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INVESTIGATION

REQUEST *See* 100-JN-26834DO NOT DESTROY UNTIL *2/2005*
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REQUEST

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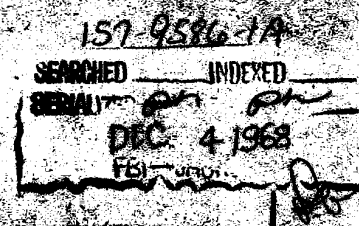
(Name) MURKIN

(File No.) 157-9586-1A

Photo of John Willard of Ponoatoc County

Two photos of handwriting on box found by Mrs. W. Pitman

Disposition



File No. 157-9586-1A26
Date Received 4-15-68
From C. L. GUNN CHIEF OF POLICE
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
MERIDIAN MISS
(CITY AND STATE)
By John N. Proctor
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

- 1- Typewritten letter & envelope
dated 4/12/68
- 1- ~~Fingerprint card of Chief~~
~~C. L. Gunn~~

Sent Bureau 4-16-68
wgj

File No. 157-9586-1A27Date Received 4-15-68From C. L. Gunn (COP)
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)Meridian, Miss
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
(CITY AND STATE)By John H. Proctor, Jr.
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☐ No

Description:

Fingerprint card
of Chief Gunn.

Sent Bureau 4-16-68
wj

File No. 9W 157-9586-1A28

Date Received 4/15/68

From John Ray Willard
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Box 1
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Boise, Miss.
(CITY AND STATE)

By George P. Gambler
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description: "Waiver of Rights"
Form.

157-9586-1A28

YOUR RIGHTS

Place At. 1, Roxie, Miss
Date April 15, 1968
Time 2:01 PM

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Signed

John Ray Willard

Witness

George P. Campbell

Witness

Time

2:00 PM
4: PM (Interview terminated)

FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

File No. 157-9586-1A29

Date Received 4/15/68

From Southtown Men's Shop
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

HGR 51
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Southtown Minn
(CITY AND STATE)

By James W. Johnson
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Empty "Schlitz" 12oz
pop top beer container
" 03 "
158 .

sent Lab 4-17-68 met

EVIDENCE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

File No. 157-9586-1A30

Date Received 4/15/68

From Southtown Men's Shop
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Hgh 51
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Southtown, Minn.
(CITY AND STATE)

By J. A. Hansen
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

"Homestead - Subby"
Size 20 paper bag.

sent Lab 4-19-68 met

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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File No. 157-9586-1A³⁴

Date Received 4/20/68

From Kansas City
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes

☐ No

Description:

*Photo of Subject
James Earl Ray*

File No. 157-95-86-1A ³²

Date Received 4/29/68

From Kansas City
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

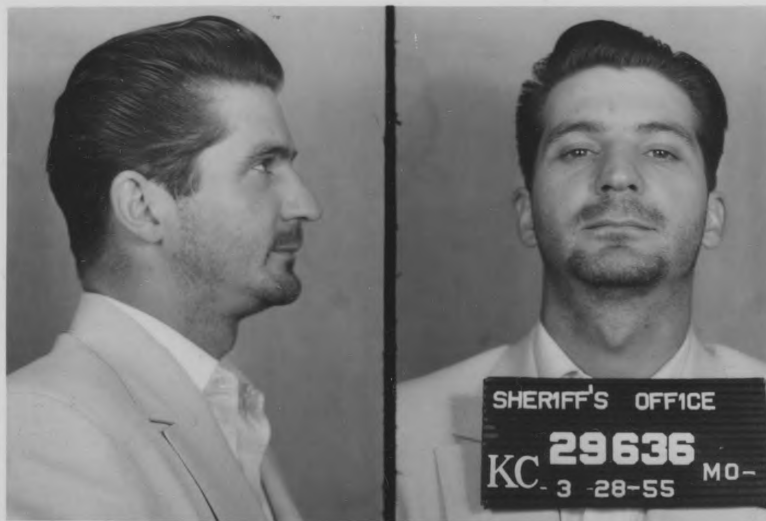
By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

Photo of Walter T. Rife



2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

WALTER T. RIFE

157-9586-1A³²

File No. 157-9586-1A ³³Date Received 4/29/68From Kansas City
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☐ No

Description:

Photo of James Earl Ray
Sept. 8, 1966



JAMES EARL RAY

SEP. 8 1966

157-95867A 33

File No. 157-9586-1A³⁴
Date Received 4/20/68
From Kansas City
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes

☐ No

Description:

Photo of Walter T. Rife
and James Earl Ray
March 28, 1955.



