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Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

On 4/7/68, MICHAEL GARCIA voluntarily appeared at the FBI RA, Gainesville, Fla., and furnished the following information.

GARCIA is a Private E-3, US Army. His serial number is [REDACTED] and he is from Tampa, Florida. He is to report to Ft. Lewis, Washington, on 4/20/68, for shipment to Viet Nam. He will be in Tampa, Fla. until it is time for him to report to Ft. Lewis.

GARCIA's father is MANUEL GARCIA, Attorney, Tampa, Florida.

On Saturday, 3/30/68, GARCIA left Ft. Benning, Ga. en route to Gainesville, Florida, where he was formerly a student at the University of Florida. GARCIA took State Road 26 out of Columbus, Georgia, en route to Interstate 75 at Cordele, Georgia. Several miles out of Columbus on "26", at an isolated spot, he picked up a hitchhiker who claimed he was going to Orlando, Florida. GARCIA described this hitchhiker, who gave his name as JACK or HARRY RUSSELL as follows:

②-Memphis
1-Tampa (Info)
1-Miami (Info)
1-Atlanta (Info)
2-Seattle (1- 44-MURKIN) (1- 91-2732)
3-Jacksonville
(1- 91-2283)
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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Possibly in 30's or 40's
Height	Approximately 6'
Weight	Approximately 170
Hair	Dark brown or black, streaks of grey
Eyes	Blue or brown, very bright, piercing, and sparkling
Eyebrows	Bushy and dark
Nose	Straight
Teeth	Good
Health	Very healthy looking and agile, walked erect
Marital status	Claimed to have been married at one time
Accent	Nothing noticeable but used good English and appeared well spoken
Characteristics	Had heavy bushy black-brown beard with a little grey
Dress	Light tan trousers; Madras, long sleeved shirt; Dark blue windbreaker; Light tan nylon Thermo jacket; Plain brown shoes with two or three eyelets which he claimed he bought for \$1.25 in a second-hand store and they hurt his feet, size 9 shoe.
Military service	Claims he was in US Air Force in 1947 and received back entry while in the service.

GARCIA advised this individual had a blanket roll which appeared to have some of his belongings inside. The blanket was pastel pink or green in color. He told GARCIA he was a "rail tramp" and had arrived in the Columbus, Ga. area from Seattle by way of New Orleans and Birmingham earlier in the week. He talked as if he knew a great deal about train schedules and junctions. He commented a "rail tramp" is hardest kind of individual to catch if he is on the run from

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the law as he knows places to hide. He further claimed two Negroes threw him off of a train once causing him to have a concussion and causing his inner ear to fill with blood. He expressed a distinct dislike for Negroes. GARCIA advised that during conversation with this individual he asked GARCIA where he was from. When GARCIA told him he was from Tampa he asked if GARCIA knew anything about the Mafia. GARCIA told him that his father, MANUEL GARCIA, an Attorney, had done some legal work for the TRAFFICANTES in Tampa. He told GARCIA he was going to Orlando to do some work for the Mafia, for which he would receive a new Mercury and \$7000. He told GARCIA upon arrival in Orlando he was to walk up and down a certain street, name unrecalled, in Orlando until someone contacted him. He further stated that from Orlando he was going to Miami after which he would head north through Tennessee, to Idaho, and would feel better when he had a "few G's" in his pocket. He told GARCIA that his job had nothing to do with dope and indicated his job would be done in a week, after when he would be on his way to Idaho. He showed GARCIA a picture which he removed from his billfold of a place where he was going in Idaho. GARCIA recalls this picture showed snow covered mountains and a mountain lake. He claimed he was going to a small camp where he had "laid up" before. GARCIA recalls that he mentioned a waterfall at this place which gave off a spray revealing an image that looked like a reclining woman.

GARCIA advised that this individual appeared to know quite a bit about weaponry and stated that he talked about the AK47, Chinese assault rifle, laser beam, and light anti-tank weapon.

GARCIA advised after arriving in Gainesville he let this individual off on West University Avenue where he claimed he wanted to wash his clothes in a washateria. GARCIA stated that on Sunday, 3/31/68, around noon, he saw this individual hitchhiking on Archer Road toward I-75. He stopped and asked GARCIA if he would give him a ride as far as I-75, but GARCIA was in a hurry and unable to do so. He has not seen this individual since.

