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TO DIRECTOR, DALLAS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586) 5P

MURKIN.

RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYTHREE, LAST, REGARDING
INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

DEAVOURS NIX, [REDACTED]
IS IDENTICAL WITH DEVILISH NICK MENTIONED IN RE TEL. NIX IS
PROPRIETOR OF JOHN'S CAFE AND DRIVE-IN RESTAURANT, ONE ONE SIX
TERESA STREET, LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI. HE IS THE FORMER STATE
INVESTIGATOR (KBI) OF THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISS. (WKKKKOM), BUT IS REPORTED TO HAVE RECENTLY RESIGNED
THAT POSITION.

NIX IS PRESENTLY UNDER FEDERAL INDICTMENT ALONG WITH
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AGE TWO

FIFTEEN OTHER KLAN MEMBERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRE-BOMB SLAYING OF VERNON FERDINAND DAHMER, SR., NEGRO MALE, NEAR ATTIESBURG, MISS., ON JANUARY TEN, SIXTYSIX. HE HAS ALSO BEEN INDICTED BY STATE COURT, HATTIESBURG, MISS., CHARGED WITH ARSON IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE ACTIVITY. NIX AND FOUR OTHERS ARE UNDER INDICTMENT, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING, ASSAULT AND BATTERY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPPING AND BEATING OF JACK WATKINS, WHITE MALE, OF PASCAGOULA. NIX AND THE OTHERS ATTEMPTED TO GET A CONFESSION FROM WATKINS STATING THAT HE KIDNAPPED LAWRENCE BYRD, ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS IN THE DAHMER CASE AND BEAT A CONFESSION OUT OF HIM ABOUT THE SUBJECTS IN THE DAHMER CASE.

ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED

SEEING NIX AROUND FIVE PM, APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, AND SAM

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BOWERS, IMPERIAL WIZARD, WKKKKOM, BETWEEN SEVEN THIRTY AND
EIGHT PM SAME NIGHT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED TWO WHITE MALES
AT JOHN'S RESTAURANT NIGHT OF APRIL THREE, LAST. [REDACTED]

VIEWED VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS AND IDENTIFIED ONE INDIVIDUAL AS
L. E. MATTHEWS, KNOWN KLANSMAN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO HAS BEEN IN RESTAURANT ON PREVIOUS
OCCASIONS. SECOND INDIVIDUAL, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, STOCKY
BUILD, THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TO
FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, WEARING GRAY WORK CLOTHES, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MEETING HELD IN OFFICE OF JOHN'S RESTAURANT BETWEEN
MATTHEWS, NIX, SAM BOWERS, AND UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL. [REDACTED]

ADVISED NO PACKAGE BROUGHT IN OR OUT OF CAFE. NO WEAPONS
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PAGE FOUR

OBSERVED. NO WAITRESSES WORKING THAT NIGHT OBSERVED WITH THIS GROUP. [REDACTED] STATES UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL NOT IDENTICAL WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY. [REDACTED] ADVISED NEGRO BOOK NAMED [REDACTED] PREVIOUS EMPLOYEE BUT NOT WELL KNOWN. [REDACTED] JACKSON WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL WITH GROUP.

ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED SEEING NIX AND BOWERS AT JOHN'S CAFE DURING LATE AFTERNOON PRIOR TO THE SLAYING OF KING.

INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO [REDACTED] BELIEVED TO BE TRUMAN WEBBER ROGERS, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE WKKKKOM, JONES COUNTY, MISS., AND WHO FREQUENTED JOHN'S RESTAURANT. ROGERS RECENTLY TESTIFIED AT STATE COURT, HATTIESBURG, DURING THE TRIAL OF CECIL SESSUM WHO IS CHARGED WITH MURDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE DAHMER CASE. SESSUM FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT. CASE ON APPEAL.

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PAGE FIVE

JACKSON EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN NIX'S ACTIVITIES AND
DALLAS IS REQUESTED TO RECONTACT [REDACTED] TO CLARIFY
POINTS IN RE TEL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED NIX THEN STARTED [REDACTED] WORKING AT A PLACE
HE HAD OUTSIDE OF TOWN. [REDACTED] THEN STATED ON APRIL TWO,
LAST, SHE OVERHEARD NIX SAY "I GOT A CALL ON THE KING."
CLARIFY SECOND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. ALSO LOCATION AT TIME
SHE HEARD NIX MAKE THIS STATEMENT AND WHO ELSE PRESENT.

IT APPEARS [REDACTED] STATED SHE WAS WORKING OUTSIDE OF TOWN
BUT YET HEARD THE STATEMENT ON APRIL TWO AND FOUR, LAST, AT
JOHN'S CAFE.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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