been released several weeks ago.

On May 1, 1968, inquiry at Medical Records, Columbia Hospital, was negative concerning the treatment of a JUNE or JEAN TAYLOR.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 15, 1968

As a result of investigation on April 30, 1968, to locate her at Columbia, South Carolina, Mrs. JOHNNIE BLACKWELL GENTRY, Apartment K-3, Lexington Apartments, West Columbia, South Carolina, telephonically contacted the Columbia FBI Office on May 9, 1968.

She was interviewed and advised as follows:

She has been married several times and is generally known as JOHNNIE BLACKWELL. About May of 1965, she and a girl friend, JUNE TAYLOR, were residing on Chestnut Street in Columbia, South Carolina. She was then working at The Lounge, 1103 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina, as a waitress. The Lounge is located in the same block as the Downtowner Motel in Columbia, South Carolina. Her roommate, JUNE TAYLOR, was dating a white male with the last name of BILLINGS and through BILLINGS, she, BLACKWELL, met a white male with the last name of BARBER. During May, 1965, these 2 men moved into the apartment with her and TAYLOR where they lived for several days. During this period, BILLINGS owned and drove a red Chevrolet convertible with what she believed was a Maryland license tag. She said during this period, JUNE TAYLOR was working at the Red Rooster Bar, in Columbia, South Carolina, and that the 4 of them for several days lived as man and wife.

Mrs. GENTRY said that she does not recall during this period or ever knowing 2 men by the name of JAMES and EDDIE, and she could furnish absolutely no information concerning such individuals. She emphatically denied that anyone had ever asked her if she could get a machine gun for them and she is certain that BARBER never asked her such a question. She does not recall ever visiting the VFW Club in Columbia, South Carolina, when BARBER and BILLINGS were there. She said that she was unable to furnish any information concerning BARBER having sticks of marijuana in his possession but that she was told that he had recently been discharged from the Army. She said that she could furnish no information concerning a person with the first

On 5/9/68 at West Columbia, S. C. File #

by SA MULDROW B. MILLS and  
SA ROBERT R. JOHNSON MBM/crg

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name of JAMES who owned a 1964 or 1965 Lincoln Continental who was from Tennessee.

She did recall that on one occasion while (first name unknown) BARBER and (first name unrecalled) BILLINGS were living with her and JUNE TAYLOR, these men left for a couple of days in BILLINGS' car, but she does not know where they went, as they moved out shortly after returning to Columbia, South Carolina, and she has seen neither of them since. She said that she does not recall ever visiting a large drive-in restaurant in Columbia, South Carolina, with these persons, and she could furnish absolutely no information concerning BARBER and BILLINGS taking a trip to Louisiana while she knew them.

Mrs. GENTRY said that she has never heard anyone discuss the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; and she could furnish absolutely no information concerning any such conspiracy. She said that individuals such as JAMES and EDDIE were completely unknown to her.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mrs. GENTRY, who said that as far as she can recall, she had never seen such a person. She said that she was of the impression that BILLINGS had been in Columbia, South Carolina, before the time she met him. She said that BARBER, during the time she knew him, did not own an automobile.

She said that JUNE TAYLOR, mentioned above, has been married or lived with numerous men and that she has used the names JUNE TAYLOR, JUNE JEFFCOAT, JUNE CABEAN, and NORMA MAE CABEAN. She said that she has absolutely no idea where JUNE TAYLOR is presently residing, but the last she heard, TAYLOR was reportedly married to a serviceman and living in Augusta, Georgia, where she was working at a night club.

She said that JUNE TAYLOR's step-father is named RUDOLPH JEFFCOAT, and he presently operates a store just

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outside of Wagener, South Carolina. JUNE TAYLOR has a brother named DEMPSEY JEFFCOAT, who lives in South Congaree, South Carolina.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA CLARENCE A. GROOMS, JR., on May 6, 1968, relative to locating JUNE TAYLOR:

WILLIAM R. BUSBEE, a long-time resident of Wagener, South Carolina, advised the only white TAYLOR family residing in Wagener was CLINE N. TAYLOR, Route 2, Box 143, Wagener. Mr. BUSBEE stated he knew of no JUNE or JEAN TAYLOR presently receiving mail in Wagener, nor did he recall anyone by this name who in the past has received mail in Wagener.

Chief of Police FRANK W. GANTT, Wagener, South Carolina, advised he knew of no JUNE or JEAN TAYLOR residing in Wagener or the immediate area.