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GARCIA stated that he did not give too much thought to the conversation he had with this individual until after the announcement of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on 4/4/68. He stated after this announcement he began to give thought to the conversation mentioned herein that he had with this individual, particularly to his expressed dislike for Negroes and he also mentioned the Communist element among Negroes and he therefore thought he should report this to the proper authorities.

GARCIA reviewed all the pending identification orders but was unable to make an identification. He was asked to study the identification order of ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH, IO #4176, inasmuch as process is outstanding for DE PUCH in Seattle and the description of the hitchhiker somewhat fits DE PUGH. After closely studying DE PUGH, GARCIA stated he could not state whether or not DE PUCH was identical with the hitchhiker, primarily in view of the fact the hitchhiker had such a full bush beard.

The above information is being submitted for the evaluation of the Memphis Division in connection with captioned matter and for evaluation by Seattle in connection with DE PUGH. Any leads to be set forth is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

Information copies being sent to Atlanta, Miami, and Tampa, in the event it becomes necessary to request investigation by these offices concerning the individual described herein.

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To: SAC'S, Cincinnati
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Cincinnati teletype April 10.

Latent fingerprints this case not identical
fingerprints Walter Michael Mallin, FBI #233960D. No
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jacksonville teletype to Director, Jackson,
 New Orleans and Memphis dated 4/5/68 at 10:41 a.m.;
 Jackson teletype to the Director, Jacksonville,
 New Orleans and Memphis, 4/5/68 at 4:46 p.m.;
 New Orleans teletype to Jackson, Jacksonville
 and Memphis, 4/5/68 at 9:09 p.m..

Re: SUSPECT FORNEY MARION HAZEL ✓ 157-1168-6P3
 Marion ✓ 44-1987-35

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies of an insert
 setting forth results of interviews with Chief of Police
 J. C. KELLY, Monroe, Louisiana, and Father LOUIS TOOMEY,
 Loyola University, New Orleans, on 4/5/68.

The following is a synopsis of this insert: 157-1168-2P2

Investigation has determined that FORNEY MARION
 HAZEL has been incarcerated in jail at Monroe, La.,
 continuously since 3/8/68. Father LOUIS TOOMEY, Loyola
 University, New Orleans, states he has received no information
 regarding any alleged attempt to assassinate CHARLES EVERS.

② - Memphis (Enc. 25) (RM)
 2 - New Orleans

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS J. FAY on April 5, 1968, at Monroe, Louisiana:

Chief of Police J. C. KELLY, Monroe, Louisiana,
Police Department, advised that FORNEY MARION HAZEL is
currently incarcerated in the jail at Monroe, Louisiana,
and has been confined continuously since March 8, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER on April 5, 1968, at New Orleans,
Louisiana:

Father LOUIS TOOMEY, Loyola University, New
Orleans, Louisiana, advised that at no time has any infor-
mation ever come to his attention from any source of an
alleged attempt to assassinate CHARLES EVERS.

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 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New Orleans teletype to Director and Memphis
 dated 4/5/68 at 1:06 a.m.;
 New Orleans teletype to Director and Memphis
 dated 4/5/68 at 8:06 p.m.;
 New Orleans teletype to Director and Memphis
 dated 4/9/68 at 3:21 p.m..

RE: ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED
 BY NEW ORLEANS FBI ON EVENING OF
 4/4/68

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies each of the
 following described items:

- (1) An insert setting forth information
 regarding anonymous telephone call.
- (2) An insert setting forth results of contacts
 with hotels and motels at Alexandria, Louisiana.
- (3) Inserts for a cover page setting forth
 results of contact with LAMAR WATERS of the SBT&T Co.,
 Alexandria, La.

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(4) Inserts for cover page setting forth results of contact with ED TURNLEY, Security Supervisor, SBT&T Co.

The following is a synopsis of the enclosed inserts:

On the evening of 4/4/68, an anonymous telephone call was received by the New Orleans Office of the FBI. The caller claimed that on 4/3/68, he had overheard BERNARD LANSKY make a statement which the caller felt might have a bearing on the assassination. LANSKY was observed to give money to an unknown white male at the Downtowner Motel, Memphis, Tennessee. Hotels and Motels at Alexandria, La., contacted and names of registered guests indicating addresses as Memphis, Tenn., and other areas in Tennessee obtained.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA NATHAN O. BROWN at New Orleans, Louisiana:

On April 5, 1968, Mr. ED TURNLEY, Security Supervisor, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (PROTECT IDENTITY), was contacted and advised that attempts would be made to review print-out of DDD tapes recorded at Lafayette, Louisiana, to locate any call to the FBI Office in New Orleans. Mr. TURNLEY stated this is a complicated process and as soon as it is completed, the results would be provided the New Orleans Office.

