

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA FRANCIS G. KAHL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

LUCY PINELA, Manager of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 5200 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, advised the writer and SA DENNIS LE MASTER, after observing a color photo of the shorts and T shirt found in connection with this case, that she believed the shorts might belong, or were the same type to a former employee known only to her as JIM (LNU) or "Uncle". She said JIM worked at the laundry for a period of about one month during February and March, 1968. She said JIM was a personal friend of J. W. VERNON, and was formerly employed by a garbage disposal firm, name unknown. She believed JIM was a former member of the U.S. Armed Forces, branch unknown. She described JIM as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	Caucasian
Age:	About 35
Height:	About 6'2"
Weight:	About 200 lbs.
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Grey, frequently wore sun-glasses with heavy dark frames

She commented the photo on his Driver's License showed him with a large, full beard, which he did not have while working at the laundry. JIM had a girl friend named DONNA (LNU) who was also a former employee at the laundry. JIM had no car.

She advised there were no employment records left at the laundry with which to further identify the former employees, since VERNON paid employees in cash and kept no payroll records of which she knew.

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PINELA stated she last saw VERNON on 3/27/68 at about 9:00 AM at the laundry. He gave no indication concerning his future plans. She advised VERNON had a girl friend DIANE WALL, who lives in Pasadena, exact address unknown.

--PINELA advised she never saw VERNON or JIM in the possession of any type of gun. She said a large box of tools belonging to VERNON are now missing from the laundry. She advised she had the home address of DIANE WALL at her residence, and would make this information available later in the day. PINELA's home telephone number is 748-4260, and she would be home between 6:30 and 8:30 PM.

Concerning the placement of the laundry marks on the garments in the photo, she advised this is where their laundry would place thermo-seals to indicate that the clothing was not to be starched.

While Miss PINELA was cooperative, she said it would be difficult at this time to fully answer questions because of the continuous traffic of customers in and out of the store, requiring her attention.

PINELA furnished additional thermo-seal samples on cloth during this interview.

The following employees of the Rompage Hardware Store were displayed photographs of JEROME W. VERNON by Agents:

J. W. SCANTLAND, ETHEL JAME SCANTLAND, RICHARD SCANTLAND,
DAVID WEAR, KENNETH LEWIS. *to identification was made*

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Additional employees were not available at this time.