Mrs. CLINE N. TAYLOR, Route 2, Box 143, Wagener, South Carolina, advised she had no children or relatives to her knowledge who were named JUNE or JEAN TAYLOR, and that she knew of no one by this name in the Wagener area. She stated to her knowledge, she and her husband and immediate family were the only white family of TAYLORS in Wagener.

On April 30, 1968, Captain HARRY SNIPES, Columbia, South Carolina, Police Department, advised that he was formerly acquainted with JOHNNIE BLACKWELL and JUNE TAYLOR because they were well known prostitutes in Columbia, South Carolina. He said that he had no idea where they were presently located, but he is certain they are still working as waitresses and prostituting wherever they may be.

On May 10, 1968, PHYLLIS WATTS, clerk, Medical Records Section, Columbia Hospital of Richland County, Columbia, South Carolina, advised SA ROBERT R. JOHNSON that she could locate no record of a former patient by the name of JUNE or JEAN TAYLOR, JEFFCOAT, or CABEAN.

On May 10, 1968, Mrs. RUDOLPH JEFFCOAT, Route 1, Wagener, South Carolina, advised that she has a daughter who has used the name of JUNE TAYLOR and who formerly worked as a waitress at the Red Rooster in Columbia, South Carolina.

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She said this daughter has also used the name NORMA LEE and the last names of JEFFCOAT, TAYLOR, and CABEAN.

She said that her daughter is presently using the name of JUNE SPELLMAN as she is now allegedly married to a soldier with the last name of SPELLMAN (first name unknown) who is stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia. She said her daughter is possibly working at a night club in Augusta, Georgia, that she would attempt to obtain her exact address, and would furnish this to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On May 13, 1968, Mrs. JEFFCOAT was again contacted and stated her daughter had visited with her on May 12, 1968; however she could not find the name or number given her to call, and thereupon told her daughter the FBI was looking for her. She stated her daughter was to report into the Columbia Office on May 13, 1968. She stated she did not ascertain where her daughter was living but that she was believed to be working at the Spar Club or Bar in Columbia, South Carolina. Mrs. JEFFCOAT was again requested to have her daughter contact SA GROOMS in the event she returned to Wagener.

Investigation at Columbia, South Carolina, on May 15, 1968, disclosed no concern named the Spar Club or anything similar thereto is located at Columbia, South Carolina.

On May 17, 1968, Mrs. RUDOLPH JEFFCOAT, Route 1, Wagener, South Carolina, was advised JUNE TAYLOR had failed to contact the FBI Office at Columbia, South Carolina. She said her daughter could be "anywhere" and using "any name", and she could suggest no one who would know her whereabouts.

In view of the nature of the origin of the information from BILLINGS which was refuted by JOHNNIE BLACKWELL, no additional efforts are being made to locate JUNE TAYLOR since her whereabouts is unknown by her family and friends and considerable investigation has been conducted to locate her.



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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The following PCs and informants of the Columbia Division were contacted on the dates indicated by the designated agents and could furnish no information of value concerning this case.

<u>PCI or Informant</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>
CO 10-C	SA YULBROW B. HILL	4/10/68 & 5/16/68
PCI CLEBY HONEY- CLIF	SA WARDLAW E. SKINNER	4/10/68
CO 80-C	SA WARDLAW E. SKINNER	4/10 & 29/68
CO 93-C	SA WARDLAW E. SKINNER	4/10/68 & 4/29/68
CO 12-C	SA J. W. ARMSTRONG	4/11/68
CO 111-C	SA KENYON D. BOWES	4/11/68
CO 130-C	SA RAYMOND P. BARRY	4/8/68
PCI ROBERT ALLEN	SA ARTHUR G. YEK	4/9/68
CO 114-C	SA KENYON D. BOWES	4/10/68 & 4/11/68
CO 115-C	SA KENYON D. BOWES	4/12/68
EMERY WELLS, PCI	SA RAYMOND P. BARRY	4/8/68 & 4/16/68
HOWARD BRACHER, PCI	SA RAYMOND P. BARRY	4/9/68 & 4/19/68
SAVVEY KENNEDY, PCI	SA JON W. ARMSTRONG	4/11/68
PCI DAVID WILSON	SA RONALD E. LYNCH	4/10/68
CO 128-C (PROG)	SA J. W. ARMSTRONG	4/11/68
CO 86-C	SA JAMES W. VERRAY	4/11/68