At 2:20 p.m., April 8, 1968, Mr. TURNLEY advised he had completed a review of the DDD tapes which were recorded at Lafayette, Louisiana, on April 4, 1968, and which would reflect all DDD telephone calls emanating at Alexandria, Louisiana, on that date. Mr. TURNLEY stated the review consisted of a check of every call made between 10:00 p.m. and 10:25 p.m., April 4, 1968, and no record was located of a call from Alexandria to the FBI Office at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. TURNLEY stated, although a check had been made on a previous occasion of the Mark Sense Toll Tickets at Alexandria in an effort to locate this call, he has arranged for a print-out of all calls from Alexandria, Louisiana, to area code 504. This print-out will include station-to-station calls, person-to-person calls, credit card calls, third number billing calls, collect calls, etc.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER at New Orleans, Louisiana:

On April 9, 1968, Mr. ED TURNLEY, Security Supervisor, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (PROTECT IDENTITY), advised a review of the print-out of all calls from Alexandria, Louisiana, to area code 504 had been conducted and no telephone call to the FBI Office in New Orleans could be located.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
JOHN A. PFEIFER on April 4, 1968:

AT ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA:

Mr. LAMAR WATERS, Suburban Manager (protect identity) of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, was contacted and requested to search toll tickets for a call to New Orleans phone 504-522-4671 at about 10:00 PM this date and to canvas the operators to determine if any recalled discussing with any caller on the evening of April 4, 1968, the location and/or phone number of the FBI in New Orleans or any caller inquiring about a number with which to contact the Alexandria FBI Agents. He advised that he had had the toll tickets for 10:00 PM through 11:00 PM reviewed, and no such call located. He advised he had had the chief operator contact the others, and none could recall such a request. He advised a direct-dial call would only be registered on the computer tape at Lafayette, Louisiana.

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At 10:10 p.m., Central Standard Time, April 4, 1968, an anonymous telephone call was received by the New Orleans Office from a person believed to be a white male, who advised he was a resident of Memphis, Tennessee, and that he was calling from Alexandria, Louisiana. The caller steadfastly refused to identify himself, but furnished the following information:

About breakfast time Wednesday, April 3, 1968, he was in the restaurant at the Downtowner Motel, Memphis, Tennessee. BERNARD LANSKY, LANSKY's brother and an unknown white male were seated about three feet away at the next table. LANSKY is the owner of Lansky's Clothing Store, Beale Street, Memphis. The caller described the unknown white male as 26 or 27 years old, 160 to 165 pounds, 5 feet 8 inches tall, straight black hair.

BERNARD LANSKY was heard to tell this unknown white male, "Let's get the black mother (obscene). If he comes back we are going to be bankrupt."

The unknown white male said, "I want half now."

BERNARD LANSKY was heard to say that the unknown white male was to get the other half after the job was done.

The anonymous caller stated he saw money change hands, and heard the amount \$1,000 mentioned. The caller also overheard arrangements made for the unknown white male to leave town after the job. The caller furnished no other details concerning this event.

The caller stated that Lansky's Clothing Store is on the verge of bankruptcy, was fire bombed last week, and this "was final blow."

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN A. PFEIFER at Alexandria, Louisiana, on April 5,
1968:

DON HUDSON, Manager, Bentley Hotel, advised
that there were no calls through the hotel switchboard
to any New Orleans phones on the night of April 4, 1968,
and the following were guests on April 4, 1968, who were
registered as being from Tennessee:

R. COOPER, Memphis (no other address),
a driver for Herrin Truck Company,
Room 331

M. T. ROWLAND, Memphis (no other address),
a driver for Herrin Truck Company,
Room 425

J. C. STAFFORD, Memphis (no other address),
a driver for Herrin Truck Company, Room 506

JAMES H. HEUSTESS, 830 Bresslyn, Nashville,
Metro Public Schools employee, Room 757,
checked out April 5, 1968

C. L. HUGHEY, 4014 Lamar Avenue, Memphis,
Room 430, registered since February 18, 1968

Mrs. MARGARET KRALEY, Manager, Imperial 400
Motel, advised there were no guests registered on
April 4, 1968, as being from Tennessee and the following
are the only calls made by guests to New Orleans through
her switchboard on April 4, 1968:

RICHARD FLYNN, 423 Baronne Street, New
Orleans, employee of Consumer Credit
Corporation, on April 4, 1968, called
504-288-9271 and spoke for five minutes.

