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TO : Mr. Rosen *[Signature]*

FROM : C. L. McGowan *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 20, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Boyd
1 - Mr. McDonnell
(Domestic Intelligence Division)

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Extra-Duty Supervisor William J. McDonnell, Domestic Intelligence Division, furnished the following information to Special Agent John J. Boyd, 4-20-68:

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John Kenney, Duty Officer, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), phoned at 5:45 p. m., 4-20-68, and advised that CIA Headquarters received a message from its station in Bogota, Colombia, at 3:43 p. m., today. CIA, Colombia, was advised by the local liaison service stationed at Bogota Airport that a U. S. national bearing a striking resemblance to Eric Starvo Galt arrived Bogota 11:20 a. m. (Bogota time) on Varig Flight Number 810 from Los Angeles *(S)*

The Bogota Police put the national under surveillance taking him to the Tequendama Hotel where he put up in room 528. On arrival the national advised the Immigration Service that his name is Edwin Mason, U. S. national, age 35, passport number F258751, occupation: Excursion Director *(S)*

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Immigration authorities noted that he has deep wrinkles or possible scar, center forehead. Mason advised Immigration Authorities, Bogota, that he intended to depart for Quito on 4-22-68. Local police continuing surveillance.

44-38861-2328

CIA requested Mason's identity and passport number *APR 30 1968* verified at Los Angeles; also requested fingerprint classification of Galt so same can be forwarded CIA station Bogota and furnished local police. Mr. Kenney can be reached at telephone number 351-5555 or on secure line (gray phone) 1-8517 *(S)*

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The description, date of birth, and fingerprint classification of James Earl Ray were furnished Special Agent McDonnell who relayed this information to CIA Duty Officer Kenney. (S)

ACTION: The Los Angeles Office was telephonically contacted by Special Agent Boyd and instructed to check out the background and passport on Edwin Mason and advise the Bureau.

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