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ADMINISTRATIVE

<u>PCI or Informant</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>
PCI JAMES LARIE	SA JAMES W. MURRAY	4/11/68
PCI WILLIAM THOMAS JENKINS	SA JAMES W. MURRAY	4/11/68
WILLIAM F. SMITH, RACIAL SOURCE	SA JACK C. WARD	4/19/68
CO 31-C	SA JACK C. WARD	4/19/68
PCI WILLIAM F. CRAWFORD	SA JACK C. WARD	4/19/68
CO 59-R	SA JACK C. WARD	4/19/68
CO 94-R	SA JACK C. WARD	4/19/68
MARTIN TOMPKINS, PCI	SA NORVAL P. LABADIE	4/10/68
CO 55-R	SA NORVAL P. LABADIE	4/10/68
VIRGIL SCOTT, (PROB) P1 (CHATTU)	SA NORVAL P. LABADIE	4/10/68
CO 56-R	SA NORVAL P. LABADIE	4/10/68
CO 9-C	SA WILLIAM D. CHRYWER	4/9/68
PCI IRA THOMPSON	SA WILLIAM D. CHRYWER	4/9/68
WIM CROSBY, PCI	SA WILLIAM D. CHRYWER	4/9/68
ROBERTA E. BROWN, PCI	SA WILLIAM D. CHRYWER	4/9/68
WILLARD ROOPER, PRI	SA WILLIAM D. CHRYWER	4/9/68

CO 44-299

ADMINISTRATIVE

<u>PCI or Informant</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>
PCI A.W. ROCHESTER	SA CARL E. THACKSTON	4/9/68
CO 80-R	SA JOHN W. STEELE	4/9/68
PCI LEROY MOORE	SA CLARENCE A. CROOKS	4/9/68
CO 160-C	SA ROBERT R. JOHNSON	4/30/68
PCI JARRETT LOGAN	SA WILLIAM E. AYCOCK	4/9/68
PCI RICHARD EVANS	SA WILLIAM E. AYCOCK	4/9/68
PCI SAKKY FORD	SA WILLIAM E. AYCOCK	4/9/68
CO 178-R	SA WILLIAM E. AYCOCK	4/11/68
CO 155-R	SA WILLIAM E. AYCOCK	4/15/68
SAM BONDS (GRETTO)	SA DON W. ARMSTRONG	4/8/68
CHAPPELLE JOHNSON, PCI	SA DON W. ARMSTRONG	4/8/68
JESSE F. STEPHEN	SA ROBERT E. FORD	4/26/68
SAMUEL SANDERS, JR. PCI	SA ROBERT E. FORD	4/25/68
CO 44-R	SA LANSING P. LOGAN	4/9/68
CO 131-R (PROB)	SA LANSING P. LOGAN	4/9/68
CO 142-R (PROB)	SA LANSING P. LOGAN	4/9/68
CO 69-R (PROB)	SA LANSING P. LOGAN	4/10/68
CO 53-R	SA LANSING P. LOGAN	4/8/68

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

<u>PCI or Informant</u>	<u>Agent</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>
CO 175-P (PROB)	SA LANSING P. LOGAN	4/9/68
CO 107-5	SA LANSING P. LOGAN	4/10/68
CO 131-5	SA LANSING P. LOGAN	4/9/68
PCI JOHNNIE ODOVES	SA LANSING P. LOGAN	4/9/68
PCI SAM STOKES	SA LANSING P. LOGAN	4/9/68
CO 22-C	SA DANIEL F. O'SULLIVAN	4/10/68
PCI JULIUS WILLIAMS	SA DANIEL F. O'SULLIVAN	4/9/68
PCI HENRY COLLSON	SA DANIEL F. O'SULLIVAN	4/9-10/68
PCI WILLIAM F. TUANN, JR.	SA DANIEL F. O'SULLIVAN	4/9-10/68
PCI JAMES W. RICHARDSON- CHEITO	SA DANIEL F. O'SULLIVAN	4/9-10/68
PCI JAMES E. WUTER	SA JULIAN P. DOWLING	4/10/68
PCI DAVID PALMER	SA JULIAN P. DOWLING	4/10/68

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Date: 5/22/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299) (P)

MURKIN  
CR

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Bureau airtel to all offices, 5/7/68.

