

Memorandum

DATE: 4/17/68

TO : SAC, WFO

FROM : SE MELVIN L. MONTGOMERY

SUBJECT: MURKIN -CR

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At 12:18 PM this date, RICHARD SCOTT, National Science Foundation, 1800 K NW, telephone code 183 extensions 7835 or 7836, telephonically advised that a friend of his who he refused to identify but inadvertently referred to as "HERB" had recently commented to him that a former schoolmate at American University had been released from jail about the time that GALT, subject in captioned case, has been traced back to: about August, 1967.

Caller said the person involved is one JOHN SWEENEY (first name may be different) who had had a lover's quarrel with his date and had stabbed and killed her. She was JUDY HUBBARD, the daughter of a Navy Admiral and the case had received wide newspaper publicity. As SCOTT recalled SWEENEY had received sentence on a second degree murder charge. SCOTT's friend recalled that SWEENEY had been released from jail in about August, 1967. The friend noted the similarity in appearance between SWEENEY and the published pictures of suspect in captioned case. SCOTT noted that the age would be approximately correct.

SCOTT said his friend had had SWEENEY as a classmate in about 1960 and the friend had subsequently been drafted into the Army and was serving at Fort Knox, Ky., at the time of the murder of HUBBARD. He has not seen SWEENEY since about 1960. The friend commented that SWEENEY was of the temperament that could do such a deed, illustrating by saying that SWEENEY might see an ant on the sidewalk and comment "That is only an ant and it must die" whereupon he would step on the ant and kill it.

SCOTT further commented that if SWEENEY's name actually was JOHN he wished to note that one of suspect's names was JOHN WILLARD and that a person looking for an alias hurriedly might use his own first name and attach the name of some familiar object to it - in this case possibly the WILLARD hotel which used to be a spot where the "swing" set used to congregate.

He was thanked for his call.

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Scott contacted, said his friend has seen pictures of Ray, subj of case in newspaper and Sweeney is definitely not identical to Ray, about Scott

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