

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
Attention: SA THOMAS O. RONAN

FROM : SA DON C. BIRDWELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/13/68

Re memo of SA RONAN, 6/5/68, at Memphis.

Upon receipt of re memo, Clarksville, Tennessee, City and County Telephone Directory was checked; however, no listing could be located for C. N. FOUST, JR.

On 6/8/68, Sheriff JOEL PLUMMER, Montgomery County, Clarksville, and Deputy JACK HOLT advised they are both well acquainted with CLYDE N. FOUST, JR., who formerly resided in Montgomery County and operated a furniture store at the junction of Highway 41-A South and Bagwell Road, Montgomery County. They advised they have neither seen nor heard from FOUST in recent months and have absolutely no information re his present whereabouts. They advised they have known FOUST in the past to engage in the sale of leather goods in Clarksville and surrounding states. They are not aware of his present occupation.

Both advised they believe FOUST is completely unreliable and neither would believe anything he would tell them. They said they have had numerous contacts with FOUST over the years and found that he makes up much of what he says and appears to be something of a mental case.

PLUMMER advised he is well aware of the shooting incident at FOUST's store and residence during 1963 as he, PLUMMER, was the first highway patrolman on the scene following receipt of information about the shooting. He said he had some doubts as to whether or not anyone was involved in the shooting and had some suspicion that FOUST may have damaged his own property for publicity purposes.

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A review of the Montgomery County Sheriff's records disclosed no current information as to the whereabouts of FOUST.

Sgt. WILLIE JAMES, Detective Bureau, Clarksville PD, on 6/8/68 advised he has no information as to the present whereabouts of FOUST and could locate no information in the files which would disclose this information.

[REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Clarksville, advised the files of her office reflect that in 1964 CLYDE N. FOUST, JR., resided at Rural Route 2, Clarksville, in the Sango Community, off Highway 41-A South. There was a notation in the files that during 1965, FOUST was writing a book on BILLY SOL ESTES entitled "Saint or Swindler." There was no information of a current nature in the files as to FOUST's whereabouts.

Inquiry at the junction of Highway 41-A and Bagwell Road on 6/11/68 by SAs BIRDWELL and CRISTINA disclosed that the building at the corner of this junction is now occupied by the Trinity Baptist Church, R. B. MACKEN, Pastor.

R. R. WRIGHT, Bagwell Road, nearest resident to the Trinity Baptist Church, advised on 6/11/68 that he has neither seen nor heard from CLYDE N. FOUST, JR., in recent years and has no information re his present whereabouts. He suggested that FOUST's aunt, Mrs. LOVONA ROBERTS, Sango Road, be contacted for information re FOUST.

Mrs. LOVONA ROBERTS was contacted on 6/11/68 and advised that the last she heard of FOUST was when he attended his father's funeral in about 10/1967. She advised she is quite sure that FOUST is not residing in the Clarksville area but could offer no suggestions as to how he might be located. She said he has never held regular employment but works as a salesman for himself selling leather goods. He often travels to

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Mexico and California with his work. She said that FOUST's wife always travels with him and that he has no other close relatives or friends in the Clarksville area who might be able to furnish information re his location that she could suggest.

Inasmuch as FOUST did not supply his telephone number or address at the time he phoned the Memphis Office on 6/5/68 and in view of the fact logical inquiry at Clarksville has failed to disclose his present residence address and further in view of the report of unreliability and untrustworthiness on the part of FOUST by Sheriff PLUMMER and Deputy HOLT, no further investigation is being conducted re FOUST or the information he allegedly possesses.