

TO : SAC, WFO (44-703)

DATE: 4 /21/68

FROM : SA DONALD R. GOCHNOUR

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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At approximately 11:53 a.m., 4/21/68, Bureau Supervisor RICHARD E. LONG, General Investigative Division, called to advise he had been contacted by TAYLOR RUDD, Special Agent, Secret Service Intelligence Division, WDC, re above case. RUDD said Secret Service was then interviewing one FRANCIS DORSEY HARRIS who claimed JAMES EARL RAY had been in HARRIS' home and RAY had admitted to him RAY had shot MARTIN LUTHER KING. RUDD thought the FBI might want to have an Agent present during this interview with HARRIS which was continuing.

*aka
Joe
Wood*

LONG requested WFO send Agent to participate in this interview which was being conducted at Secret Service Field Office, 1825 H. St. N. W., WDC. Secret Service Agent CREAMER was handling the interview with HARRIS and could be contacted at telephone number Code 184, ext. 8063. LONG said he would advise RUDD an FBI Agent would be so detailed.

SA JOHN PATRICK BYRNE subsequently determined from Secret Service Agent HAROLD E. CREAMER that it had been decided HARRIS would be committed to St. Elizabeths Hospital, WDC, for observations re his mental condition. No further interview with HARRIS was being conducted by Secret Service.

CREAMER RELATED THAT HARRIS HAS HAD PREVIOUS COMMITMENT AT D.C. GENERAL HOSPITAL.

WFO indices disclose one FRANCIS HARRIS, bartender, Lexington Park, Md., was interviewed by WFO in 1957 re GEORGE CAMPBELL PRATHER case (115-28-589); however, lack of background information made identification impossible.

Above for information.

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On 4/22/68 Secret Service Agent Cramer advised Harris' story definitely a fabrication and an interview would be useless. He stated he would furnish Bureau with copy of S.S. report re Harris. fmd

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