*Kansas City Airtel to Bureau 4/27/68.*

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies each of the following inserts:

1. Investigation re Suspect DANIEL EUGENE PARMA, 2915 Grim Ave., Waco, Texas.
2. Investigation in S. C. concerning unidentified deceased persons since 4/15/68.
3. Investigation Columbia, West Columbia and Wagener, S. C., re information furnished by CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, ~~Ill.~~, on 4/26/68. (2 inserts and 1 FD 302) MO.
4. Administrative pages re contacts with informants by the Columbia Division.

Enclosed for New Orleans and Tampa Offices is 1 copy each of investigative insert concerning investigation in S. C. re information furnished by CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Ill., on 4/26/68. (2 inserts and 1 FD 302)

- ② - Memphis (44-1987) (Encls-90) *Y*  
 1 - New Orleans (Encl-3) (Info)  
 2 - San Antonio (Encl-1)  
 1 - Tampa (Encl-3) (Info)  
 2 - Columbia  
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Enclosed for San Antonio is copy of insert re investigation re Suspect DANIEL EUGENE PARMA, 2915 Grim Ave., Waco, Texas.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN  
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OO: ME

In recent check of the Dale Carnegie Institute at Birmingham, Birmingham was advised that records of all people enrolled in the Dale Carnegie self-improvement courses are maintained at New York City. It is noted that subject, JAMES EARL RAY, is described as an introverted individual who prefers to be by himself. Yet the investigation shows that he has enrolled in at least two dancing courses and a bartenders school, in which he was compelled to mix with other people. It was further noted that RAY sought professional help in Los Angeles to overcome his "shyness" and his tendency to be an introvert.

It is suggested that the Bureau consider having the records of the Dale Carnegie Institute and similar type institutions checked to ascertain if the subject was formerly enrolled or is currently enrolled in a self-improvement or confidence gaining type course.

3 - Bureau  
① - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - New York  
2 - Birmingham  
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**A I R T E L**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago, et al except Newark, dated 5/22/68 and Chicago teletype to the Bureau, Newark, and Kansas City dated 5/16/68.

**RE CORRESPONDENCE LOCKSMITHING COURSE**

Previous contact with Nelson-Hall, Inc., 325 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, revealed that their firm publishes a book, "Modern Locksmithing," which was sold to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. The book is also sold to individual answering advertisements in "Popular Mechanic" magazine. Records have been reviewed against the name of the subject and known aliases for the period of 1/1/67 to 5/16/68 with negative results. This firm does not offer a correspondence course in locksmithing.

No stop will be placed against individuals ordering the book, "Modern Locksmithing," since it is assumed that this book was furnished to the subject by the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, when the subject enrolled in the locksmithing correspondence course.

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3 - Bureau  
1 - Buffalo (44-374) (AM)  
1 - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)  
① - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
1 - Newark (44-884) (AM)  
1 - Sacramento (AM)  
1 - Chicago  
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MK)

Re Bureau radiogram, 5/14/68, instructing that RAY's photographs should be displayed to witnesses in unsolved bank robbery and bank burglary cases.

Instructions in this regard were furnished to all agents of this office who are assigned the pending unsolved bank robbery and bank burglary cases, by Memo dated 5/16/68. All photographs of RAY were also made available for exhibition to witnesses in these cases.

Results of this investigation will be reported in the individual bank robbery or bank burglary file and recorded in instant Murkin file. Any pertinent information developed concerning RAY will be immediately brought to the attention of the Bureau and Memphis.

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② - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Mobile  
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: ME)

Re Bureau letter 4/29/68, furnishing Mobile with newspaper mats and proofs for distribution to cooperative daily and weekly newspapers.

These mats and proofs were submitted to all such newspapers in this Division by letter dated 5/7/68.

In addition, by letter dated 5/10/68, all such newspapers, as well as television broadcasters in the Mobile Division, were furnished copies of the two latest photographs of RAY, namely, the photograph taken in 1967 in Mexico and the photograph taken in late January or early February, 1968, in California. These photographs were so labeled and cooperation of these sources in publicizing these photographs was requested.

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3 - Bureau  
② - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Mobile  
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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

The Bureau <sup>HAS</sup> ~~is~~ advised that one JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, when interviewed in St. Louis, stated that he thought JAMES EARL RAY to be a burglar, and contended that on or about 6/23 or 6/24/67, he read in the "Chicago Tribune" of a \$50,000 bank burglary in a Southern state and recalled that he and RAY had cased this bank in 1958, or 1959.