Mr. N. O. RUSH, Manager, Colonel Motel, advised
there were no calls through his switchboard on April 4,
1968, and no guests registered on April 4, 1968, from
anywhere in Tennessee.

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Mrs. RONNIE LUNO, Manager, Luno Courts, advised that her motel has no switchboard or phones in the guest rooms and no one at her motel on April 4, 1968, registered as living in Tennessee.

N. N. ALLUMS, Manager, Vista Courts, formerly Kerry's Motel, advised his motel has no switchboard and there are no guest room phones. No one in his motel on April 4, 1968, registered as being from Tennessee.

SALLY LANDRUM, Clerk, Pelican Motel, advised no calls were made through her switchboard on April 4, 1968, to New Orleans and the only guest there on April 4, 1968, registered as living in Tennessee was W. C. STUDDARD (or STADDORD), 1744 Weir (or Wurr) Street, Memphis, who was in Room 221 with a Mrs. COGGINS, not further identified.

MIKE HUSTERD, Manager, Greenbrier Motel, advised no calls were made to New Orleans on April 4, 1968, through his switchboard and the only guests registered from Tennessee are the following, who are all rooming together in Room 8:

LARRY HUGHEY, Box 64, Union City, driving a 1968 red and black Oldsmobile sedan with Tennessee license IZ 5776

GERALD BASS, Union City, driving a 1967 beige Dodge Charger

HUSTERD advised both HUGHEY and BASS work for Hughey Revell Construction Company and have been registered monthly since December 6, 1967.

HARRY DUSCHANG, Manager, Cenla Courts, advised that his motel has no switchboard, and none of his guests on April 4, 1968, registered as living in Tennessee.

CLARA B. FLOWERS, Manager, Paradise Motel, advised there is no switchboard in her Negro motel and no one registered there on April 4, 1968, was from Tennessee.

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The Epps Motel was determined to be a Negro motel and was not contacted.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA PATRICK J. DENTE at Alexandria, Louisiana:

The following individuals listed below were contacted on April 5, 1968, concerning a possible telephone call from their premises to New Orleans on April 4, 1968, and concerning any guests registered on April 4, 1968, as being from the state of Tennessee, with negative results:

Mrs. DOUIE NOVGSTRETH
Cavelier Motor Hotel
3057 Masonic Drive

CHARLOTTE HYNSON, Clerk
Alexandria Inn
1212 McCarthy Drive

GEORGE BARKER, Manager
Travel Lodge
116 McCarthy Drive

Mrs. HAZEL HOLLAND
Howard Johnson Motor Lodge
700 McCarthy Drive

Mrs. EVLENA HANCOCK, Manager
Fleur De Lis Motel
1000 McCarthy Drive

ENNIS G. DAVIS
Holiday Inn
2300 McCarthy Drive

Miss LILLIAN HURLOCK, Owner
Hurlock Courts
2700 North Shreveport Highway

Mr. J. C. JOHNSON, Owner
"71" Courts
2809 North Shreveport Highway

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RICHARD M. ALU at Alexandria, Louisiana:

On April 5, 1968, a records check by the below-listed individuals at the following indicated motels regarding a male, not further identified, who called the New Orleans Office of the FBI at approximately 10:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, met with negative results:

ALBERT LOWE
Southern Motel
3405 McCarthy Drive

J. H. STROUD
Leroy's Motor Court
1133 McCarthy Drive

CECIL RANSBOTTOM
Ransville Motel
3923 McCarthy Drive

J. S. JOHNSON
Willowglen Courts
5522 McCarthy Drive

CHARLES GOYER
Ramada Inn
2211 McCarthy Drive

Miss PINKY EWEN
Springhill Court
Shreveport Highway

A check of the above-listed motels by the individuals indicated regarding guests with a Tennessee address produced the following:

Southern Motel

JIM JONES
4942 De Panne Drive
Memphis, Tennessee

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CHARLES A. ROSS
5072 Churchill Cove
Memphis, Tennessee

Ramada Inn

WALTER S. DUNCAN
217 Cumberland Street
Memphis, Tennessee

The following investigation was conducted by
SA PAUL R. LANCASTER:

On April 8, 1968, the following establishments were checked and they all advised that during the previous week no one registered in their establishment from Tennessee, especially Memphis, Tennessee:

Mrs. GLADYS E. REITH, Manager
Ring Apartments
535 Lakeview
Pineville, Louisiana

These are regular apartments and rental is usually on a weekly or monthly basis.