2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

WALTER T. RIFE

1955 MAR 28

1955 MAR 28

JAMES EARL RAY

157-9586-1A³⁴

File No. 157-9586-1A35Date Received 4/15/68From Walter L. POL
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)Security Officer Ingalls Shipbuilding
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR) Corp.Pascagoula, Miss.
(CITY AND STATE)By Harold J. Mulvey
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

One photograph of
Aaron Isaac Lufton
taken 11/10/65
at Ingalls Shipbuilding
Corp.



2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

TAKEN

11/10/65

AARON

ISAAC

Lofton

by
Ingralls

Building

157-9586-1A35

File No. 157-9586-1P36

Date Received 4-22-68

From Bureau
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Received from Bureau by
R/S dated 4-19-68.

5 Photographs of -
James Earl Ray

(Photo taken in 1960)



2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

James Earl Ray
(1960 Photo)

157-9586-1A36



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James Earl Ray
(1960 Photo)

157-9586-1A36



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James Earl Ray
(1960 photo)

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James Earl Ray
(1960 photo)

157-9586-1A36



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James Earl Ray
(1960 Photo)

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File No. 157-9586-1A37

Date Received 4/18/68

From Pete Leon Wacker
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Old Brandon Rd
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Jackson, Miss
(CITY AND STATE)

By David H. Phelps
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes

☒ No

Description:

Waver Form

157-9586-1131

INTERROGATION; ADVICE OF RIGHTS

YOUR RIGHTS

Place Jackson, Miss
Date 4/18/68
Time 8:15 PM

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Signed

But Laron Walker

Witness:

Donald D. Hughes SA FBI, Jackson, Miss 4/18/68

Witness: _____

Time:

8:15 PM

File No. 157-9586-1A38Date Received 4/10-17/68From James M. Sammons
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Clotilde, Miss.
(CITY AND STATE)By SA James M. Sammons
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Notes of SA James M.
Sammons re contacts with
motels & Standard Oil
Service Stations.

-- 157-9586

MURKIN

HARVEY LOWMEYER

JOHN WILLARD

ERIC STARVO GALT

3/29/68 Fri 4/4/68 Thurs.

4/10/68 - High 55. Inten ^{25/2} Naper

Porterville near to Tenn State Line

Motels & Standard 55.

at Western Motel.

① GTL Motel Sackling, near
Lone Pine.

Room 1 Day - 178

② Waldrip Standard 55.

Doby Waldrip.

Glenn Burnett.

Standard Maps
printed - Standard
Touring Service

128 E. Jefferson St.
Louisville Ky

582-9744 area code 502

Granted by The H. M.

GOUSHA Co, - subsidiary
of the Tanager Marine Co.

US Standard - not mine
but of a "CHEVRON" Standard
map, Dec 9 1967
not mine, but mine.

③ Robbie Sanford

H. I. Sordier

④ Day Travel Motel, Sordier
Murray McDonald.

① Her Standard SS

Lino, Mrs, John Hewson
Olex Robins, attended

② Como motel

John Rhee owner

③ Joe Sanders

Standard SS, Sanitobias

Mrs, Larry Wolf

④ Jerry Best

Best Standard, Sanitobias.

⑤ ^{rd Hermade} Sankman Motel, Sanitobias

Irma Mitchell

⑥ T. Kraft ^{Loote} Motel, Sanitobias
Raymond.
John Robins, owner

w/m 25-30 been there
3-4 weeks, Enpl Stroyer
Trin on Hgt 4, driver white
Munster with side toy.