GAWRON claimed that he was visited by a man whom he refused to identify, and this man told him that he and others had robbed the bank and displayed a valise full of money. GAWRON further claimed that about 6 weeks ago this man again visited him and indicated that RAY and one or more other persons had been involved in the bank robbery. The bank was allegedly in the Deep South in a city near a river, and the city was on the east bank of the Mississippi River.

For the information of St. Louis, the American Bank and Trust Co., Airline Highway Branch, Baton Rouge, La., was robbed on 3/30/67, and \$55,693 was taken. The title of this case is, "UNSUBS (2), AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST CO., AIRLINE HIGHWAY BRANCH, BATON ROUGE, LA., 3/30/67; BR; NO 91-3073; Bufile 91-26681."

A lone W/M entered the bank at approximately 12:10 PM, and pulled a gun believed to be a German Luger, and told the 2 employees in the bank to lie down behind the counter. During the commission of the bank robbery, a shot was fired, believed to have been accidental, and the shell casing and slug were recovered. Latent fingerprints from the bank and from the get-away-car were also developed. The individual who entered the

②-St. Louis  
4-New Orleans  
(2-157-10673) (2-91-3073)  
①-Memphis (INFO)  
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bank is described as a W/M, approximately 40 years old, 5'8", 145-155 pounds, small build, dark hair, dark complexion. He had a black mustache, which appeared to be false, and also wore glasses with dark frames. The subject wore a dark brown hat and had on black loafer-type shoes.

The second UNSUB was driving the get-away-car and was not observed by the bank employees.

St. Louis should interview JOHN EUGENE GAWRON to determine if the bank robbery he had referred to is the bank robbery committed in Eaton Rouge, La., on 3/30/67. Names of suspects should be secured and submitted to the Identification Division for comparison with latent prints in Latent Case #78257, which is the Latent Case Number for the latents in the American Bank and Trust Co. robbery. Photos of any logical suspects should be furnished to New Orleans for display to witnesses.

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REVIEW OF TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS  
FROM ATLANTA, APRIL 5-12, 1968

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON on May 23, 1968, at Mobile, Alabama:

Mobile City Directory reflects that JOHN D. O'CONNOR resides at 2906 Jennings Drive and is employed as an engineer for the U. S. Corps of Engineers in Mobile.

Mr. A. S. BREWER, Personnel Manager, U. S. Corps of Engineers, advised that JOHN D. O'CONNOR has been employed by the U. S. Corps of Engineers for the past nineteen years and is an engineer who travels considerably in connection with his employment. He is described as a white male, born [redacted] at Mobile, Alabama, 6'1" tall and weighs 150 pounds.

JOHN D. O'CONNOR advised that his records reflect that on April 8, 1968, he traveled from Mobile, Alabama to Atlanta, Georgia by United Airlines flight number 360 and the same date flew from Atlanta, Georgia to Bristol, Tennessee on United Airlines flight number 796. He flew back from Bristol to Atlanta on April 11, 1968 on Piedmont Airlines and from Atlanta to Mobile on April 11, 1968 on Eastern Airlines flight number 103. Payment for fare on this roundtrip flight was made by Travel Request Number N9244503.

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Date: 5/23/68

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: ME)

REVIEW OF TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS  
FROM ATLANTA, APRIL 5-12, 1968

Re Chicago teletype, 5/22/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 15 copies of an insert reflecting investigation at Mobile identifying the passenger J. D. O'CONNOR. One copy of this airtel and insert is being furnished to Chicago and Atlanta for information so that these offices may be advised that O'CONNOR is eliminated, as he is an employee of the U. S. Engineers in Mobile, and has been for the past 19 years.

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- ② - Memphis (Enc. 15)  
1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1) (Info)  
1 - Chicago (Enc. 1) (Info)  
2 - Mobile  
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Special Agent in Charge



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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)  
MURKIN

*Circularization info*

The Bureau may wish to give consideration to the following potential investigative leads and suggestions:

In view of subject RAY's statements to associates that he had previously been employed as a river man and cook on board a water vessel and his knowledge of various "beer joints" located in close proximity to the terminus of the navigable Warrior River, on which large barges operate, it is suggested that subject's photograph and description be published in "The Waterways Journal," Room 701 Chemical Building, 721 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo., which is considered the "bible" for all employers and employees who work on the major rivers.