Mrs. THERESA JOHNSON, Manager
Town and Country Motel
5215 Mac Arthur Drive
Alexandria, Louisiana

She rents to both whites and colored. There have been no strangers or out-of-town customers during the previous week.

Mrs. LOLA BELL EPPS, Owner
Epps Motel
Tenth Packing House Road
Alexandria, Louisiana

Mrs. EPPS only rents to Negroes.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1897)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau dated 4/8/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are seven copies each of an
FD-302 for J. C. SPIEKERMAN, JR., and J. D. FAULKENBERRY,
Longview, Texas.

Enclosed for Jackson are 2 copies of the described
FD-302s. These two copies each are forwarded to Jackson in
accordance with Jackson's request in this matter.

The above 302s refer to investigation concerning
Schlitz beer sold in State of Mississippi.

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2-Jackson (Enc. 2)
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Mr. J. D. FAULKNER, Office Manager, Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company, Longview, Texas Plant, advised that beer produced by this plant for sale in the State of Mississippi on March 15, 1968, was in all probability shipped to the following distributors:

Hattiesburg Beverage Company, 603 East Front Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, shipments on March 15 and 20, 1968;
 Service Beverage Company, P. O. Box 474, Clarksdale, Mississippi, shipments on March 15 and 20, 1968;
 Mississippi Beverage Company, 615 - 22nd Avenue South, Meridian, Mississippi, shipments on March 15 and 20, 1968;
 Yazoo Distributing Company Company, Yazoo City, Mississippi, shipments on March 18, 1968;
 F & F Distributing Company, Magnolia and West Rail Road Street, Biloxi, Mississippi, shipments on March 18 and 20, 1968;
 Foster Beverage Company, 318 East Main Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, shipment on March 20, 1968;
 Capitol City Beverage, 407 Guidici, Jackson, Mississippi, shipment on March 20, 1968.

Mr. FAULKNER advised that 21,352 cases of beer packaged in pop-top cans and 252 cases of beer packaged in soft-top cans were produced by the Longview, Texas plant on March 15, 1968, for sale in the State of Mississippi. There are 24 cans per case and the beer is packaged in both 12 fluid and 16 fluid ounce cans. All of this beer bears black letters on the bottom of each can which shows the Mississippi State Tax. Other than the use of the bottom lids bearing this lettering there is no other markings designating a particular distributor or other information placed on the can at the time of production other than the date stamp which is coded on the bottom lid at the time.

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On 4/8/68 at Longview, Texas File # Dallas 44-2640

by SA CHARLES L. BROWN, JR./pd

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Date 4/10/68

Mr. J. C. SPIEKERMAN, JR., Plant Manager, Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company, Longview, Texas Plant, advised canned beer produced by this plant is stamped on the bottom of each can at the time of packaging with a code number which designates the date, month, and year it was produced. He gave the following code number as an example:

Code No. 03
158

The number 03 refers to the month and the 15 refers to the day of the month while the 8 refers to the year.

Therefore, this particular stamp on a can of beer produced by this firm means it was produced on March 15, 1968.

Mr. SPIEKERMAN stated that no other stamps or markings are placed on the beer can by this firm when produced and packaged. He stated that the lids which are placed on the bottom of each can of beer produced for the sale in the State of Mississippi bear markings showing the Mississippi State Tax as being paid. These markings are in the form of black lettering showing "Mississippi Tax Paid", the Great Seal of Mississippi, and the amount of the tax, "4 Cents" or "5 1/3", this latter amount depending on the size of the beer can, 12 or 16 fluid ounces as the case may be. This lettering is within a black circle. The other marking on the can which is different from other cans used by Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company is that the can shows the beer was produced at a particular plant. The beer produced by the Longview plant shows Longview, Texas.

