

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : ASAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

[SAC JOSEPH GAMBLE of the Birmingham Office advised they had received a teletype from Los Angeles indicating they had some laundry marks at Hollywood, Calif. that "looked good" and samples had been had carried to the Lab; that the laundry was located one block from the place where the needle point pliers were traced to and had been run by one JAN WALLIS VERNON, aka. JEROME WALLIS VERNON, who matched the description of UNSUB.

While talking SAC GAMBLE advised he had received a teletype from the Bureau just then saying the fingerprints did not match.

WILLIAM MARTINDALE, Division VI, whose unit is handling this investigation, advised the Bureau desired the negative type of information we were forwarding by teletype on a daily basis. He stated it was their theory, based on the variances in descriptions in Birmingham and Memphis, there might be two persons involved.

SAC GAMBLE of Birmingham advised that when GALT purchased the automobile he had used the term "barger" which was unknown to the persons he purchased the car from and they asked him what he meant and he said he worked on a barge. GAMBLE said there is some indication this would be the type of language used by a foreigner in describing his work and that when we were checking out leads on the waterfront we should keep this in mind to determine whether or not this is a colloquial term used by people in the U. S. or whether it would be someone who is not from the U. S.

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prison to determine if there was any racial connotation to the murder of Dr. KING and possibility of conspiracy in prison. Kansas City has determined that there was a cell of the Minutemen at the Missouri State Pen.

Mr. SULLIVAN stated that the AP has a prison photo of RAY, which is an excellent photograph, and is very close to the photo in the wanted flyer.

Mr. SULLIVAN stated that because there was a possibility that RAY may have been influenced by the Minutemen who are in the Missouri State Pen, it was possible that RAY, while he is fleeing, might have names and addresses of Minutemen throughout the country.


Mr. SULLIVAN stated, therefore, he wanted the following New Orleans racial informants, who are familiar with Minutemen activities in the Ferriday, La. - Natchez, Miss. area contacted and alerted:

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Mr. SULLIVAN stated that we should discontinue all investigation in regard to any dancing schools.

Mr. SULLIVAN stated he would probably be leaving Atlanta in the near future and travelling to Detroit where he would be headquartered again.

ADDENDUM BY SAC RIGHTMYER, 4/9/68:

SAC ROY K. MOORE, Jackson, was advised of the above and he will handle 

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TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

At approximately 2:15 p.m. today Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN telephonically furnished the following information from Atlanta.

Mr. SULLIVAN informed that New Orleans should discontinue any investigation regarding BILL WILLARD which related to him allegedly receiving a \$20 payment as a result of working for a telephone soliciting firm.

He said in this regard that in further check it had been determined that RAY was confined to the Missouri State Pen and, therefore, could not have received this money.

Mr. SULLIVAN informed that Kansas City had been instructed to completely review the subject's file at the Missouri State Penitentiary as well as provide a summary of investigation in regard to their pending 88 case.

Mr. SULLIVAN informed that the present 88 case involving RAY and attempts to locate him have centered in the St. Louis - Springfield, Mo. areas as well as Kansas City, and their 88 investigation had not shown that RAY had been in the south.

Mr. SULLIVAN stated that RAY has a past history of being an escape artist and that on occasions in the past while confined he did hide out in various areas of the prison and then would turn up a few days later. While in Missouri State Pen, RAY was assigned to work in the bakery. Mr. SULLIVAN stated it appears that RAY had hidden on the prison grounds of the Missouri State Pen. for possibly several days and it was not noticed that he was gone and it appears he probably got out of prison in the prison bakery truck.

Kansas City's investigation has determined that subject has a brother in the Chicago area.

Mr. SULLIVAN stated that Kansas City is going to interview inmates who are acquainted with RAY while he was in



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