It is noted RAY was working in the Missouri Penitentiary bake shop at the time of his escape. In view of the possibility RAY may seek employment as a baker, it is suggested that RAY's photograph and description be circularized in all publications designed for or directed to the baking industries. It is also suggested that similar circularization be given to all baking unions.

In view of the fact that RAY may have been employed aboard a barge on the Inland Waterways System, the Bureau is requested to consider circularization and/or contact with Coast Guard stations and cutters patrolling the navigable river system. It is noted Coast Guard personnel board and inspect craft on the rivers and might be in a position to

3 - Bureau  
① - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Newark  
1 - St. Louis  
2 - Birmingham  
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locate RAY or former associates of RAY.

Inasmuch as RAY was known to have been interested in locksmithing and tinkering with locks in his spare time and was once enrolled in a correspondence course from the Locksmith Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, it is suggested that the Bureau consider having Newark recontact the Locksmithing Institute regarding all correspondence course applications from 4/5/68 to the present time to ascertain if RAY may have reapplied for enrollment in a locksmithing course under an assumed name, and identify other locksmithing schools and publications.

It is noted that RAY expressed a great interest to fellow convicts while confined in Missouri State Penitentiary in baseball and baseball news and was considered an avid baseball fan. Therefore, it is suggested that the Bureau may wish to contact the J. J. Taylor Spink Publishing Company of St. Louis, Mo., publishers of "The Sporting News," the recognized "bible" of baseball fans, to ascertain if "The Sporting News" would consider publishing an article and photograph of RAY.

In line with the above suggestion, it is suggested that the Bureau instruct all divisions having major and minor league baseball teams contact appropriate officials of these clubs to insure circularization of concession stand operators and security personnel and other appropriate individuals in view of the fact that RAY may attend professional ball games.

It is suggested that the Bureau may wish, in light of the successful results achieved in previous Bureau cases of major proportion, to consider contacting the Saturday Evening Post and Reader's Digest magazines, which have international circulation, to ascertain if these magazines would publish an article concerning RAY's fugitive status.

The Bureau may wish to explore the feasibility of taking fingerprint pictures of all thumb impressions of all persons who applied for permanent visas to Canada and Mexico from March until the present time and submit these to the Identification Division for comparison with subject's thumb prints.



BH 44-1740

It is noted that the Bureau previously directed that Birmingham, Atlanta, Memphis and several other southern divisions personally contact all laundries and cleaning establishments within their respective territories regarding RAY's fugitive status, as well as the reward being offered for his apprehension. It is, therefore, suggested that the Bureau may desire to have all divisions contact all cleaning and laundry facilities within their respective areas, noting, however, that in the divisions with extremely dense population centers, the use of mailing lists may be more feasible than personal contact.

Armed and Dangerous

SAC, San Francisco

5/24/68

SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

MURKIN  
CR

OO: Memphis

Re San Francisco Airtel to Bureau, 5/22/68, and  
San Francisco letter to Bureau, 5/21/68.

Returned herewith to San Francisco are the enclosures  
received with referenced communications. The enclosures are  
described as follows:

- (1) Fifteen copies, FD-302 re CYRIL STEVENSON, JR., dated 5/13/68.
- (2) Fifteen copies, insert of SA THOMAS C. McGEE re travel  
to Orange County.
- (3) Fifteen copies, insert of SA WILLIAM HUTTON, JR., re  
gasoline bills.

(Items 1 through 3 received as enclosures to referenced  
Airtel)

- (4) Fifteen copies, insert covering interview of KENNETH  
LEE WADE. (Received as enclosure to referenced letter)

The items being returned should be used in current  
report being prepared by the San Francisco Office.

2 - San Francisco (Enc.-60)

1 - Memphis

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*JEH*

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5/9/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

At 9:45 a.m. 5/9/68, Miss DAWN MILLER, Apt. 504, 101 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria, Va., telephone 751-4734, called WFO and furnished the following information: (Miss MILLER is a dancing teacher for the Fairfax County Recreation Department, Telephone # 273-9320)

Miss MILLER saw a poster with photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and noted a resemblance of the 1960 photograph to a man with whom she had the following dealings:

Miss MILLER put an ad in the Classified Sections of the Sunday Star and Washington Post advertising a sofa for sale for \$175.00. She believed that the ad appeared in the April 7 or 14th issues. On a Wednesday night after the ad appeared she received a telephone call from a man asking about the sofa. It was late, 11:30 p.m., and the man said he would come to see the sofa the next evening.

