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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
 SUBJ: MURKIN

Re Dallas airtel to Jacksonville 4/20/68
 regarding suspect at eating establishment U.S. 90,
 Tallahassee, Fla., 4/1-2/68.

The description furnished by Mrs. JOHNSON in
 referenced airtel indicates that this eating establishment
 is the Dobbs House located at 685 W. Tennessee Street,
 and this location is on U.S. 90 approximately 1/2 block
 east of the FSU campus and located next to a large
 building, that of the Travelodge Motel.

On 4/25/68, Mr. PHIL JOBE, employee, Dobbs House,
 685 W. Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, Florida, was
 contacted and exhibited WF #442-A. He advised that he
 has previously seen a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in
 the local newspaper and has not observed him or anyone
 meeting his description at that location to the best of
 his knowledge. He advised that all of the other employees
 of the Dobbs House are aware and have observed RAY's
 photograph in the local newspapers as they have discussed
 this matter amongst themselves and he stated he feels
 sure that if anyone had observed anyone meeting the
 description of RAY or appearing similar to RAY, they
 would have contacted the local FBI or local authorities.
 He advised that he was employed at the Dobbs House as
 of 4/1/68 and could furnish no information concerning an
 individual reportedly observed in that vicinity on or
 about that date which resembled RAY.

② - Memphis
 1 - Dallas (44-2649) (Info)
 2 - Jacksonville
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On 4/26/68, Mrs. JACQUELINE HOFFMAN, Travelodge Motel, W. Tennessee Street, located next door to Dobbs House Restaurant, was exhibited WF #442-A and advised that she had previously observed a photograph of RAY in the local newspaper and to the best of her knowledge no one meeting his description or appearing similar to him has ever stayed at that motel. She advised that all of her maids are aware of his status and she knows they have observed his photograph as he has been discussed amongst the employees at the motel and anyone meeting that description or appearing similar to RAY would have been reported to the FBI and/or local authorities.

It is to be noted that this is a business area and the complete block of this area is individual stores and businesses. The time related in re airtel of approximately midnight or after, would have meant that all of the stores and businesses in the area, with the exception of the Dobbs House and the Travelodge Motel, would have been closed as these are the only two business establishments in the area open after midnight. However, on 4/26/68, WF #442-A was exhibited to employees of numerous businesses in the area without effecting any identification or obtaining any additional information.

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