Mr. SPIEKERMAN advised that Schlitz beer sold in the State of Mississippi is sold through the following distributors, all located in the State of Mississippi:

- (1) F & F Distributing Company, Magnolia and West Rail Road Street, Biloxi
- (2) Service Beverage Company, P. O. Box 474, Clarksdale
- (3) Wells Distributing Company, P. O. Box 647, Cleveland
- (4) Hunter Distributing Company, 2106 Highway 82 East, Columbus

Subject: Schlitz Beer

On 4/8/68 at Longview, Texas

File #

DL 44-2649

ME 44-1087

by SA CHARLES L. BROWN, JR. / jeb

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- (5) Port City Beverage Company, 533 North Edison, Greenville
- (6) Carnaggio Distributing Company, 506 Carrollton Avenue, Greenwood
- (7) Bill Hannan Distributing Company, 981 Commerce Street, Grenada
- (8) Hattiesburg Beverage Company, 603 East Front, Hattiesburg
- (9) Capitol City Beverage Company, 407 Guidici, Jackson
- (10) Austin Distributing Company, 111 East Michigan Avenue, McComb
- (11) Mississippi Beverage Company, 615--22nd Avenue South, Meridian
- (12) Bluff City Distributing Company, 305 Fisk Avenue, Natchez
- (13) Foster Beverage Company, 318 East Main Street, Tupelo
- (14) Canal Beverage Company, 1318 Levee Street, Vicksburg
- (15) Yazoo Distributing Company, Yazoo City

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TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, Sacramento (100-427) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau, 4/9/68.

RE: GEORGE EDWARD MURRAY, who commented when leaving Oakland, California, few months ago, that he was going to Chicago to "shoot a nigger."

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, Birmingham, Chicago, Memphis, and San Francisco, is one photograph each of GEORGE EDWARD MURRAY, as requested in referenced airtel, which photograph was received from CIL, April 17, 1968.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (172-65)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 8, 1968, Lieutenant LOURNE PHELPS, Richmond, California Police Department, advised that he received a call from his mother, Mrs. THELMA PHELPS, 2801 Mitchell Avenue, Oakland, California. She requested this information be treated in confidence as to source.

Several months ago an individual, white male, GEORGE EDWARD MURRAY, an ex-convict from California Prison System, was living in her home. He has a record at the California State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (CII) with photograph. He left a few months ago to move to Chicago, other whereabouts unknown. He fits the general description of the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and made a comment before he left that he was going to Chicago to "shoot a nigger." She has no further information.

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THE SACRAMENTO OFFICE

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA: Will contact CII and obtain a copy of the photograph of GEORGE EDWARD MURRAY referred to above, and furnish copies of this photograph to the Bureau, Birmingham, Chicago, Memphis, and San Francisco.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-1987)

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/12/68

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Mr. Louis Cooper, owner of Cooper's Restaurant, Memphis phoned and advised as follows;

He is a member of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office Reserve Squad, and the Chief of its Rescue Unit. He recently talked with Bill Lindsay of West Memphis. Lindsay has residence phone number RE-5-7742 and business phone RE-5-8610. Lindsay is the Captain of the Crittendon County Sheriff's Office Rescue Squad. Lindsay told him that a member of the unit was going to be at the meeting tonight, and that this member had been out of town for the last 3 days. This member has a late model white mustang, with a citizens band antenna on it, and an Arkansas license plate.

Cooper stated he didnot know if the above meant anything but he wanted to bring it to our attention.

For information.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis tel to New Orleans, 4/9/68, at 4:07 PM;
 New Orleans tel to Memphis 4/9/68, at 11:42 PM; and New
 Orleans tel to Memphis 4/10/68, at 9:16 PM. *44-1987-386*
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RE: LOUISIANA LICENSE 292028

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies each of
 FD-302's setting forth results of an interview with
 LUBERT FONTENOT, on 4/10/68 at Welsh, Louisiana, as well
 as 25 copies of an FD-302 regarding the examination of a
 Ford truck bearing La. license 292028, on 4/10/68.

The following is a synopsis of these FD-302's:

LUBERT FONTENOT, Welsh, La., advises he was in
 Memphis, Tennessee on April 3, 1968, at which time he
 left and returned to his residence at Welsh, La., on
 April 4, 1968. He was driving a 1964 Ford truck and had
 no information concerning the killing of Doctor KING.

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Date 4/10/681

Examination was made at Fontenot's Motors, of their company truck. It was determined to be a C600 tilt-cab Ford truck, approximately twenty-seven feet long, capable of carrying eighteen thousand pounds, bearing Louisiana truck license 292028.