① Donald Hickson,
w/m/29; DOB [redacted] at
Fayetteville, Ga.
has been here 3 weeks.
Enpl R. D. Cole ruff to.
Newnan, Ga - unit of
water tower; 9 yrs. on
foreman; single;
USA 53348507 61-63
lonely; 6'1"; 160; brown

lt. ^{short curly hair}
J. W. Brown; Ed - 10 + 1/2 years.
middle aged; slender build;
Felix
Arrest - no crime

Was in bed asleep at
time it happened. Tom
L. Conner, Heavy body - says
he would for it, but it
noted at time. Last drive
1968 ⁴⁸ Buick 112-0-48X
1967 White Mustang.

⑫ Standard SS, Caldwell
Miss. J. W. O'Neil - owner

⑬ Standard SS, Hernando, Miss.
Shinn
Geo McNielga
Bill Sowell

⑭ Floyd's Standard SS
Hernando, Miss.
H. M. Anderson

(15) Thomas Welch
Standard SS, Hernando
TY Theron - miss

(16) Hernando motel
Terrell Perryman

(17) Buffery Corner SS
Horn Lake, miss.
John Sammons

~~(18) Standard oil SS to SS
Stateline Rd.
Southaven, miss.~~

Tommy Bort

(19) Southaven Standard SS
Alto White

(20) He Soto motel
Joe Crawford
Hernando, miss.

Hgt 78 SE per Town
State Line

(21) Wilkins Travel Stop
Hgt 78 - Ed Wilkins

(22) Mineral Wells motel

Oline Brock, min.

Mary Boyel

(23) Keating Standard SS

Joe Turner, Mogwood min.

(24) Falkner's Standard SS

Oline Brock, min.

Jesse Dearyhill

(25) Oline Brock motel

Twila Phelley

Oline Brock, min.

336
158
178
407
185

1517
336
1853

(26) Pine deer Motel

Blaine Brook, miss

Etzel Jones

4/11 - Hgls 78; 69

45 - Tupelo, miss

City Limits, ^{Hgls 45 N. from}
Tupelo to town

City of Corinth.

(27) The Commodore Motel

^{Hgls 78}
Marion Sero, miss

(28) 78 Motel

Hgls 78

Bobbie Herban

(29) Jovian Standard SS

^{Hgls 78}
Bobbie Jovian.

(30) Elmer Standard SS,

Hgls 6 - Winkler.

(31) Notchey Thore
Hyle 6

John ~~Paul~~ Pary.

(32) Reckey Puckey
Standard Hyle 6

John Reckey

(33) Cassin v. Cronston Studies
Hyle 459 78

Joe Cassin - answer

(34) ^{Spren} ~~Spren~~ Standard Hyle 45

Joe Mark Cortis

(35) Town Home Motel
Friendship Inn Hyle 45 S

Triplex - Scatty Reedy
Mr. Conroy Soap with

Friendship Emblem.

Mary Miller - metal
no Cosmo Piques.

Bedspreading; towel; neg

photo neg; soap neg.

(36) Standard #355

Hgh 45 S. T. regulo.

James m^c Leroy

(37) Alaska Standard 55

Fred F. Foster; Hgh 45 8782

(38) White a Standard

Hgh 45 878
-Chas. Rogers

(39) Shindon Rex Ptoza.

Miller Rayford

Hgh 45 878

nest here

Apr 45-28

out of hand

(41) following from

Apr 45-28

White Albatross

Tension nest

Apr 45-28 - Tension

out of hand

(43) The other nest

Apr 45

from ~~the~~ people

(44) they are

Apr 45

unlabeled

(45) tension nest

Apr 45

K. McCoy

(46) Rutherford Standard
Baldwyn, miss.

Harby Rutherford, miss

(47) Mayo Motel

Baldwyn, miss.

Clert Mayo

(48) Town Motel

Boonville, miss.

Psily C. Bowen

(49) Young Standard

Boonville, miss.

Purton Wayne Lenthien

(50) Lee's Motel Ltd

Boonville, miss.

Hale Kendal