

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1987) (P)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH M. BREWI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/9/68 Captain WILLIAMS, Homicide Bureau, Memphis PD, telephonically advised he had just received a long distance telephone call from [REDACTED] Paw Paw, Michigan, regarding one WILLARD DENFIELD, JR., FBI # [REDACTED] Michigan State Police # [REDACTED] advised that DENFIELD is a racist who is presently out on bond for assault to murder a Negro. He further advised that DENFIELD has a violent hatred of Negroes and it is believed he killed a Negro in 1966 but it could not be proven. He was calling to offer DENFIELD as a suspect in captioned case. He described DENFIELD as white male, DOB [REDACTED] height 5' 10" to 11", weight 185, hair brown, eyes, brown.

Captain WILLIAMS was advised that it appeared that [REDACTED] had the FBI number and the Michigan State Police number reversed, and further, that we had checked the fingerprints of one WILLARD BENFIELD, JR., FBI # [REDACTED] against the latents in this case with negative results.

It is felt that the above relates to the information set forth in Bureau's teletype to Detroit and Memphis dated 4/9/68 at 1:44 a.m.

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