

PAGE TDALLAS AT LUBBOCK: WILL FOLLOW THIS MATTER AND REPORT RESULTS
AS SOON AS RECEIVED FROM SOUTHWESTERN BELL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT MEMPHIS AND SAN ANTONIO.

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FBI-HOUSTON

551PM IMMEDIATE 4-26-68 EVB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), EL PASO AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

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MURKIN

REBUTEL, APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST INSTRUCTING THAT LONG
DISTANCE CALLS BE CHECKED ON ROUTES THROUGH TEXAS THAT
SUBJECT AND CHARLES STEIN ALLEGEDLY MADE. ALTHOUGH
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE IS INVOLVED IN A STRIKE,
OFFICIALS OF THE COMPANY ARE COOPERATING AND HAVE DETERMINED
THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TELEPHONE
BOOTHES ALONG THESE ROUTES IN THE HOUSTON DIVISION. THE LONG
DISTANCE CALLS FOR THE PERIOD DEC. FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND
SEVENTEEN ARE BEING PULLED AND WILL BE EXAMINED AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. WHEN NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE THEY WILL BE CHECKED
BY AGENT PERSONNEL THIS DIVISION SINCE TELEPHONE COMPANY
WILL BE UNABLE TO DESIGNATE ANY EMPLOYEE IN VIEW OF STRIKE.
BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. AIRMAIL COPIES
TO BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-1288)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA ROBERT R. FOLTZ

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

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SUBJECT: EP 642#C

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Dates of Contact 4/12, 16, 25/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 157-186 (Reid)		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CI has been furnished current WF's on James Earl Ray. Negative to date. <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage Same
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SAC, EL PASO (170-17)

4/25/68

SA ROBERT R. FOLTZ

ELMIRA MOORE, aka
PRI (Ghetto)

Mrs. Moore was contacted on "Murkin, (157-1860)" and on "Afro-American Student Assn., (62-1193) on 4/5, 19/68, but had no positive information on either case.

Mrs. Moore does not have any criminal associates and she is not available to other divisions as she is employed and has two children. She is aware of our jurisdiction; that her relationship with the Bureau is confidential; that she is not an employee of the Bureau; that she must furnish information only to the Bureau. She has been advised that she can be paid for information furnished on a COD basis and that any payments to her must be considered income; that she should not contact the office personally.

Mrs. Moore has met SA Ralph W.E. Decker who is being designated alternate agent.

Mrs. Moore advised that nothing has come to her attention which would indicate that any demonstrations or incidents are forthcoming.

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TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861); BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), MEMPHIS (44-1987),
AND RICHMOND (44-657); AIRMAIL COPIES TO CHARLOTTE AND ATLANTA.
FROM EL PASO (157-186) P

MURKIN

RE ERIC RAY, AKA EARL RAY, FRIEND OF SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE.

RE RICHMOND TEL APRIL TWENTYSIX INSTANT.

ON RECONTACT THIS DATE, SGT. ELBERT BALDRIDGE ADVISED HE HAD
NO WAY OF DETERMINING IF INFORMATION FURNISHED HIM BY WIFE, SHELBY
JEAN, RE ERIC RAY, AKA EARL RAY, HAD ANY BASIS IN FACT. BALDRIDGE
NEVER DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH MRS. LENA FAUCETT, PATSY OWEN, OR
ANYONE ELSE AND HAD NO CONFIRMING INFO RE ERIC RAY OR SHELBY
JEAN'S CONTACT WITH ERIC RAY. SHELBY JEAN NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT
ERIC RAY PRIOR TO PLANNED TRIP TO FLORIDA IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR
AND GAVE NO INDICATION THAT SHE HAD EVER CORRESPONDED OR MAINTAINED
CONTACT WITH HIM SUBSEQUENT TO NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN. BALDRIDGE SAID
THAT, IF THIS BE THE CASE, SHELBY JEAN WOULD HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING
IF RAY WAS STILL RESIDING IN FLORIDA AS OF NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, RICHMOND SHOULD ATTEMPT TO LOCATE SHELBY JEAN
BALDRIDGE IN SALTVILLE, VA., AREA AND INTERVIEW HER IN ORDER TO RESOLVE
THIS MATTER. ARMEND AND DANGEROUS

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Date: 4/26/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),
MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND RICHMOND (44-657) (AIRMAIL COPIES
TO CHARLOTTE AND ATLANTA) *mailed, re*

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN

RE ERIC RAY, AKA EARL RAY, FRIEND OF SHELBY JEAN
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WAS STILL RESIDING IN FLORIDA AS OF NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, RICHMOND SHOULD ATTEMPT TO LOCATE
SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE IN SALTVILLE, VIRGINIA, AREA AND INTERVIEW
HER IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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734PM 4/26/68 THIS IS MSG RELAY PLAN FROM DIRECTOR TO ALL SACS
VIA DALLAS

CEFBI EL PASO

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FBI WASH DC

729PM URGENT 4/26/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU
AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN
PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS
CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE
MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY
BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO
ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE
FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS.
THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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SA Reid
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC-El Paso (157-186)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA Harold H. Boyce

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re

RE Bureau teletype, 4/25/68,

GUS C. HILL, Unit Manager, Mountain States Telephone Co., El Paso, Texas advised April 26, 1968, the following:

In the use of pay stations, if the name of the person being called and the place to where the call is made, is known, a record is maintained for six (6) months at their accounting office at Phoenix, Arizona. If the call was made collect, the record would be kept where the long distance call was charged. If the call was a local call which would be dialed by the caller, no record is kept.

If a long distance call is prepaid by depositing the coins at the calling point, but no names given, in other words a person to person call or a station to station call, the records of the accounting office in Phoenix, Arizona would only show the number called and would be filed under the pay station telephone number.

