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TO :

Mr. Bishop

DATE: April 19, 1968

FROM :

A. J. Baunt

SUBJECT :

MURKIN
NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER (NCIC)

The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth some of the uses of NCIC in connection with the above-captioned case. The white Mustang used in this crime was identified and placed in the NCIC system on April 10, 1968. An inquiry by the Atlanta Police Department on April 11, 1968, resulted in the car being identified as abandoned at Atlanta, Georgia.

We also searched all NCIC transactions from August 1, 1967, through the first two weeks of April, 1968, looking for any inquiries by the police or any records that could be identified with Galt and the vehicle. A number of leads were furnished to the substantive desk for follow-up. This meant that the computer searched approximately 2-1/2 million tape transactions with the NCIC system during that period.

As the result of the request that the latent fingerprint obtained in the Murkin case be searched against all fugitives, again the NCIC system was used. Using the computer, the 25,000 negative records in the NCIC were searched looking for only the sixth finger of the fingerprint pattern stored in the NCIC record for ridge counts 9 to 15. The questioned ridge count was reported by the Identification Division to be 11 or 12. In two hours machine time the computer identified 1,740 possible records for the Identification Division to check within the ridge count range of 9 to 15. This information was furnished to the Identification Division and within the first 100 records positive identification was made of the subject in this case. If this had to be done manually it would have possibly taken several weeks or longer as they would have no way to isolate the questioned finger.

- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
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The following investigation was conducted April 1968, by SA EUGENE A. MEDORI, JR., at Memphis, Tennessee.

Photographs of the following named individuals were displayed to Mr. RALPH M. CARPENTER, York Arms Company, 162 South Main Street, Memphis:

OLTON "SHORTY" FEATHERS, Memphis Police
Department Number [REDACTED]

MILLARD RAYMOND RINKS, Memphis Police
Department Number [REDACTED]

JAMES COOPER GREEN, Memphis Police
Department Number [REDACTED]

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, Jackson, Mississippi,
Police Department Number [REDACTED]

Mr. CARPENTER advised that none of the pictures were similar to persons known to him and that he could not identify any of these persons. None of these persons have, to his knowledge, made any recent purchases at York Arms Company.

At this point the photograph of EUGENE S. MANSFIELD, Tuscaloosa, Alabama Sheriff's Department Number [REDACTED] was substituted for the photograph of BYRON DE LA BECKWITH and the photographs were again displayed to Mr. CARPENTER. He again stated that none of these photographs were similar to persons known to him and that he could not identify any of these persons as having made a recent purchase at York Arms Company.

When the photograph of MANSFIELD was pointed out to Mr. CARPENTER he stated that the individual who purchased the binoculars on April 4, 1968, differed from MANSFIELD in that the picture of MANSFIELD showed the nose was too flat and pug-nosed and that the hair was too bushy.

The photograph of BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, according to CARPENTER, was too old a man and the nose was larger than he recalls the individual having, and that he did not recall the individual to have a part in his hair and he believed that the lip line of the individual was a little fuller than that of BECKWITH.

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