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SAC, MEMPHIS, MURKIN

RE ADVISING OFFICES TO DISREGARD LEAD SET OUT BY JACKSON IN AIRTEL OF 5/7/69 RELATIVE TO INTERVIEWS OF SEVERAL HUNDRED PERSONS WHO SPENT NIGHT IN HOTELS AT CORINTH, MISS., ON OR ABOUT 4/2/68. IN VIEW OF FACT MORE THAN A YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE PERSONS STAYED OVER NIGHT AT CORINTH, AND SINCE IT IS NOT BELIEVED OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO ESTABLISH WHETHER OR NOT JAMES EARL RAY STAYED OVER NIGHT AT CORINTH ON 4/2/68, OFFICES INSTRUCTED TO DISREGARD JACKSON LEAD PAGE. P.D. AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-3861)

SUBJECT: BURK JR

By airtel dated 4/7/68, the Bureau advised that in a third "Look" magazine article, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIK stated that JAMES EARL RAY had spent the night of 4/2/68 in a motel near Corinth, Miss. The Bureau instructed Jackson to review motel records in and around Corinth to determine the identities of individuals registered there during the period 3/29/68 to 4/3/68. By airtel dated 4/18/68, the Jackson Office advised the Bureau that motel records at Corinth, Miss., had been reviewed under the subject's true name and aliases and had been reviewed for subject's Alabama license number. Nothing identifiable with the subject was located.

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Approved: R. G. Glavin  
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By airtel dated 5/7/69 copies of which were not furnished the Bureau, the Jackson Office set out leads for those offices to whom copies of this communication are designated. These offices have been requested to interview several hundred persons who spent the night in motels at Corinth, Miss., on or about 4/2/68.

In view of the fact that more than a year has passed since these persons stayed over night at Corinth, and since similar investigation of this type in this case has previously been unproductive, and since BUREAU has admitted that RAY frequently is untruthful in statements to him, and further since it is not believed that it is of any particular importance to establish whether or not JAMES EARL RAY stayed over night at Corinth on 4/2/68, all offices will disregard the leads set out in Jackson airtel dated 5/7/69 unless specifically advised by the Bureau to cover same.