He came to Miss MILLER's residence in a station wagon with a male companion and bought the sofa. He paid for the sofa with a check drawn on the Suburban Trust Company, Hyattsville, Maryland. The names DAVID and LALAH COOPERMAN, Account # [REDACTED] was printed on the check, but no address was listed. The purchaser of the sofa wrote the following addresses and telephone number on the check and signed it "DAVID COOPERMAN".

2- Richmond  
2- Baltimore  
1- Memphis (Info)  
1- WFO  
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7930 15th Avenue, Adelphi, Maryland. (Miss MILLER checked the telephone directory and learned this is the address of DAVID and LALAH COOPERMAN.)

8107 Eastern Avenue, Silver Springs, Md. (Miss MILLER later learned that this address is listed to IRVING and REBECCA COOPERMAN.) She called them and determined that they are no relation to above DAVID COOPERMAN and knew nothing of the transaction.

Telephone # 526-4042 (Miss MILLER learned from the Telephone Company that his phone is subscribed to by a person named PORTER, 1915 Otis St., N.E., WDC.) She has been unable to reach this person by phone.

Re the purchaser: Miss MILLER described him as about age 37, 5'10", slender build, sandy blonde hair, eye color not known, just a trace of Southern accent. She did not know the make of station wagon, thought it was late model, license number unknown, light colored with wood tone trim. The companion of the purchaser is described as early twenties, "cute, slim, blonde". No names were exchanged between the two men.

The check was returned with a note "Non sufficient funds" and was dated 4/26/68.

Miss MILLER said that last Sunday, 5/5/68, she drove out to the residence of DAVID and LALAH COOPERMAN and spoke to them. They knew nothing about the transaction, but stated that ~~their~~ checkbook had been lost about two<sup>c</sup> months previously and that they had learned that someone had purchased a refrigerator using one of their checks.

Miss MILLER stated that she <sup>has</sup> the check for the sofa in her possession and <sup>can</sup> be reached at her home phone or at the Fairfax Recreation Department.

Richmond should show additional photographs of RAY to Miss MILLER for possible identification .

Baltimore should determine possible ITSP violations.



5/21/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)**  
**FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (ST-100) -P-**  
**SUBJECT: MURDER, aka**  
**David Cooperman;**  
**Elmer Cooperman**  
**KING**

(OO: ME)

Re WFO airtel to Richmond and Baltimore, 5/9/68  
under caption "MURDER."

Enclosed for the Bureau is one check in the amount of \$175.00, drawn on the Southern Trust Company, Northville, Md. Enclosed for the Baltimore Division is one exact copy of same check. Enclosed for each office is a copy of re airtel.

For the information of the Bureau, re airtel advised MISS MILLER, apartment 304, Landmark Towers, 101 Lincoln Rd., furnished information that an individual resembling JAMES EARL RAY identified himself as DAVID COOPERMAN and purchased a used sofa from her on approximately April 14, 1968. COOPERMAN paid for the purchase with a check which is enclosed, and the check was subsequently returned to Miss MILLER marked, "Insufficient funds."

On 5/15/68, Miss MILLER was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, by SA RICHARD E. PATTER, JR., and she indicated that she could not positively state that the man is identical with RAY. She furnished the check received from

3 - Director (Enc. 1) (RM)  
1 - Baltimore (Info) (Enc. 2)  
① - Memphis (Info) (Enc. 1) *ye*  
1 - WFO (Info) (Enc. 1)  
1 - Richmond  
(1 - 44-657)

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Specimens to SA MARTIN for latent fingerprint and handwriting examination by the FBI Laboratory.

Impressions on WILKIE MILLER was not positive in her identification of COFFMAN as RAY, and the apparent ITSP violation, the laboratory is requested to make a latent fingerprint and handwriting for comparison with the known prints and handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY and search the enclosed check through the National Fraudulent Check file.

Results of the above examination should be furnished all offices receiving this communication and the check returned to the Richmond Division.

Pending determination of an ITSP violation, by the Baltimore Division, no further leads are being set forth at this time. Information copies are being forwarded to those offices having an investigative interest in this matter.

5/24/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) - P -**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

*Driver's License*

Rebured 5/24/68, directing check of all driver's license applications for April and May, 1968, concerning all white males between ages 30 and 35 years of age, to determine if obtained by subject.

Inquiry, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Richmond, Va., determined that driver's license applications are filed alphabetically and not by date.