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TO DALLAS AND EL PASO

FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) 2P

MURKIN

SAN ANTONIO RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELETYPE FROM DIRECTOR TO EL PASO, HOUSTON, AND SAN ANTONIO.

"DURING AUTOMOBIEL TRIP OF SUBJECT RAY AND CHARLES STEIN DEPARTING LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN AND ARRIVING NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, SUBJECT RAY MADE APPROXIMATELY SIX TELEPHONE CALLS FROM VARIOUS PAY STATIONS IN TEXAS.

THEY TRAVELED VIA AUTOMOBILE ON INTERSTATE TEN THROUGH EL PASO TO VAN HORN, TEXAS, AND WENT SOUTH ON ROUTE NINETY TO SAN ANTONIO, THEN ROUTE NINETY OR INTERSTATE TEN TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND TO NEW ORLEANS.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD CHECK WITH TELEPHONE COMPANY AND DETERMINE THE LONG DISTANCE CALLS PLACED AT EACH PUBLIC TELEPHONE ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED ROUTES DURING PERIOD OF DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN, SIXTY-SEVEN AND HAVE EACH CALL CHECKED OUT. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. COPIES MAILED BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES."

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INSTANT DATE, DON BISHOP, MANAGER, GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, DEL RIO, TEXAS, ADVISED ALL RECORDS OF PAY TELEPHONE CALLS MADE IN VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS, THE ONLY COUNTY ON U.S. ROUTE NINETY COVERED BY GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY ARE FORWARDED DAILY TO THE GENERAL OFFICE AT SAN ANGELO, TEXAS. MR. BISHOP SUGGESTED THAT KEN COMMONS, SECURITY OFFICER FOR GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY BE CONTACTED FOR INFORMATION DESIRED. DALLAS HANDLE AS DIRECTED IN ABOVE TELETYPE.

DON BISHOP FURTHER ADVISED THAT TERRILL COUNTY IS SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE AND THE RECORDS FOR THAT COMPANY ARE MAINTAINED IN EL PASO. EL PASO HANDLE RECORD CHECK FOR TERRILL COUNTY.

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FBI LOS ANG

9-12 PM URGENT 4-26-68 REF
TO EL PASO (157-186) AND MEMPHIS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 1P

MURKIN

REURTEL TODAY.

STEIN HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH AND RECALLS THAT ON
APPROXIMATELY SIX OCCASIONS RAY ATTEMPTED TO UTILIZE TELEPHONE,
AND THIS OCCURRED WHILE CROSSING TEXAS. ONLY FACTUAL DATA HE
COULD RECALL WAS A THIRTY MINUTE STOP DECEMBER SIXTEEN, SIXTY
SEVEN, NEAR HOUSTON. STEIN IS PRESENTLY WITH LOUIS LOMAX,
CONTROVERSIAL NEWS PERSONALITY, AND SPENT APRIL TWENTY FIVE IN
HOUSTON ARE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE ANY TELEPHONE BOOTH UTILIZED.
HOUSTON ADVISES NO SUCCESS ON PART OF LOMAX AND STEIN.

STEIN NOT AVAILABLE FOR REINTERVIEW.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),

ATLANTA (44-2386), NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAN ANTONIO,
EL PASO (157-186) AND KANSAS CITY

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN

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PRESERVE FOR SELECT
COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS**

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AND CONSOLIDATED**

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By
(Initials)

RE TELEPHONE BOOTHS ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN HOLLYWOOD AREA LOS ANGELES FROM
NOVEMBER NINETEEN, SIXTY SEVEN, THROUGH MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY
EIGHT APPROXIMATELY. NOVEMBER NINETEEN UNTIL APPROXIMATELY
JANUARY TWENTY RESIDED NEAR ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AND JANUARY TWENTY
ONE TO MARCH SEVENTEEN RESIDED THERE. TOLL NUMBERS FROM
TELEPHONE BOOTHS AT THE HOTEL ARE BEING ANALYZED FOR ANY
POSSIBLE CALLS BY SUBJECT WHILE IN LOS ANGELES. TOLL
NUMBERS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO DATE

DALLAS -

DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN, DALLAS, SIX NINETEEN PM,
THREE SEVEN FOUR DASH TWO EIGHT FIVE EIGHT.

DECEMBER TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY SEVEN, HENDERSON, EIGHT
TWENTY FIVE PM, SIX FIVE SEVEN DASH TWO SIX FIVE THREE.

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**DO NOT DESTROY -
PENDING LITIGATION**

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JANUARY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, EL PASO, SEVEN TWENTY SIX PM,
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SEVEN SEVEN TWO DASH TWO SEVEN ONE ONE.

ST. LOUIS -

JANUARY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, ST. LOUIS, THREE FIFTY SEVEN PM,
THREE SIX ONE DASH NINE SIX ZERO ONE.

JANUARY TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, OVERLAND, NINE FORTY SEVEN PM,
FOUR TWO THREE DASH TWO THREE FOUR EIGHT.

NEW ORLEANS -

DECEMBER TWENTY TWO, SIXTY SEVEN, NEW ORLEANS, SEVEN FORTY
EIGHT PM, FIVE TWO THREE DASH ZERO NINE THREE ZERO.

SAN ANTONIO -

FEBRUARY TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, SAN ANTONIO, TWELVE
TWENTY SEVEN PM, TWO TWO SEVEN DASH EIGHT ZERO SEVEN EIGHT.
TICKET REFLECTS CALLER RUSSELL JOHNSON.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBER AND
IDENTITY OF CALLER AND ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE GAINED
CONCERNING RAY IF HE MADE ANY OF THESE CALLS.

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