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On 4/10/68 at Welsh, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673
by SA GEORGE M. CAMPBELL:sja Date dictated 4/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/10/681

LUBERT FONTENOT, Route 1, Box 107, Welsh, Louisiana,
was contacted at his place of business, Fontenot Motors.

He advised he went to Memphis, Tennessee, on April 2, 1968, arriving there about 12:30 PM. He purchased some farm equipment and left Memphis, about 1:00 PM, on Wednesday, April 3, 1968. He stated he arrived in Welsh, Louisiana, on Thursday, at about noon, and he later learned of the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He stated he was driving the company's 1964 C600 tilt-cab Ford truck, which is twenty-seven feet long, bearing Louisiana license 292028. He advised he has no information whatsoever, concerning the killing of Dr. KING.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Francisco teletype 4/10/68.

Enclosed to Memphis are nine copies of investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted in Dallas, Texas. Also enclosed for Memphis is a Xerox copy concerning passengers who boarded American Airlines flight 296 at 1:20 PM, 3/28/68, in Dallas. It is noted Mr. G. AHRENS, apparently identical with GRANT AHRENS, was a coach passenger and accordingly it appears passengers who sat in the immediate vicinity of him were also coach passengers. Coach passengers are listed on the enclosed beginning with the name of Mr. AHRENS, those above being first class passengers.

Investigation disclosed no names of military persons appear on the enclosed list, however, two persons were on "stand-by" and did board the flight in Dallas. Both were destined for Louisville. One was Sgt. (illegible possibly REYNOLDS or REVNOERS), the other one FARRIS, rank and service not indicated. It is further observed that the female Captain in the Afghanistan Army is not identifiable from the list enclosed. Agent was informed that the numbers to the immediate rights of the names of the individuals on the list are identifying information in a computer at the Briar Cliff Computer System, New York City. Such information will show in most cases the full data concerning reservations made by the respective persons, including contact telephone numbers and/or addresses.

It is being left to the discretion of Memphis whether this investigative lead is worthy of being pursued further in this regard.

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It is suggested with respect to military personnel, that Louisville Office might check records of airlines out of Louisville to Richmond, Virginia, following the arrival of American Airlines flight 296 on 3/28/68, in an effort to identify the Airman who reportedly sat next to AHRENS. It is further suggested that Louisville at Fort Knox, Kentucky, might successfully identify the female Afghanistan Army Captain, perhaps more easily than through information from the airlines.

Memphis note 71 persons reportedly boarded the plane at Memphis.

Dallas Office will not pursue this matter further unless advised by Memphis.

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RE: REPORT OF GRANT AHRENS, 2736 DELORES STREET,
ANTIOCH, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING CONVERSATION
ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 296 BETWEEN MEMPHIS
AND LOUISVILLE, MARCH 28, 1968

The following investigation was conducted by SA
MANNING C. CLEMENTS on April 11, 1968:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

JESSE ORR, Security Representative, American Airlines, (former Special Agent), determined that American Airlines flight 296 was in fact a 727 jet, departed Dallas at 1:20 PM, March 28, 1968, with stops at Memphis and Louisville in route to LaGuardia, New York City. Mr. ORR stated the question of making seating charts is discretionary with the stewardesses on a flight, since it is primarily for their benefit. If made, the seating chart is normally thrown away by the stewardesses on arriving at the terminal point of the flight. In connection with this particular flight, the stewardesses who took the plane from Memphis to New York City are based in New York City, names not known to Mr. ORR. Mr. ORR furnished a list of passengers who boarded flight 296 in Dallas on March 28, 1968. Fifteen persons were first class passengers, the remainder beginning with the name G. AHRENS were coach passengers. In addition, two military personnel on "stand-by" were shown to have boarded in Dallas. No information is available except slips of paper. One slip shows the name "SGT" (illegible, possibly REYNOLDS or REVNOERS) who first checked with the airline at 12:30 PM and was destined for Louisville. The other was one FARRIS, rank and service not shown, who first contacted the airline at 11:45 AM, March 28, 1968, and was also destined for Louisville. Mr. ORR noted that this would have been a poor choice of flights for a person traveling from Dallas to Richmond, however, there are undoubtedly flights from Louisville to Richmond.

Mr. ORR determined that the numbers which follows the passengers' names on the list furnished are numbers which identify information in the Brier Cliff Computer System, New York City. Such information will normally indicate full details, including address and/or telephone number given to the airline as a contact point for the prospective passenger when making reservations.

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