Mr. R.C. BOSCHLER, JR., Director, Data Processing, DMV, advised that every application or license on file, which totals in excess of two million, would have to be processed. A check of this type would require their equipment to be programmed in such a manner that the entire system would be tied up for an excessive period of time, specifically a minimum of three days, to accomplish a primary breakdown. Such a check would of necessity be made by DMV IBM employees.

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① - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Richmond  
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According to Mr. MOSCHLER, such a voluminous check is not feasible in light of the equipment being constantly used as well as the fact that current ISW business is being received daily and requires immediate storage in the system.

In view of ISW's system of maintaining such records and due to the limited facilities and personnel and cost to the State involved, this review is not possible.

Armed and Dangerous

May 18, 69.

Dear "Mayorie":

I received your letter a few days ago and was very happy to get it, I would have answered it right back but I wanted to think things out I haven't been doing nothing else but thinking for the past few days. I hope you'll agree with the decision I finally reached.

Mayorie after social security and income tax is withheld from my check I clear one Hundred & Twenty two dollars per week, they really Tax me heavy because I am single, if I had a wife and a child I would clear around one Hundred and thirty eight dollars per week - plus if I stay working here until January 1, 1969 it means an extra 5 Hundred & Fifty dollars.

at Christmas we all at least get a two Hundred dollar Bonus plus a two week paid Vacation.

Mayorie I think it would be best for us if we at least give this a try and that is I stay here until January 1, 1969 and then let

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You make the decision whether I should stay  
here or we should move to London or Florida.  
You'll get this letter Monday and I'll phone you  
Monday night between eleven & twelve o'clock.  
I want you to think these things over so when  
I phone you'll know what you are going to do.  
I think a Round trip plane ticket up here would  
cost around a Hundred & ten dollars give or take  
a few dollars, Next week I'll mail you a Hundred  
dollars plus the following week I would mail  
you the same amount if you would fly up for  
a one or two day visit. You wouldn't have to  
rent a car as I would meet you at the  
airport. I know we would have a wonderful  
time as whatever you decide to do we would  
do it as there's nice supper clubs, nightclubs,  
Drive-in or anything else you might desire.  
Don't mistake the suburbs for Chicago as out  
here there's practically no crime plus you  
go for a week at a time without seeing  
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any colored people. Most people who live out here are rich but theres also quite a few like myself who work for a livery and live out here because we dont like Chicago. a person could live a lifetime without ever seeing Chicago as there everything out here that they are in the city. after we meet and get acquainted and find out how much we enjoy each others company plus if we think we should get married in the near future or on the other hand I just dont appeal to you or theres something about me that you dont like and you think I wouldnt make a suitable husband. Either way you wont come out the loser as if you decide we should get married in the near future then we could both drive to comden and pick up all of your belongings and drive back here and get settled down or you could fly back and have me pick you up at a later date.

if you decide we shouldnt get married then.

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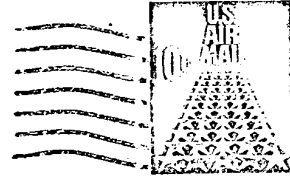
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I am going to give you my car to keep, its  
not a new car but its in perfect condition plus  
you'll like it as its a 1960 DeSoto and they was  
a expensive car. I wouldnt be hurting as I  
also have a 1961 plymouth at my Dad Farm  
in Missouri and I would go upon pick it up.  
I would make sure you would have enough  
money to stay at a hotel at night plus for  
food and whatever else you might need. or  
if you thought it would be to long of a drive  
then you could fly back, thats why I am  
sending you enough money for a Round trip  
I'll talk to you more about it Monday night  
please dont ever get the idea that I am  
just out for excitement or good times as  
what I want is a wife and about three  
kids, I just have that one and I only see  
him a couple times every year. please  
think this over careful and I am keeping my  
finger crossed for your answer Monday  
night - as ever Jerry.



AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Jerry Ray ✓  
3535 Dundee Road  
Northbrook, Ill.  
ZIP CODE 60062



VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Marjorie Fellers  
2420 Arnold Street  
Camden, New Jersey 08104.

April 23.

Dear Marjorie:

I want to hurry up and get  
this in the mail so don't  
going to write much.

If this don't cover it then just  
let me know how much more you  
need.

as I said in my last letter you tell  
me how much you want and when  
you want it and you don't need  
to explain what you want it for.

as ever

Jim.

P.S. I hope you have recovered  
from the pictures by now  
plus are feeling much better.

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